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PTO NEWSLETTER



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

*I*t is hard to believe that the first quarter of school has come to an end and parent-teacher conferences are here already. Thank you to Nikki Scrivner for coordinating all the delicious food for our parent-teacher conferences this semester. We had a great turn out of volunteers who donated food for the teachers' meals Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Thank you parents for thinking of our teachers. It is hard for them to find time to eat in between conferences, and having meals ready to go for them on Thursday and Friday was a big help. Thank you to Einstein Brothers for donating all of the bagels for the second year in a row!

I was happy to see so many faces at our first Chick-Filet night last month. The kids had a great time spinning the food wheel. Spin the wheel for a dollar and win free food every time. We raised over two hundred dollars that night. Way to go gators!!

Speaking of fundraising, our biggest event of the year is fast approaching. Everyone should have received their Gator Gallop information packet already. Suzette and Cade Garrelts did a great job explaining all the wonderful things to do on this night from the costume walk and haunted rooms to the live and silent auctions. It is going to be big and it is going to be gruesomely fun. Be there, for there is not going to be any place more exciting than Green Springs the night of October 26th!

We also have some fun events coming up in November. Our first skate party is scheduled for November 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Wegner. Also, on November 30th we have a movie night scheduled. This will be a free family event sponsored by PTO.

I am looking forward to another great quarter of events. Thank you to all of our volunteers who work so hard to make all of our efforts a reality.

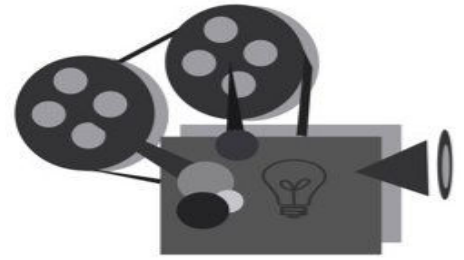
Stephanie French - PTO President





SKATE PARTY

Our first skate party is Nov. 12 at Skate City from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Hope to see you there!!



Our movie night this year will be on November 30th from 7:00pm until 8:30pm.

DINING TO DONATE UPDATE

Congratulations to Mrs. Watkin's 1st grade class. They won the Papa John's Pizza Party for raising the most money for our Papa John's Pizza Night in September.

Thanks again to everyone who participated in our October Wendy's and Papa John's Nights. We raised **\$103.26** from our Wendy's night and **\$66.41** from our Papa John's night.

Don't forget to join us in November to raise more money for Green Springs and see if **YOUR** class can win a Frosty or Pizza Party! Mark your calendar for **Wendy's Night, Tuesday, November 6th** and **Papa John's Night, Tuesday, November 13th.**



We have purchased the rights to watch Disney's Ratatouille. We will be serving free popcorn and selling pop for 50 cents. Bring your favorite pillow and blanket. Once we are all comfortable the movie will start!



Chick-fil-A night was a big success!

First of all, **THANKS to the following parents and students** who answered my note in the newsletter, my phone call, or even my last minute email for help. They helped by roaming the dining room to refill drinks and working the "food wheel". We need lots of volunteers to pull off both fundraising and fun events throughout the school year and I really appreciate all of your help.

Secondly, your support helped us raise **\$240.25** for Green Springs!

Lastly, if you were not able to join us for the Chick-fil-A night, don't worry. You can join us by dining again **Monday, December 17th** between the hours

of 5PM and 8PM. Better yet, you can also join us as a volunteer during the event. Please call Becky Baker at 768-6097 or email becky.baker@garmin.com to let me know if I can count you in as a volunteer for this Chick-fil-A night. We could use an hour or even a half hour of your time. It's a great way to get to know people too.

**Travis Talley
Maria Jewell
Paige Jewell
Madison Jewell
Stephanie Smith
Maddie Smith
Lisa Neyens**

**Nancy Bankson
Christy Bomberger
Russ Bomberger
Marylou Schoep
Stephanie French
Bill Baker
Mackenzie Baker**

PTO TREASURER'S REPORT

The PTO uses the funds we raise to pay for such things as field trips, Bingo nights, the Ice Cream social, 6th grade celebration, Fun Fair, and teacher appreciation. As well, the funds help with supplies for newsletters, the directory, and the yearbook. We also help donate new items to the school and we have a safety and landscaping budget for which the funds help pay.

