



Green Springs

PTO



Newsletter

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Welcome back to Green Springs! It is hard to believe another year is beginning; however it is nice to see all our friends again. I believe we have started off with a bang this year! Enrollment was a success and our sneak-a-peek picnic was a blast. Thank you to Cade and Suzette Garrelts for hosting this event and thank you to all the volunteers who served the meal and sold food tickets for us!

In this newsletter you will find valuable information about upcoming events. We have a lot of fun things planned for this year!

First, if you have not filled out our directory/yearbook release form please detach the copy at the back of this newsletter and send it to the office. It is imperative that we get this form so that your child can be published in the yearbook and also to have your personal information added to our directory.

Second, There is a listing of all the PTO board members; so if you have any questions please feel free to get in touch with any of us at any time.

Third, there is a calendar of events listing all of our free events, as well as skate and bowling parties. Please note that our fun fair and gator gallop have switched semesters. Our gallop will take place in October and will have some major changes that I am sure you will love. This year there will be both silent and live auctions, a gruesome Gator walk, a haunted house and a ton of fun for the whole family. This is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year, so be on the lookout for important information regarding this event.

Speaking of fundraisers, there will be two fundraisers during our Spring semester. The Read-a-Thon will return along with a brand new fundraiser - we have decided to step away from entertainment books and try selling trash bags. The PTO board wanted to move in a new direction and we think this decision will really benefit our school!

Our fundraising endeavors help support our school in so many ways... The PTO helps fund class field trips, 6th grade graduation, and teacher appreciation. We purchase classroom supplies and furniture, such as the instrument shelving for the music room. We are also proud to offer many free events like bingo, movie night, and the ice cream social.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome our new members to this year's PTO board and say welcome back to our old members. Their time and dedication is never ending and I truly appreciate all that they do to help support our school and me.

Together we can make this year a success!

Stephanie French

DINING TO DONATE

*Papa Johns: Eat at Papa John's the **second Tuesday** of each month and they will donate **15% of the sale** to the Green Spring's PTO. Just complete the Papa John's flyer that will be sent home with your student the Friday before. You can give it to the delivery person or drop it off at the store if you chose to do carryout instead. The kids will also wear stickers home on the night of the event as a reminder. The classroom that generates the most in sales will win a Papa John's pizza party. The dates for our Papa John's nights are as follows:

9-11-07	12-11-07	3-11-08
10-9-07	1-8-08	4-8-08
11-13-07	2-12-08	5-13-08

*Wendy's: Eat at the Wendy's near 135th and Blackbob the **first Tuesday** of each month and they will donate **10% of ALL sales** that evening to the Green Spring's PTO. Each Friday before a flyer will be sent home with your student reminding you to not plan a meal for that night. Please fill out the flyer and turn it in at the restaurant each student in the family needs to complete one. The classroom with the greatest number of participating students will win a classroom Frosty party provided by Wendy's. (If you forget your flyer and eat at Wendy's that night, feel free to just drop a piece of paper with the student's name and classroom in the box provided at the counter.) The dates for our Wendy's nights are as follows:

9-4-07	12-4-07	4-1-08
10-2-07	2-5-08	5-6-08
11-6-07	3-4-08	



*Chick-fil-A: **New this year!** We are so excited about this new fundraising event for Green Springs. We have currently scheduled 3 Monday nights at the Chick-fil-A located at 119th and Blackbob. Chick-fil-A will donate 15% of sales generated by Green Spring families. It can be grandparents, parents, or other friends or relatives. All they need to do is tell the folks taking their order that they are with Green Springs. In addition to the 15%, Chick-fil-A provides a "food wheel", similar to a Wheel of Fortune type wheel, where customers can donate \$1.00 and spin the wheel. Each spin wins some food item from the Chick-fil-A menu. The event runs from 5:00-8:00PM and we will need volunteers to walk the dining room to refill drinks and help with the "food wheel". Please contact Becky Baker @ 913-768-6097 or becky.baker @garmin.com if you would be available and willing to help out. The dates for our Chick-fil-A nights are as follows:

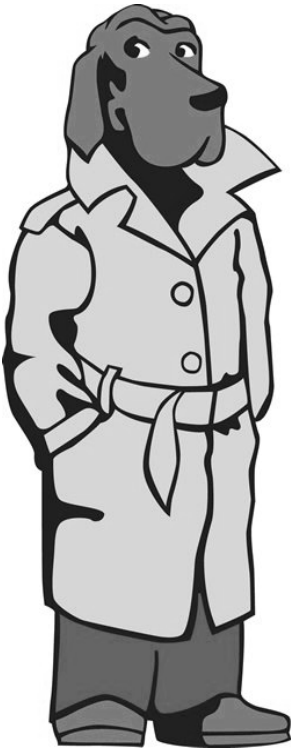
9-24-07	12-17-07	4-28-08
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Please be sure to go ahead and get all of these dates added to your calendars so you can join in on the "fun"draising for Green Springs PTO.

A.J. AVENUE

A.J. Stephens won the "Name the Drive" raffle from last year's Gator Gallop. The street sign outside the school now reads A.J. Avenue!



Get Tough with McGruff

Getting to school and back home again

- ?? Find an easy way to walk to school or the bus stop. Ask your parents if there is anything you should watch out for along way. Always walk with a brother, sister, neighbor, or friend.
- ?? Don't talk to strangers, go anywhere with them, or take anything from them.
- ?? Know your phone number and address, even your area code and zip code. If you have trouble remembering them, write them down and keep them in a safe place.

