

1st Annual Family Fall Ball & Silent Auction Saturday, October 28th

at Casey's Place, 7375 Jackson Drive • San Diego, CA 92119



Doors open at 5:00pm.
 Enjoy music from 5:00-8:00pm.
 Silent Auction from 5:00-7:00pm.
 Pat & Oscar's dinner from 5:30-6:30pm.
 Dance to the D.J. from 6:00-8:00pm.

Pat & Oscar's will serve pasta and bread sticks and PTA will serve a drink, salad and a bag of chocolate chip cookies.

Dinner is \$7.00 per plate if pre-purchased, "at the door" dinners are \$8.00 per plate.*

*(50 limited walk-up dinners are available until 6:30)

If you wish to attend this event without having dinner, the cost is \$2.00 at the door.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Your voluntary contribution of time and talent is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer for the Family Fall Ball & Silent Auction, please complete the form below and put *Attention To Val Quick*.

If you have any questions, please contact Val Quick @ 619-466-1075 or Shari Duran @ 619-667 9409
 Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered for this event!

The Silent Auction is a fundraiser. This years event will help earn money for our classroom art program sponsored by Green PTA.



Yes, I can help with this event!

Please circle the amount of time you are available to volunteer for our Family Fall Ball.

30 minutes

1 hour

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

phone: _____ email: _____



ATTENTION: VAL QUICK • PTA VOLUNTEERS

The Gecko Gazette is a monthly publication of the Myron B. Green PTA, a member of the San Diego Unified Council of PTAs, Ninth District, Inc. CPTS. Green Elementary, a 10/10 distinguished school and the only Athletic Magnet Elementary in the State of California is located at 7030 Wandermere Drive, San Diego, CA 92119 • (619) 460-5755

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Submissions welcome: Please submit to williams795@cox.net by **October 18th, 2006**

All articles must be accompanied with phone number for verification and are subject to approval and may be edited for content and space.

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Calendar of Events

October

- 6 BBQ Lunch
- 10 PTA Meeting 7:30 am
- 19 PAC 2:30 pm
- 23-27 Red Ribbon Week
- 24 SSC 5:00 pm
- 27 Box Tops Due
- 28 Fall Ball Silent Auction 5:00 - 8:00pm
- 19 PAC 2:30 pm

November

- 14 PTA Meeting 6:30 pm
- 14-17 Parent/Teacher Conferences. Early dismissal everyday @ 11:20 am
- 15 Turkey Trot
- 17 Box Tops Due
- 20-24 Thanksgiving Vacation
- 28 SSC 5:00 pm
- 29 Gecko Pride Award Assembly: 1st-3rd @ 7:30 am 4th-5th @ 9:30 pm
- 30 PAC 2:30 pm

Please check info on our web site www.greengeckos.com

A note from our Principal.....

What a great start to the new year we have had! In the past month we have successfully opened up 19 classrooms, completed a Book Fair, hosted the annual Back to School Night, began school garden, launched a PTA membership drive and convened the new School Site Council.

The campus is alive with learning! Our Science Curriculum has focused on Life Science. Every grade level has been assigned live creatures to study. We've got geckos, and crawfish, butterflies and goldfish all for students to study. Band, orchestra and chorus are underway filling our corridors with music. Children are engrossed in the stories teachers are reading aloud to them, hanging on every word. We have also launched into our Writing program helping students learn how to be their own authors. Mathematically we are building on the strong foundation that students have had in previous years helping children develop number sense across the grades.

I continue to marvel at the parent and community involvement here at Green. We have volunteers in the office, in the classroom, at lunch duty, in the gardening program, the list goes on and on. Please keep on coming, you do make such a difference! One possible area to consider volunteering in is



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Hey, it's your PTA!

by Michele Simon

On behalf of the Green Elementary PTA, I would like to welcome you all back to school. We are fortunate to start this year with an enthusiastic and extremely talented team of teachers, administrators, and staff. With the promise of many exciting activities, educational enrichment opportunities, facility and technology-related enhancements, and a dedicated group of talented volunteers, all indications suggest that it's going to be a great year!

As always, the PTA's key focus is your children. We will continue to support and enhance education at Green Elementary through our art program, addition of a rock wall, and bringing opportunities for additional after school programs.

This year, we want to have fun! We are working hard to provide our students and parents with interactive, fun activities to enhance our sense of community. We are striving to provide the "extras" that make school fun. Watch for upcoming events!

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Crossing Guard. We currently have no one helping our students cross the busy streets before and after school. Multiple parents have expressed their concern about this issue. If you are interested in wearing the fashionable orange vests and helping make sure our students are able to come and leave school safely please let me know.

We are about to launch a school wide campaign to improve our student attendance. Last year we averaged a child/classroom being absent every day. This past month we had over 200 students absent. Research shows a direct correlation between student performance and attendance. We are in the process of developing a school-wide incentive program to help us raise our student attendance.

