

**GREEN SPRINGS** February 2007

# GATOR TALES

## PTO NEWSLETTER

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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

February is almost over and we have seen another Bingo Night and a Skate Party go by. Bingo was fun! Kids and parents alike were jazzed up to win some great prizes. The skate party was a blast too, complete with fog and prizes for the kids. Thank you to Suzette Garrelts and Jenny Wegner for organizing these functions for us. If you had to miss out on these events, don't worry! We still have Fun Fair and our Ice Cream Social to look forward to this semester.

After school clubs have been going on strong this month. We offered everything from a game club to the food club. Kathleen Shryock is coordinating and we appreciate her efforts as well as all the parents who have volunteered their time to enrich our student's lives. We couldn't have these clubs without you.

We have two more fundraising events planned this semester; the Read-a-Thon and a trash bag sale. Be on the lookout for information regarding these events. The funds raised by the PTO from these events pays for student field trips, classroom supplies, our free family events, and any other financial support the school may need.

Sadly, the PTO Board will have some of its members retiring next year. But, on a positive note, this means you now have an opportunity to get involved! We are looking for people who may be interested in filling their positions. Information will be coming out soon, or feel free to contact a board member if you have any questions. A board directory can be found in this newsletter.

Our next meeting will be March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in the Library at Green Springs. We hope to see you there!

*Stephanie French* - PTO President

# After School Clubs

A heaping helping of Gator gratitude is extended to all volunteers who joined forces to host our After School Clubs. During the 2007-2008 school year, more than 100 Green Springs students participated in one of five PTO-sponsored clubs. From creating art projects to experimenting with science to strategizing with friends in a friendly game, our clubs offered students an opportunity to practice new activities that were both entertaining and educational.

A special thanks goes out to our club coordinators who offered their time, talent, and resources to plan exciting experiments, wondrous works of art, and delectable recipes.

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR 2007/2008 CLUB VOLUNTEERS:

### 5th and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Drill / Dance Team

Kayla Hauser  
Sherry Hauser

### Young Scientists Club

Kregan Liang – Coordinator  
Helen Lim  
Angie Pedersen  
Roberta Roelfs

### Crafty Kids Art Club

Angie Glenn – Coordinator  
Greg Gangel  
Yvonne Miguel  
Jennifer Voelker

### No Bake Cooking Club / Healthy Choices

Cheryl McMorris – Coordinator  
Jamie Knettle  
Varsha Patel  
Kathleen Shryock

### Game Club

Ginny Beene  
Sherry Hauser  
Debbie Horn

Thank you also to members of the Olathe East High School Kay Club who enthusiastically volunteered to help with the Game Club and to Dr. Brenda Traughber and Colleen Lattimer who assisted with the planning and scheduling of this year's activities.

The PTO values and appreciates everyone who helped make After School Clubs a success.



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# PTO Meetings

Don't forget to join us for our monthly PTO meetings. Parents are ALWAYS welcome and it really makes the ideas so much greater when you are there. You can hear what we have planned, help us find new and exciting things to do for our students and school, and possibly even win a \$25 gift card.

Thanks to Roxanne Degner, Karen Kelly, and Elizabeth Scholtz for joining us in February.



# Dining to Donate

Congratulations to:

Mrs. Key's class. They won the Wendy's Frosty party for having the most participants in our December AND February Wendy's Nights.

Mrs. Plumly's class. They won the Papa John's Pizza Party for raising the most money for our Papa John's Pizza Night in January.

Thanks to all of you who have helped raise money for Green Springs by eating out on these special evenings.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our February and March Dining to Donate nights. They are:

Wendy's March	3-4-08
Papa John's March	3-11-08
Wendy's April	4-1-08
Papa John's April	4-8-08

# PTO Treasurer's Report

It's been a while since I last updated all of you.....

Movie Night: Hope many of you were able to enjoy the November PTO sponsored movie night. There was quite a turn out to watch the hit movie Ratatouille. Green Spring's students, parents, and younger siblings enjoyed watching the movie while munching on popcorn and drinking sodas.

Bingo: This too is a PTO sponsored event and the prizes were great. If you missed both of our Bingo parties this year, hopefully you can join us next year! It's always a good time.

Skating Parties: We have actually had two since the last time I reported. Our November skating party brought in \$125.00 for the school and our January skating party brought in \$75.00.

Outgoing funds: Other than what we spend on Movie and Bingo night, we only have a couple of other expenses to mention. The first is the winter lawn treatment for \$218.95 and the second is the 75% yearbook deposit for \$2634.77. This should be recouped from yearbook sales.

# Yearbook

Thanks to the parents who have been working hard to create a great yearbook for us this year. We can't wait to see it!

- Shanna Carr
- Dawn Foos
- Angie Glenn
- Tricia Hart
- Sherry Houser
- Karen Kelly
- Marylou Schoep

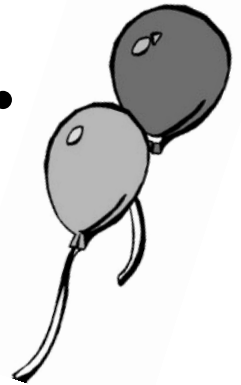
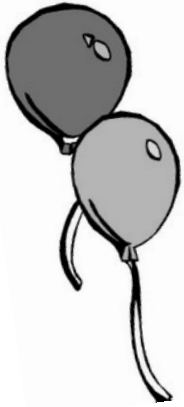


# Fun Fair

March 28th

6:00-8:30

It will be a fun night of inflatables, face painting, temporary tattoos, and games galore. Come join us for food and fun!



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We need volunteers for Cake Walk and Pop Toss. Please contact Suzette Garrelts at [suz\\_garrelts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:suz_garrelts@sbcglobal.net) or 913-393-1116 if you are available to volunteer an hour of your time.

If your last name begins with A-M we ask that you bring a baked good for the cake walk.

If your last name begins with N-Z we ask that you donate a 2 liter bottle of pop.

Look for more information coming in your child's folder soon.

**Thank You!**

The parent-teacher conference meals were very successful due to all of our volunteers! The PTO, with the help of donations, provided the teachers with a taco bar for the Thursday conferences and bagels and orange juice for the Friday conferences. These meals would not have been possible without food donations made by our parent volunteers. We would also like to thank Einstein Brothers for donating all of the bagels! I would like to give special thanks to Tracy Devinney for being the head volunteer and making phone calls!