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Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope that you had an enjoyable break. There is so much going on in the Spring Semester, so be sure to check out the calendar of events. Bingo is coming up this month on the 19th and we have a skate party scheduled for the 31st.

Also, be on the look out for Gator Gallop/Silent Auction information in the upcoming months. It is our last of two major fundraisers this year. It is a fun-filled night for the kids while we raise money for our school.

We are happy to announce the arrival of our gator directory. Sorry for the delay, we are all new at this and wanted to make sure we did it right. We also have had several new families join us since the beginning of school so we have attached a directory release form for these families to fill out. Not only does this allow us to print directory attachments, but it also allows us to put these children in our yearbook.

Speaking of which, we would like to extend a very warm thank you to Marylou Schoep for heading our yearbook committee this year. Please take the time to read about the yearbook update inside.

Our PTO meeting schedule is also inside. See if you are available; we would love to see you there. Remember, at the end of each meeting we have a drawing to win a neat prize!

Stephanie French and Sherry Hanson

?? PTO Meeting on Jan. 16

?? Bingo Night on Jan. 19

?? After-School Clubs begin on
Jan. 18

?? Applebee's night on Jan.
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?? Skate Party on Jan. 31

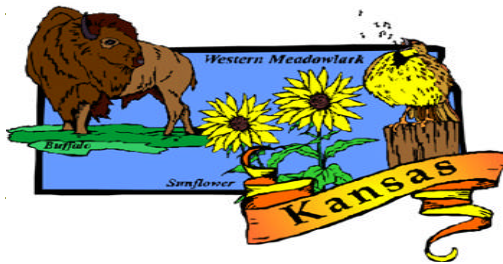
?? Bowling Night on Feb. 11

McGruff Says: Check Out These Bright Ideas!



Remind your parents to turn on an outside light every night. Criminals tend to stay away from well lit homes! Let's be safe. Know how to report a crime in your neighborhood: Describe the suspect and vehicle. Try to remember the license plate number and color and kind of car. Find a McGruff Safe Home. Keep your neighborhood clean and free of litter. Get everyone in the community involved. Remember to keep your bike and other toys out of the way of cars. Play on the sidewalk or in your yard... not in the street.

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Mark your calendar for
“Soups and Hoops”

March Madness is coming! On Friday, March 9th, we will have a fun family evening watching the Big Twelve Basketball Tournament and sharing our homemade soups. A big screen TV set up in the multi-purpose room so that we can catch all the action. Bring along a crock-pot of soup or chili to share with others. You can also bring along throw pillows to sit on to watch the big games.

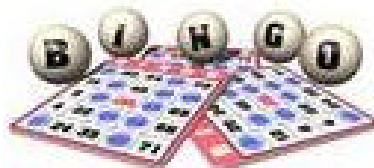


BINGO NIGHT!

Friday, January 19th, Green Springs will have another fun family night of bingo. Come have fun



and win some fabulous prizes! Popcorn is free and a can of pop is 50¢. We will be playing from 6:30-8pm. We'll see you there!



GATOR GALLOP

Charge!!!



Gator Gallop and the Silent Auction are coming this spring on April 20th. This is the last of two major fundraisers we do during this school year.

For all those new families; the students run a mile and ask their family, friends, and neighbors to make a cash donation. The second part of the night is a Silent Auction with many fun and luxurious items to bid on. The most endearing items are those designed by each classroom. It is a must see!

Be on the look out for donation envelopes, meal envelopes, and an application for business sponsorships.

Let's get psyched and make this the best Gator Gallop and Silent Auction ever!!

Dining to Donate

Thanks to all of you who were able to help Green Springs earn funds by eating during one of our Dining to Donate evenings!

The first Tuesday of each month is Wendy's Night. Wendy's will donate 10% of all sales between the hours of 5PM and 8PM from that evening to Green Springs PTO. Also, the class with the greatest participation will win a Frosty Party. I am happy to announce that Green Springs made \$116.70 in September, \$139.90 in October, and \$129.50 in November. Our December amount is not yet known but this is great news from our first three months.

The second Tuesday of each month is Papa John's pizza night. On that night, when anyone places and order with Papa John's and mentions Green Springs, 15% of the sales will be donated to our school. As an added bonus, the class that raises the most money will win a free pizza party for that month. Green Springs made \$118.44 in September, \$76.30 in October, and \$62.32 in November. Keep ordering those pizzas!

The fourth Tuesday of each month is Applebee's night. An Applebee's flyer will be sent home from school and you just take that with you to the Applebee's at The Great Plains Mall and they will donate 20% of your purchase that evening to Green Springs. Green Springs made \$107.87 in September and \$55.07 in October.

So far we have made a total of \$806.10 on our Dining to Donate nights and we are still waiting on results from November's Applebee's night and Papa John's and Wendy's from December.



Read-A-Thon

The PTO is sponsoring a new fundraiser: 'The Green Springs Read-a-Thon.' This fundraiser is an exciting way to get the students and community involved in raising

funds for the Green Springs PTO. Participants will be asked to find sponsor's to pledge a small amount for the number of minute's the student will read in a one week time frame. The student's will then record the amount they read and collect the pledges. A small prize will also be awarded to all those participating. The Read-A-Thon will run from February 12th through February 19th. Look for more information coming soon!

After School Clubs

Three PTO-sponsored After School Clubs will begin in January. Thanks to our

parent volunteers and to the support of administration, more than 70 Gators will participate in a variety of entertaining learning experiences. Due to a tremendous response, all clubs will be functioning at maximum capacity. We appreciate the enthusiastic response and are pleased to provide these quality clubs.

The PTO is already on the lookout for interesting ideas and for parent volunteers who can assist with clubs during the 2007-2008 school year. We hope to offer additional after school events that will allow us to accommodate even more students.

Note that if you completed an After School Club enrollment form for your student, you should have already received a message confirming your student's enrollment or placing him/her on a waiting list. Also, note that if you did NOT sign the waiver form on the bottom of the enrollment form, you must report to the club site to pick up your child at the 4:30 dismissal time.

Please contact Kathleen Shryock at 764-4443 or libertykws@yahoo.com with comments or questions.

SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 19	Bingo	6:30-8:00
January 31	Skate Party	6:30-8:30
February 11	Bowling	1:00-3:00
March 1	Skate Party	6:30-8:30
March 9	Soups & Hoops	TBA
April 20	Gator Gallop/Silent Auction	5:30-8:30
May 18	Ice Cream Social	6:30-8:00



Gator Skater

Green Springs PTO will hold a skating party Wednesday, January 31. The theme of the party will be posted later this month.

Lets all show up and support our school!!

We're glad that so many of you were able to join in on the last Skate Night. Green Springs earned \$125.00 for PTO funds from that evening.

PTO Meeting Schedule

JANUARY 16TH	7:30
FEBRUARY 20TH	7:30
MARCH 13TH	7:30
APRIL 10TH	7:30
MAY 8TH	7:30

Everyone can be a part of the yearbook! If you have any photos from school events you would like to be published in the yearbook now is the time to send them in. We have been promised they will be returned to us so please make sure you put your child's name and his classroom on the back.

Also, our book will be changing this year. We are experimenting using color. Look for the two-page spread in the center of this year's edition. It is sure to catch your attention.

Heads up... Yearbook sales will be starting on February 2nd and will be going on until February 16th. Keep an eye out for flyer with all the information regarding yearbook sales.

Volunteer!

The PTO needs YOU!

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We need your help to make all these wonderful events a success. If you would like to volunteer for Gator Gallop, Bingo Night or anything else, please contact one of the board members below. Thanks for your support!

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