



Green Elementary's PTA pulled a fast one on the teachers and staff this year for Teacher Appreciation Week. For months, Val Quick, Heather Williams, principal Peggy Crane, the PTA and almost 200 families worked at planning and keeping the biggest extreme make over ever at Green a secret. The hard work paid off Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> as the teachers and staff, escorted by students, walked up the "red carpet" Walk of Fame into the lounge for their breakfast. To everyone's surprise, the lounge was completely redesigned and ready to be enjoyed by all. Dawn Groff worked tirelessly on coordinating the week of events, starting with a yummy assortment of breakfast foods followed by a huge Tuscan themed lunch on Wednesday and then topping the week off with a fiesta of different foods, drinks and desserts on Friday. For the special luncheon, a few fourth and fifth grade students played the roll of waiters/waitresses who seated the staff at special tables decorated with beautiful flower arrangements created by Betty Ann Bernhardt. The staff loved the week of events and felt the lounge make over was unbelievable. "I've been teaching over 20 years and I have never seen anything like this." remarked Ms. Maze, a fourth grade teacher. Sylvia Bonker and Val Quick of BQuick Home Staging and Decorating donated their decorating time and energy to complete the lounge and give it the final beautiful look. Teachers complimented their new place with things like "Walking into the lounge this morning was a breath taking surprise. The meaning of the letters PTA should be changed from Parent Teacher Association to Parents (that) Tackle Anything." "Thank you for one whole week of royal treatment." The most surprised staff member of all was principal Peggy Crane, who had no idea that her office was included in this big event. She was so surprised to walk into her office and see new paint, art and a completely different layout. "I thought the lounge was a huge event, I never even thought they would find the time to include my office. What a wonderful surprise." We had many families help with donations and we would like to give them a huge Thank You: Aguilar Family, Anderson Family, Andrews Family, Barr Family, Bicknese/Razak Family, Burgos/Almario Family, Carmody Family, Champagne-Pettit Family, Cohen Family, Conroy Family, Corondoni Family, Crispin Family, David Family, Delgado Family, Deluca Family, Eldrige Family, Fallace Family, Fink Family, Gilmore Family, Glass Family (Gilberg), Green Family, Groff Family, Harris Family, Henrich Family, Hill Family, Hoffman Family, Hommel Family, Jackson Family, Jada (Katlin) Family, James Family, Jolly Family, Jones' Family, Katz Family, Krueger Family, Lipschutz Family, Lopez Family, Madrigal/Weiss Family, Manriquez/Velez Family, Martinez Family, Mason Family, May Family, Molascon Family, Mooney Family, Mulligan Family, Munro Family, Navarre Family, Nelson Family, Nies Family, Nordling Family, Ogul-Wilson Family, Penny Family, Premus' Family, Protas Family, Quick Family, Rasmussen-Harris Family, Ryan Family, Sanchez Family, Siao-Wong Family, Simon Family, Snodgrass Family, Stewart-Brown Family, Stratton Family, Swain Family, Taylor-Romstad Family, Torres Family, Trivoli Family, Urie Family, Walton Family, White Family, Williams Family, Williamson Family, Wal-Mart store, and 18 Anonymous Families who made donations for the Teacher Appreciation Week. For more pictures of our fabulous week, visit our web site at [www.geengeckos.com](http://www.geengeckos.com)

~ Important Dates to Remember in June 2006 ~

June 1 – Art Gala/Open House/Book Fair 6:30 – 8:00  
 June 6 – PTA Board Meeting  
 June 7 – Poetry Festival  
 June 9 – Send in Box Tops  
 June 14 – Awards Assembly Gr. 1-3 (9:20-10:20am) and  
 Gr. 4-5 (10:20-11:20am)  
 June 14 – San Carlos Creamery – Green Elementary Day  
 June 16 – Swim ends for Grades 1, 3, 5  
 June 19 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students to Boomers 9:30 – 2:00  
 June 20 – Last day of School - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion @ 11:00 am

We are on the Web!! Check out our web site at [www.geckos.com](http://www.geckos.com) for all of the important information and up-to-date facts.



The next San Carlos Creamery date for Green Elementary is **Wed. June 14th**. Remember that 25% of the proceeds go to our school!

# Gecko Gazette

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Last Message from the Principal for School 2005-2006

As I begin this letter it is amazing to me that another year has come to a close. Looking back to September I realize that this has been another spectacular year here at Green Elementary. Through the PTA we have been able to accomplish many things with our fundraisers that continue to make Green an outstanding school. Our library this year has had an extreme make-over with computers, furniture, and lots of new books. It has been a delight to watch the students enjoy their new library.

Our hard working students and our dedicated staff continue to exceed expectations to make Green the only San Diego City elementary school with an API ranking of 10/10. Thank you to the students, the parents, and the staff for making this ranking possible.

Our school would not be the same without our wonderful volunteers. Your service to our school is appreciated and you make a difference by donating your time to Green.

A special thank you to the parents who haven given so much of their time this year to our school. You have worked above and beyond what is expected and have put in long hours both during the week and on the weekends. What would we do without you? Thank you for your continued devotion to our school.

Enjoy your summer, keep reading, and I'll see you in the fall. Green School Rocks!

Ms. Crane



Thanks for your support in 2005-06!!!! What a great year! Collect Box Tops all summer long!!!!

A customized baggie will be sent home to help make collection super easy over the summer. Bring box tops (not baggie-that's yours to keep at home) in to the classroom when school starts.

We will Collect box tops the first Friday of the year. If your classroom brings in over 250 box tops (total), everyone in your class will receive a fun prize! Ask family and friends to help.