In the classroom

- ?? If another kid, even a friend, asks you to do something you don't want to, don't do it.
- ?? If you get into an argument, talk it out. Fighting will hurt you and will probably get you in trouble. It may even give you a reputation as a bully.
- ?? Know that tattling is VERY different from telling. Tattling gets someone into trouble, and telling gets someone out of trouble. It's always okay to tell.
- ?? If anything bothers you or makes you feel weird, like a fight with a friend, a run-in with a bully, or ANYTHING, talk to an adult you trust.
- ?? Study hard. You can be anything you want to be if you work hard and don't give up.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007-2008

Sept. 14 th	Bingo	6:30pm-8:30pm
Oct. 26 th	Gruesome Gator Gallop/Auction	5:30pm-8:00pm
Nov. 12 th	Skate Party	6:30pm-8:30pm
Nov. 30 th	Movie Night	7:00pm-8:30pm
Jan. 11 th	Bingo	6:30pm-8:30pm
Jan. 30 th	Skate Party	6:30pm-8:30pm
Feb. 24 th	Bowling Party	1:30pm-3:30pm
April 18 th	Fun Fair	6:00pm-8:00pm
May 16 th	Ice Cream Social	6:30pm-8:30pm

A big thanks to all of you who volunteered at sneak-a-peek

Steve and Kendra Menke
 Mike and Dawn Miano
 Sandra Wallace
 Stephanie Ruf
 Russ Bomberger
 Dennis Wegner
 Becky Baker
 Nikki Scrivner
 Lisa and Aaron Reinoehl
 Marylou Schoep

THANK YOU!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

GATORS

It's back to school time. The sun is high in the sky, temperatures are soaring, and our Gators are busy with a flurry of back-to-school activities. While our students are focused on beating the heat, our PTO is already hard at work planning winter activities that are guaranteed to cure those wintertime blues.



After School Clubs, sponsored by the PTO, usually occur in January and February. Each club meets after school, one day a week for four weeks. The clubs provide our Gators with the chance to learn something new while working with their peers in a positive environment. Last year, with the help of some stupendous volunteers, the PTO hosted a variety of clubs: music and movement, a dance troop, a science club, and a game group. Student response was overwhelming and all clubs were operating at maximum capacity. The science club was especially popular and many students had to be placed on a waiting list.

We hope to sponsor even more clubs this year so that every interested student has an opportunity to participate, but we are dependent on great adult volunteers like you to make this happen. The time commitment is as little as one hour a week for four weeks plus preparation. Your child(ren) will automatically be enrolled in the club you are hosting and usually, several adults join together to host one club.

Some of the clubs being considered for the 2007-2008 school year are: music and movement, crafty kids art club, science club/grades K-2, science club/grades 3-4, and game club. (The district sponsors a science club for 5th and 6th graders.) If you are interested in assisting with one of these clubs or if you have another interest you would like to share such as chess or foreign language, please contact Kathleen Shryock at 764-4443 or libertykws@yahoo.com.



KANSAS

Did you know...

The world famous fast-food chain of Pizza Hut restaurants opened its first store in Wichita.

Dodge City is the windiest city in the United States.

A ball of twine in Cawker City measures over 38' in circumference and weighs more than 16,750 lbs and is still growing.

At one time, it was against the law to serve ice cream on cherry pie in Kansas.

PTO Meeting Schedule

***** All meetings are on Tuesday at 7:30pm. *****

September 11

October 9

November 13

January 15

February 12

March 11

April 8

May 13

***** All meetings are held in the school library. *****

Everyone is welcome, please come and participate!!

Green Springs Directory & Yearbook Release Form

2007-2008

The Green Springs Directory is published by the PTO and provided to our Green Springs families at no charge. These directories are designed to allow efficient and effective communication between students and families. In addition, an annual yearbook is produced with help from the PTO and an outside vendor.

*****Please take a moment to fill out and sign this form. Please print legible. Due to privacy concerns, your family will not be published in the directory/yearbook if we do not receive this completed form.*****

Please **include** my family in the directory/yearbook. *(Fill out form completely and sign/date)*

Please **exclude** my family in the directory/yearbook. *(Fill out students name and sign/date)*

We are a new Green Springs family this year.

Last name of student(s)

Parents or Guardian names to be listed in directory.

(If different parent/guardian last names, please indicate order in which parent/guardian names are to appear in the directory)

Primary student home address: _____

Primary student phone number: _____ () _____

(Primary student address and phone number will be the address and phone number listed in the directory)

Primary Parent/Guardian e-mail address: _____

Secondary Parent/Guardian e-mail address: _____

Student's name: _____ Grade : ____

Student's name: _____ Grade : ____

Student's name: _____ Grade : ____

Student's name: _____ Grade : ____

Student's name: _____ Grade : ____

My signature and checking "INCLUDE" at the top of this form releases the Olathe School District, Green Springs Elementary, Green Springs PTO and their agents to print and reproduce the information above in the Green Springs Directory and to use pictures and names of the student(s) in the Green Springs Yearbook. I understand that this directory will be distributed to all families involved with Green Springs Elementary. **I also understand that this information is for personal use only and is NOT TO BE USED FOR ANY BUSINESS, SALES, SALES LEADS OR OTHER REVENUEPRODUCING EFFORTS.**

Signature

Date