Thanks to those of you who volunteer to help us pull off our fundraising and fun events. If you have ever seen your child yell "BINGO", watched them jump on the giant moon-bounce at the Ice Cream social, or have loads of fun on a field trip paid for by the PTO funds, then remember that your volunteering helped make these things happen. We really need each and everyone of you to make Green Springs the best elementary school in the Olathe district. After all, isn't that what our kids deserve?



In September, we used \$290.18 to start getting supplies ready for the Gator Gallop. My family cannot WAIT for this event. Suzette and Cade Garrelts, our Vice Presidents of Events, have worked many long hours planning, preparing, and contacting tons of merchants for donations to help make this a successful and FUN fundraiser.

Sales were good on our new Gatorwear so we needed to purchase some additional shirts sizes. We used \$1079.00 to do so and hope to recoup that money through sales of the shirts. If you have not purchased one, make sure you do.....Gatorwear is a great way to show off your school pride.

If you joined us for Bingo, you know that the Bingo prizes were awesome! We make some money during pop sales to help support the event, but still spent \$217.97 to make this FREE event successful. We have another Bingo night planned in the Spring so make sure you join us.

In addition, every year we begin the year by donating funds directly to the teachers so they may buy new supplies for their classrooms. The total spent for this "Teacher's Fund" was \$3,350.00.

Thanks for letting me be your PTO Treasurer!

-Becky Baker

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

With the help of some spectacular volunteer parents, PTO is in the process of organizing our After School Clubs for the winter season. These clubs are a great way for students to be exposed to a new interest and spend quality time with peers in an environment that is fun and educational.

In order to adequately staff our clubs, we are still in need of 2-3 more adult volunteers for each club. Clubs meet immediately after school, once a week for four weeks beginning in January. By volunteering, you not only assure your child a spot in the club, you also show our Gators that you care by investing a little of your time in our school.

This year's clubs are as follows:

- *ART CLUB (ALL GRADES) - TUESDAYS
- *SCIENCE CLUB (K-2) - MONDAYS
- *NO BAKE COOKING CLUB / HEALTHY CHOICES (ALL GRADES) - WEDNESDAYS
- *GAME CLUB (ALL GRADES) - THURSDAYS



To assist with one of these clubs, please contact Kathleen Shryock at 764-4443 or libertykws@yahoo.com.

Enrollment forms will be provided in the near future. Please do not attempt to enroll at this time.



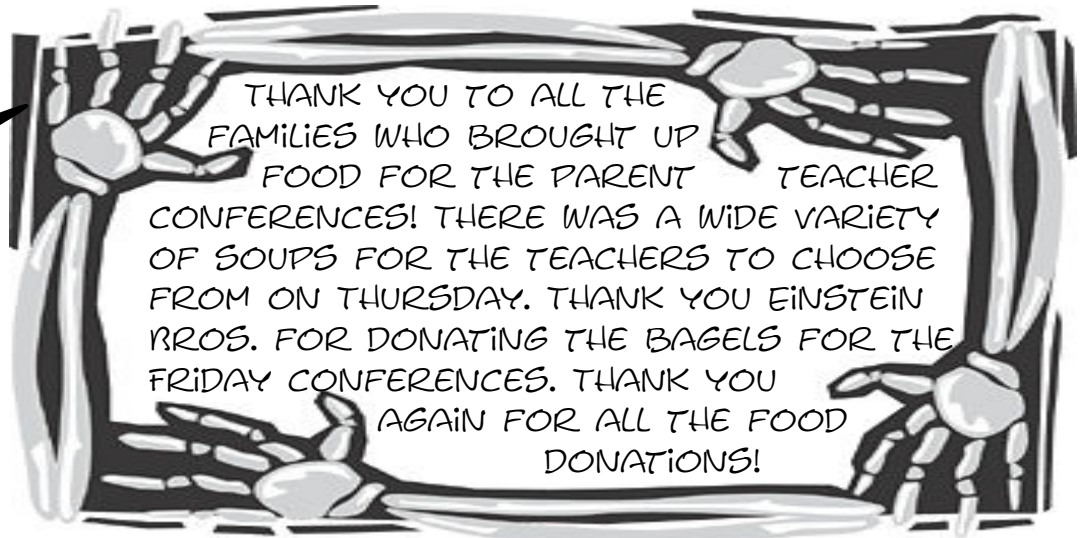
Box Tops for Education have been collected and counted for the 1st quarter of the year. Mr. Neneman's 5th grade class came in first place with a whopping total of 1036 box tops! Mrs. Key's 1st grade class came in second with 343 and Mrs. Laws' 2nd graders came in 3rd with 287. Ms. Storck's PM kindergarten class was close behind with 257.