Have a wonderful summer!  
 Val Quick & Christi Walton



### "A Celebration of Culture" Art Gala a success!!

This year, we asked the classrooms to submit art representative of the Country that they represented in our Green Olympics. If you had a chance to stop in and see the art, it represents countries of Italy, Greece, China, Japan, Sweden, Ireland, Egypt, Mexico, Brazil, the United States and more.... We are so proud of this year's theme and of the student's projects.

The Art Gala is sponsored by the PTA. It is not a fundraiser. Our PTA supports art at Green by funding an art instructor who spends time in each class during the year. Many of the projects were completed with the direction of the Art Instructor, Pat Johns. In addition, many of our teachers are also working with the students on art pieces. Many of their works, like the beautiful Stamp Project and Quilts, were also included. We hope you enjoyed this year's Art Gala!!! There are many people we want to thank - but to begin with, we'd like to acknowledge a group of students from Patrick Henry High School who came and donated a couple of Saturdays in order to hang paper and art....they were great!!! In addition:

The Children/Artists of Green Elementary School, The Teachers/Artists of Green Elementary School, Art Instructor Pat Johns, The Staff of Green-and, in particular - Norma Swenson, Chi Nguyen & Mrs. Crane. And finally, The Art Gala Committee: Tori Barr, Liane Bowers, Padgett Mason, Lori Urie, Karen Thomas, Lori Urie, Peggy Cohen, Barbara Jordan, Sharon Wilson, Val Quick & Patty Rios. This was truly a special Gala and the multi-purpose room looks beautiful through the end of the year as a result!!!

### Sign up over the Summer!



eScrip is a hassle-free way for schools to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants. Parents, teachers, friends and families are encouraged to register their grocery club cards, credit card and debit cards as supporters with the eScrip program.

Green Elementary has been raising up to \$75 per month from eScrip!!!! It adds up!!! Please take a few minutes and sign up!

Sign up online. It's quick and easy!

Step 1: Log on to [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com) and go to "sign up".

Step 2: Designate Green Elementary (ID# 6510128) to receive contributions.

Step 3: Register your Vons club card, Macy's card and/or your debit/credit cards. (Note that the credit card sign up section is AFTER the grocery card section, keep clicking "Next")

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Val Quick @ 466-1075.

**This is a great program!!! Thank you for your support!!**

### Michele Simon, PTA President



#### Plastic Bag Collection

We have recently been notified that Wal-Mart will again be offering schools reimbursement for plastic bag recycling starting in September 2006. So, as you're collecting Box Tops over the summer, please also put your plastic bags aside to bring in when school returns in the Fall.

This year we collected 55 60-gallon bags of bags and earned \$270.00... how much better can we do next year?

#### Preview of Coming Attractions

Just a note to let you know what your PTA Board is working on for the 2006-07 school year...

#### After School Programs

We are researching various parent-sponsored programs for after school, including Mad Science, a foreign language offering, theater/drama, and a computer class.

#### Welcome Packet

We are putting together a "Welcome Packet" as an introduction to Green Elementary School that will go home with each student at the beginning of the school year, and be available for incoming and prospective student families.

#### Streamlining Fundraising Opportunities

As part of the Welcome Packet, we want to outline fundraising opportunities that are available through the year. Included will be those that require money out of pocket (gift wrap, Jog-A-Thon, etc), as well as those that don't (Box Tops, E-scrip, etc). We are expanding the number of programs available that require no money and little or not effort.

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There is no general PTA meeting scheduled on the calendar for June, but that was an oversight! We will hold a very short meeting on Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 pm, as we need to have a general membership vote to approve the budget for the 2006-2007 school year. I promise not to keep you long!



Don't forget to wear your sunscreen this summer.

Keep safe and keep smart!



#### Green Garden Gab:

\*Teachers report that the teamwork and community spirit that lives in the school garden sets the stage for students to grow in many ways: increased respect for the environment, interest in nutritious foods and exercise, greater patience and responsibility, as well as improved work ethic, self-esteem, and relationships skills. These life skills are the core elements of good character that provide students with the foundation to become responsible, engaged, and effective members of society. \*(Source: May 2006 Kids Garden News\*)

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make the garden project successful! Thanks to Ms. Crane for her support and the PTA for their funding and support. Thanks to the volunteers who spent weekends building the raised beds and shoveling mounds of soil and sand. Thanks to the teachers and parents who helped get the project going - what a fantastic job!

Looking forward to more gardening fun next fall!

Please email [mikeandvalq@cox.net](mailto:mikeandvalq@cox.net) if you are interested next year helping a classroom plant and maintain a garden or if you have ideas and/or suggestions for next year - all are welcome!

Sincerely, Val Quick & Stephanie Lipschutz

#### BY THE WAY - WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

With yearbooks on our minds, please forward any pictures you may have of this year's Jog-a-thon and Swim to me so I can start collecting for next year's pages. Without your help these yearbooks would not look as awesome as they do. Enjoy your yearbooks, have a great summer, and thanks for everything!!

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### The Yearbooks Are Here! The Yearbooks Are Here!

All pre-paid reserved books will be delivered to the kids Monday, June 12th. If you did not buy a copy of the book already, they will be available for purchase in the office beginning that same day, June 12th. Please make sure your child's name is marked inside the yearbook as soon as you get it. We don't want any lost books or mistaken identities to happen. Last year's books went super fast so stop by the office to get your copy. Each yearbook is \$17.00

Have a fun and relaxing summer!  
Green Elementary School Rocks!!

