

## On Sale Now

A picture says a thousand words. See in full color your child's year at Green in our 2006 yearbook now on sale. Last year's book was a complete sell-out with many wanting more. This year's book will be just as amazing with each page created especially for our awesome students and staff. Every page is printed in color for your child to remember their friends and their fun year at school. Our books are priced at only \$17.00! Reserve your copy today and have memories for tomorrow!

♥♥♥♥♥ Love Lines ♥♥♥♥♥		
Describe the person you love to the top of the page. Use the space for your name.	Put a picture of the person you love to the side of the page.	Write the person you love to the bottom of the page.
Love Lines, Not on the Page	Love Lines, Not on the Page	Love Lines, Not on the Page

Our Love Lines are back in our yearbooks this year to give everyone the opportunity to say a little something to their son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew, brother, sister, even a teacher or two. Let them know you're proud of them or tell them how much they're admired for all of their hard work. Each Love Line can have up to 25 words and the cost is \$3.00.

Combine your Love Lines  
with the Yearbook for only  
**\$20** deadline March 20th

✂ Please fill out the form below and send it in with your child before the deadline.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Love Lines (25 words or less. Please print your message below.) \$ 3.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2005-2006 Yearbook \$17.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Love Lines \_\_\_\_\_ Please make checks payable to Green PTA/Yearbook.



Deadline for Love Lines is Monday March 20th.  
Any order received after that WILL NOT PRINT.

## ~ Important Dates to Remember in March 2006 ~

- March 2 – Donuts for Dad and Kindergarten Orientation
- March 7 – PTA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. / STAR Writing Assessment 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- March 8 – STAR Writing Assessment 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- March 14 – PTA General Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- March 25 – Keep Green Green Day and Green Elementary Rummage Sale
- March 27 – March 31 – Jr. Olympics
- March 31 – Send in Box Tops



The next San Carlos Creamery date for Green Elementary is Wed. March 15<sup>th</sup>. Remember that 25% of the proceeds go to our school!

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We are on the Web!! Check out our new web site at [www.greengeckos.com](http://www.greengeckos.com)

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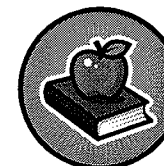


**Upcoming Event!**  
The Jog-A-Thon will be held May 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Look for more information coming soon!

# Gecko Gazette

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER • MYRON B. GREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### Greetings From the Principal

As we move into the month of March, I reflect upon the progress the children have made so far this school year. Amazing readers and writers occupy each classroom. Hands-on science experiments keep students engaged, and biographies allow kids to play the parts of admired and respected figures.

Problem-solving in mathematics is a focus across the grade levels. Children are not only asked to solve problems but to represent their thinking in a variety of ways including drawing and writing. When working with your child check to see not only if the problem is answered correctly but if he or she can explain their thinking or can solve the problem in another way.

In PE and music the students are learning the songs and dances of the countries they will represent at this year's Junior Olympics. Mark your calendars for an entire week of activities the last week of March. Opening ceremonies are Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>!

April brings Spring Break and the start of standardized testing in grades 2-5 after vacation. It's hard to believe that our school year is moving so quickly. Please continue to support your child's teacher by checking homework and reading with your child regularly. Even fifth-graders love to snuggle up with a parent and a good book!

Our teachers continue to meet to push one another's thinking and to improve their instructional practice. They discuss curriculum, plan lessons, and observe one another teaching. We are trying to become more public about our practice in order to improve instruction. This is a hard-working group of teachers who are very dedicated to your children. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

As we head into the second half of the school year I thank you all for your support and your friendship. Green School Rocks!



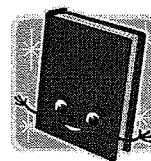
News From The Garden

It is almost Spring and the weather is perfect for gardening!! Here's what has been happening in our new gardens:

In early February, a couple of dedicated kindergarten moms helped their student's class plant a lovely winter garden in the K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade beds. It is very cheerful to see the lettuce, spinach, and chard plants doing so well. These students also planted sweet pea seeds in cups and then transplanted the little plants, with help, to the big garden. It will be very pretty to see these flowers decorate the fence in the next couple of months.

In the next month or so, we are looking forward to seeing other classes get their hands dirty! Eventually, the gardens will be another nice area to simply spend time reading outside.