Mr. Neneman's class will get to have a Box Tops party. They will have their choice of cupcakes to frost, sugar cookies to ice, brownies, or muffins to celebrate their win.

The 2nd quarter is under way for the next class to win a Box Tops party. One more box tops collection will be made on Friday, October 26 before the first submission will be made for this school year. Please send in all the box tops you have at home to help make this first check a good one.

Campbell's Labels for Education and Olathe Hy-Vee receipts were also collected at this time. Please remember it is the UPC labels that are needed from Campbell's products and not the front label of the soups anymore. Many 5 point bonus labels were sent in which will help boost our numbers to earn free things for Green Springs.

Thanks for your Support!



MCGRUFF SAYS:

Green Springs and the Olathe Police Department are McGruff participants. We have McGruff signs in our neighborhoods and families from Green Springs who are McGruff houses. McGruff homes act as extra eyes and ears for the safety of our children on their way to and from school. The McGruff homes are also important on evenings and weekends. The McGruff homes help monitor and report suspicious activity in our neighborhood. They also are available for members of the community in the case of emergency. The program helps children recognize the signs displayed in homes throughout our neighborhoods. This is especially important with Halloween approaching. Our children need to remember a few safety tips to keep Halloween safe:

- Wear a costume that lets you see and move easily.
- Wear a light-colored costume or reflective tape at night.
- Always trick-or-treat with an adult or older family member.
- Look both ways before crossing a street.
- Wait until you get home to **check** and eat your treats.



If you have any questions about the program or would like to become a McGruff house, please contact one of the coordinators; Nicole Scrivner (nicolescrivner@yahoo.com) or Katie Dunn (kaeteekins@yahoo.com).

GRUESOME GATOR GALLOP



OCTOBER 26, 2007

Costume Walk – 5:30-5:45 The costume walk will begin at 5:30 by the swings behind the school. The students will then walk a path around the back of the school ending at the circle drive in front of the school. Students may participate in the walk without a costume if they so choose.

“Chris Cakes” Pancake Dinner – 5:45-7:30 The Pancake dinner is an all you can eat meal including pancakes, sausage, and orange drink or milk. This will be held in the multi-purpose room. Ticket prices will be \$5.50 for adult and \$4.00 for child.

Photo Booth – 5:45-7:30 Walgreens will have a fall theme photo booth set up located in the library. Students will be able to have a picture of themselves taken in their costumes. Each student will receive a free 4 x 8 photo.

Haunted Room – 5:45-7:30 The Boy Scouts will be putting on a spooky spectacular for the students’ enjoyment. The Spooky Spectacular will be located in the satellite conference room in the 1st grade pod.

Silent Auction – 5:45-7:30 Items for the silent auction can be viewed inside the gym. Bid sheets will be available to begin bidding on at 5:45.

Raffle – 5:45-7:30 Also in the gym, raffles will be held for the students to win prizes from the teachers. Each raffle tickets will cost \$1.00.

Live Auction – 7:30-8:00 There will be a live auction at 7:30 in the gym. All classroom projects that the students have created will be auctioned off during the live auction. These items will be available to view in the gym at 5:30.