



**Green Garden Gab:**

March was a busy month in the Green gardens! Thank you to all who have volunteered for this fun and educational project. **A huge thanks to Green PTA for sponsoring this project, including the materials for the raised beds, soil & mulch, tools, plants and seeds, storage containers and wonderful new rain barrel in the Kinder area.** Many classrooms have planted already and more are scheduled to plant after Spring Break. Ms. DeLuca/Ms. Anderson's 5<sup>th</sup> graders have been learning about water conservation and planted "California-friendly" plants and seeds. Mr. Flanagan's class planted colorful geraniums and seeds. The first graders are gearing up to plant a butterfly garden and are observing the quick growth of radishes. The "Kindergarten" was harvested successfully and a bountiful salad was enjoyed by many. Many, many lbs. of worms were purchased from a real Sharon's Worm World and will be used for vermicomposting in K., 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. We can always use more help in the garden – especially during class hours, please contact Val Quick at 619.466.1075 or [mikeandvalq@cox.net](mailto:mikeandvalq@cox.net) or Stephanie Lipschutz @ 619.461.2414.

Stephanie and I want to thank Sharon of Sharon's Worm World for donating 25 lbs. of worms to our school garden. We appreciate the knowledge that they shared and their generous donation to our children.



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**~ Important Dates to Remember in April 2006 ~**

- April 4 – PTA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- April 10-14 – SPRING BREAK!! ~ NO SCHOOL ~
- April 12 – San Carlos Creamery – SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!
- April 18 – PTA General Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- April 24 -28 Turn Off T.V. Week
- April 26 – Secretary's Day
- April 27-28 – STAR Testing (Gr. 2-5) CAT/6 Testing (Gr. 3)
- April 28 – Send in Box Tops

The next issue for the Gecko Gazette will be May 2006. The deadline to submit information for that issue will be Mon. April 24, 2006. E-mail Patty Rios at [plrcakes@yahoo.com](mailto:plrcakes@yahoo.com) or Heather Williams at [williams795@cox.net](mailto:williams795@cox.net)

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## Green Elementary Rummage Sale Rocked!!

Our rummage sale was a huge success, first I want to thank Ms. Crane for volunteering me to "help" with the fundraiser. I had a wonderful time and will gladly "help" next year. Thanking the parents and staff who donated items is not enough, they made this happen. The quality of the items and the quantity was overwhelming. It was more than I could have ever wished for. My personal goal for this event was to raise \$1000.00 towards the pool rental for next year; the grand total at the end of the day was \$2448.00.

I would like to take this time to thank several very special parents for their participation. Cindy Clippinger not only cleaned out her girls closets, she was there everyday setting up and all day Saturday to the bitter end. Michele Simon for donating and being cashier extraordinaire. Val, Delaney and Katie Quick for making the signs and more, Liz Mooney for her endless hours all day Friday and Saturday. Doug Mooney for getting our leftovers to the redemption center, Reina Kluge and Theresa Cristobal for doing so much Friday and Saturday. Lori Urie, Janice Martinez, Peggy Cohen, Lauren Schaffer, Samantha Nuanes and if I missed anybody thank you thank you thank you. All the help was very much appreciated, I wish there was a scale score to compare Green to others schools when it comes to volunteering and making things happen, we would be a 10/10 school.

Very Sincerely,



Norma Swenson

**Michele Simon, PTA President**



The end of the school year is fast approaching (yikes – did that go fast or what?!) and the PTA Board is hard at work considering programs and items to be included in the budget for our 2006-2007 school year.

This month's PTA meeting will be an especially important one, as you will be electing your PTA Board for the coming year. Every position, though currently occupied, is open for interested candidates and all interested parents/PTA members are encouraged to run for an office that intrigues you. Each candidate will make a brief statement to include their reason for running and any ideas they bring to the position. For those of you who hate public speaking and have not previously attended an election meeting, it is a very comfortable forum with lots of friendly faces!

You may ask why you should attend these meetings, and even why you should join the PTA... PTA addresses issues that are important to everyone – public school administrators, teachers, and parents. When you become involved you add your voice to the rest of us who want to provide resources and programs for your families. Volunteers are the heart of the program and everyone is encouraged to join the PTA to help support the many programs your children have the chance to enjoy throughout the year. Parents are the critical liaison between their children and their teachers, and you have the power to make a difference for your child and all the children here at Green.

From field trips, to onsite school programs, to general PTA meetings for children and families, we are passionate about enhancing your children's educational experience and broadening their horizons through exposure to the arts, science, and health arenas. You can be part of that power.

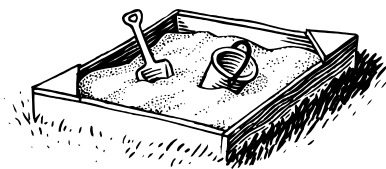
We are all committed to our children's education and, in today's climate, that means more than just checking their homework and talking to their teacher – it also means learning about the continual budget cuts we face, mandated curriculum changes, increased number of children in classes, etc., etc. We are all interested in quality education and the capability for our school to thrive. By attending our meetings, you have the opportunity to learn valuable information and ask questions of Mrs. Crane regarding school policies, mandated curriculums, budget issues, etc. When you become part of the solution, you help our children and our school achieve success.



The next San Carlos Creamery date for Green Elementary is **Wed. April 12th.**

Remember that 25% of the proceeds go to our school!

**FYL...**



A great big thanks to the Mooney family for donating sand to the Kinder sand box.



**Upcoming Event!**

Kick off will be May 3rd.

The Jog-A-Thon will be held May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Look for more information coming soon!



**Help needed to distribute Cookie Dough**

**I need a few good people to help with the delivery of cookie dough.**

Tentative delivery is in April and I'm hoping for Thursday April 20. They usually deliver around 10 am.

I could use help in these areas:

Filling orders prior to distribution – this requires muscle and a strong back as orders will be placed in boxes and then carried to their appropriate spots. There is lots of bending over with this part. It also requires concentration and an eye for detail so that orders are filled correctly. I'm guessing it will take 1.5 – 2 hrs to fill all the orders. The more the merrier for this part.

Distributing orders to parents – Distribution will be from 2pm – 5pm. This involves finding the order, inspecting the order with the parent present and having the parent sign for the release of the order. There will be 3 tables: K & 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. It would be nice to have at least 3 – 4 people at each table.

If you are interested in helping out with this fun and exciting event please contact Dana Brunette at 619-286-9010.

Thanks so much.