**Parents and grandparents: We need you! Please, please let your child's teacher or room mom know if you can help with the garden. We are lucky to have our garden beds, but we do not have an automatic watering system. As it gets hotter, our plants will thrive only with consistent watering. Please speak up if you could water one of the garden areas one time/week either before or after school. When this important job is shared, it is much less of a burden. Thank you so much!!**



2005-2006 Yearbooks on Sale Now

**YEARBOOK: Love Lines Deadline**

To get your Love Lines printed in this years yearbook, please submit your order form before March 20th. Order forms are available in the office or visit our web site at [www.greengeckos.com](http://www.greengeckos.com) and look for the forms/doc link. Any questions, please contact Heather Williams at 619-743-5073 or [williams795@cox.net](mailto:williams795@cox.net).

We need your help!



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 averaging incoming funds of \$35 per month from eScrip!!!! It adds up!!! Please take a few minutes and sign up!**

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**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.

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

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

FYI...



Our thanks goes to GES Parent, Peggy Cohen, for putting forth the idea of raising money for Katrina victims. Through "Quarters for Katrina" and bake sales, Green Elementary raised \$657.00 to assist the Red Cross in helping survivors of Hurricane Katrina. Thank you to all who contributed and who helped organize with Peggy!

What Wonderful Kids at Green!

Have you heard of Locks of Love? It is an organization that takes donated hair from hair cuts and then makes wigs for children that are cancer patients. Here at Green we have had a few kids that have taken part in donating their locks to this wonderful project. These remarkable kids are Ally Faillace, Alexandra Anderson, and recently Tate Swain. What awesome thoughts!



Michele Simon, PTA President



Save the Date...

This year's Union Tribune Race for Literacy will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2006. Entry forms will be available in the next few weeks. Be watching your child's folder for more information.

As a participant, each entrant will receive a T-shirt and each child receives a medal and a book.

Last year our Gecko team numbered almost 100... let's see if we can do better this year. Each team over 100 will receive a monetary prize, which can be used for more Running Club prizes!

As an incentive last year, each participant got 2 miles credit on their Running Club card for participating in the 1 mile event! Mrs Patterson and Mr Edwards... Can we do it again this year?

Looking for a Few Good Parents

PTA Board elections will be held at our general meeting in April, which will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2006. All PTA Board positions are open to anyone interested. If you think you may be interested in seeking a Board position, but aren't sure which one, descriptions for each position are available on line ([www.greengeckos.com](http://www.greengeckos.com)). Please also feel free to ask Irene Delgado, this year's parliamentarian, Michele Simon, this year's president, or any of the Board members if you have any questions.

There are no special qualifications for the PTA Board... we are all just parents trying to make the school the best possible for our kids. Remember, the more people that are involved means there's less for each of us to do!

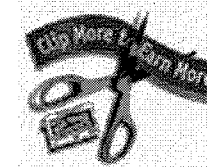
Fundraising Effort Update

I wanted to let you know what a great job you are doing bringing in plastic shopping bags and Keil's grocery receipts. Since we started these fundraising programs, we have collected 20 large bags of bags (much to the enjoyment of many of you who have watched me carry the bags to my car)... and that's \$100.00 to the school already!

We have also collected over \$1,000.00 in Keil's receipts in the first month. We accrue one point per dollar, and then will be able to exchange those points for equipment and/ or supplies for the school at the conclusion of the program at the end of April.

Thank you for all your support. Feel free to laugh and point as I lug those bags to my car... just keep them coming in!!

The next issue for the Gecko Gazette will be April 2006. The deadline to submit information for that issue will be Tues. March 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)



Congratulations to Room 22!  
January's Box Tops Winner

Thank you for your continued support!  
Please keep sending in your General Mills Box Tops so we can meet our goal of \$1,000 this year.

Next collection will be the last week of March.

Thanks! Val Quick  
[mikeandvalq@cox.net](mailto:mikeandvalq@cox.net)

Green Families

Please be aware that there is a special parking space along side the spots of Principal and Secretary that has been saved for the Kleitsch Family. They won the bidding war at our Fall Festival to have the special parking space available to use during school hours AND after school functions as well (ie: Holiday Sings, Award Ceremonies, Jr. Olympics etc.). Please look out for their name KLEITSCH painted on the parking spot. Thank You!



The Kiwanis Club of Grantville – Allied Gardens  
A group of men & women dedicated to changing the World – one community & one child at a time.

Join us for breakfast at the  
Allied Gardens Rec Center  
Every Thursday morning at 7:00 AM  
For more information, call 800-297-2266