

GREEN SPRINGS GATOR TALES PTO NEWSLETTER



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow! Bingo night was amazing! The PTO gave away an MP3 player, skateboard, and many more terrific prizes. Thank you so much Cade and Suzette Garrelts for putting on this event. Also, a big thanks needs to go out to all the volunteers who helped make bingo memorable!

Our next event is our Gruesome Gallop/Auction on October 26th. This will be our biggest fundraiser of the year. Many of our Green Springs families and local businesses have donated their time, money, and/or auction items to this event. We are so grateful for your generosity! We plan on seeing everyone there for this fun-filled event!

On another note, we are still missing directory/yearbook release forms from many families. If you would like to be in our directory and have your child in the yearbook, you must fill this out. If you do not want to be in the directory and just want your child in the yearbook, mark no for directory and your child will be in the yearbook only. We cannot print your child's photo without this permission slip signed. Inside this newsletter you will find a copy of the release form. Please fill it out and send it to the front office.



Also, I want to give a big Thank You to everyone who signed up to be a classroom liaison. We are happy to know that when we need to make classroom phone calls you will be there to help us out!

Now that Fall is here, I look forward to seeing all of you at our Gruesome Gallop... and cooler nights!

Stephanie French - PTO President

Dining to Donate

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks to all of you who participated in both our Wendy's Night and Papa John's Pizza night in September. Once we hear the amount of money raised by these two fundraisers, we'll let you know.

Congratulations to Mrs. Broyle's 4th grade class. They won the Wendy's Frosty party for having the most participation during our Wendy's night in September. They all enjoyed Frosties as a classroom treat this past week.

We have not yet heard who the winning class was for the Papa John's pizza party but we should announce that soon. That lucky class will get a pizza party provided by Papa John's.

If you were not able to join us for our September Dining to Donate nights, you can do so in October. The date for Wendy's is Tuesday, 10-2-07, and Papa John's is Tuesday, 10-9-07.



In addition to our Wendy's and Papa John's nights, Green Springs PTO has partnered up with Chick-fil-A to earn more funds for our school. 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 is Sept 24th and runs from 5:00-8:00PM and we need volunteers to walk the dining room to refill drinks and help with the "food wheel". I would like to book volunteers in 1 hour increments and we will need 1 adult to run the "food wheel" and 2-3 people (6th grade or older) refilling drinks during each hour. Therefore, we will need around 9-12 volunteers for the event.

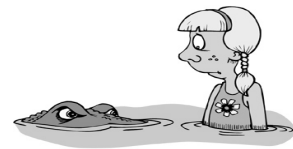
Please contact Becky Baker @ 913-768-6097 or becky.baker@garmin.com if you would be available and willing to help out.

Are you a Lawyer or CPA?

Every year Green Springs PTO raises funds for our school by holding a Gator Gallop event. Many companies are called to obtain donated auction items in preparation of this event. Some of these large companies require a 501c non-profit organization certificate from Green Springs PTO in order for us to receive donations from them. We need a Lawyer or CPA to fill out the paperwork for Green Springs PTO and file with the IRS. If you can help us with this process, please contact Becky Baker at 913-768-6097 or becky.baker@garmin.com.



Yearbook



Our yearbook is underway. Tricia Hart has graciously accepted the position of yearbook coordinator. If you have any cool pictures of your children at school, in class, on field trips, or at PTO events send them to school in an envelope marked PTO yearbook.



McGRUFF® 'TOONS: Tips for Parents

Make Time To Talk To Kids About Drugs

- ✓ Don't just tell kids to say "no" to drugs. Give them something to say "yes" to.
- ✓ Encourage children to participate in positive, healthy activities, like sports clubs or community service.

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After School Clubs

After School Clubs, sponsored by the PTO, usually occur in January and February. Each club meets immediately 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 parent volunteers, the PTO hosted a variety of after school clubs. 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.

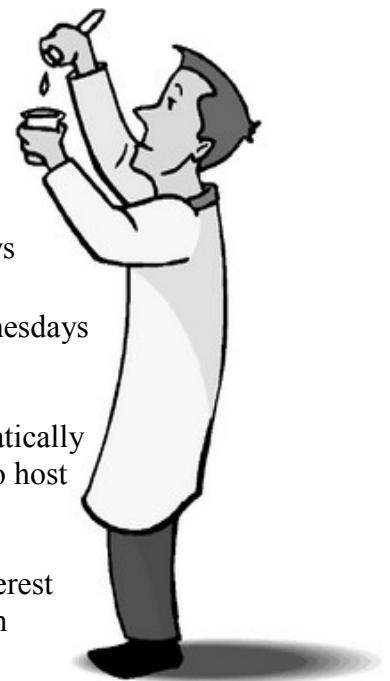
PTO hopes to sponsor even more clubs this year so that every interested student has an opportunity to participate, but we are dependent on great adult volunteers like you to make this happen.

Please consider volunteering to assist with one of these clubs:

- Music and Movement / Grades K-4
- Crafty Kids Art Club / All Grades / Will meet on Tuesdays
- Game Club / All Grades
- Science Club / Grades K-2 / Will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays OR Fridays
- Science Club / Grades 3-4
- No Bake Cooking Club (Healthy Choices) / All Grades / Will meet on Wednesdays OR Fridays

Again, we cannot host these clubs without your help. Your child(ren) will automatically be enrolled in the club you are hosting and usually, several parents join together to host one club.

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.



PTO DONATIONS

Green Springs just donated \$100.00 to the Olathe School District's "Nurse" Fund. This fund helps families in need pay their medical bills.

Green Springs PTO is donating our gator T-shirts to HyVee's auction to help cure Juvenile Diabetes.

Way to go!! Your donations help make giving back to the community possible for us. So, **THANK YOU GATOR FAMILIES!!**

THANK YOU!



Thanks to Dan Kelly for being our Bingo caller and to all the other wonderful volunteers who made the event such a success!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 26 th	Gruesome Gator Gallop/Auctio	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

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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 : _____

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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 REVENUE PRODUCING EFFORTS.**

Signature

Date