This past month has been a fabulous month here at Green. I can't wait to see what will happen in October!



by Stephanie Lipschutz, Garden Committee

Green Elementary's Garden is getting growing...!! Parent volunteers have been working hard to get the soil watered and ready for planting. This year we are 'square-foot' gardening. The students are measuring and dividing each garden bed into a grid of 1' squares. Each square will be an area for 2 or 3 students to use. They will soon be planting sugar snap peas, lettuce, radishes, potatoes, and other fall/winter plants. Volunteers are always needed and welcome!! Please check with your child's teacher if you are interested in helping when they garden. Or you may call Stephanie Lipschutz at (619) 461-2414 or Val Quick at (619) 466-1075 with any garden questions and/or ideas.



Kinder Garden Area Before and After



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The PTA also works to attract volunteers for the many activities and projects we support. The number of hours that we contribute volunteering has a significant impact upon our children; not only are they assured of our commitment to them and their education, but we also ensure that Green Elementary continues to be an outstanding school. Volunteer opportunities are identified on the Green website (www.greengeckos.com), or you can check out the new PTA Display Board located outside the office.

Additionally, we are highly motivated to raise funds to help enhance the educational opportunities for our children. We know that the Sally Foster Gift Wrap sales campaign has recently ended, and you have received information regarding the no-cost fundraising opportunities. We appreciate your support of our school, and we hope that each and every family will participate to help us ALL achieve success.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to a very impressive and dedicated PTA Board. This year is in full swing, but there was considerable work done over the summer months by many of our PTA Board members.

Many thanks to Heather Williams' talented design work in creating and launching our new "Gecko Gear", Welcome Packets, outside banners, and new PTA Display Board. Thanks to Val Quick for her hard work implementing our new volunteer program and database. Stephanie Lipschutz worked hard along with Val maintaining our garden beds during those hot summer days and both deserve a round of cheers. Another rounds of thanks to Dawn Groff for everything she has done for Green and the things she is starting to do this year. Shari Duran has been a dedicated supporter of the rock wall, and I thank her for all her efforts in getting the rock wall installed, and installed properly! A HUGE thank you to Cindy Clippinger for another successful Book Fair, and to everyone who helped out during the week.

We welcome and encourage your participation with the PTA to ensure academic excellence at Green Elementary. Whatever best suits your circumstances is greatly appreciated; whether your contribution is volunteering, financial support, and/or PTA membership, you enable us to help provide the high quality educational community that we all expect. Thank you! Extra News...See 'WANTED' page 3.



Get It In Gear!

Fridays are Gecko Gear Day.
T-Shirts On Sale Now in the front office.
\$10 Youth/\$12 Adult
Sweatshirt order forms coming home soon!



To get the latest information at school about Green and the PTA, stop by and check out our new display cases. On the wall, to the left of the front office and nurses office, we will post calendars, fundraising effort updates and more.

Did You Know....

by Regina Bartel, Ways & Means Committee and Val Quick

...We have over 400 children here at Green? If each child saved 10 Box Tops (worth \$.10 each) for just one month, we would earn \$400.00. Imagine if we did this 3 times in the school year? We would earn \$1,200 — just over our goal of \$1,000! Please look for the Box Tops logo on all General Mills products - even on your Kleenex boxes. All of this extra clipping helps to fund the awesome programs your PTA brings to Green. The classroom with the most collected Box Tops will earn a trophy! Classroom 13 won hands down in September with 220 saved Box Tops! They will receive the trophy this month. Good Job Room 13!!

Please Remember...

We have had reports that there have been unattended vehicles in the Fire Zones and 3 minute parking areas in the front parking lot. Please do not park and leave your vehicle in these areas. These areas need to be accessible in case of emergencies and other large delivery/trash trucks. It also can make it difficult for other cars needing to back out of the marked stalls. Please park in the marked areas only. Thank you.

Yearbook News...

by Heather Williams, Yearbook Committee

The last two years, we have had record sales for our yearbook! Thank you to all who have sent in pictures for us to use in our great books. We are already starting on this years book and are looking for your pictures. Do you have anything from our spring Jog-A-Thon or spring Swim? Maybe a few from the first day of school? Please email unaltered digital pictures to Heather Williams at williams795@cox.net. Sorry, due to the printers going 100% digital, we cannot accept anything other than digital pictures. Did you miss ordering last years book? There are only a few copies left, but if you forgot to get a yearbook last year, now is your chance. The books are \$17.00 available in the front office - while supplies last! - Thank you! Extra News...See 'WANTED' below.

Volunteer News...

by Val Quick, Volunteer Coordinator

Thank you for your response to our volunteer sign up sheet that was included in the Green Welcome Folder! News about upcoming events and other school information will come via an email. So don't forget to sign up to be a Green volunteer to stay in the loop on school news. Any questions, please contact Val at mikeandvalq@cox.net.

PTA RECORDING SECRETARY

The PTA is looking for someone who would like to join the board as our Recording Secretary. This position records minutes at board meetings and PTA general meetings. If interested, please contact Michele Simon at 461-0807 or flintfam@cox.net. Thank You!

WANTED!

Gazette Co-Editor

We need help collecting stories and preparing articles. If this is your forte, and you want to help, please contact either Heather Williams at williams795@cox.net or Michele Simon at flintfam@cox.net. Thank You!

Yearbook Designer

Looking for someone to start learning the ropes of our yearbook. Computer design experience helpful, but not necessary. Printer provides many of the extras (templates, clip art, etc.) If you are interested, please contact Heather Williams at williams795@cox.net Thank you!

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