

# October

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2	3 Gift Wrap Money Due  Grade Level Meeting 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> 2:30pm	4 PTA Board Meeting 6:30 pm	5 Staff Conference K-2 12:30	6	7 Bar-B-Que Lunch	8
9	10 Grade Level Meeting K-1 2:30 pm	11 PTA General Meeting 6:30 pm	12 Disaster Drill Staff Conference 3-5 12:30	13	14	15
16	17 Grade Level Meeting 2-3 2:30 pm	18	19 Staff Conference K-2 12:30	20 PAC 2:30	21	22
23	24 Whole Staff Meeting 2:30 pm	25 SSC 5:00 pm	26 Staff Conference 3-5 12:30	27	28 Send in Box Tops	29 Fall Festival 5:00 – 8:00 pm
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Dear Families and Friends,

The 2005-2006 school year is well under way and I am so pleased with what I see happening on campus! The children have been hard at work since the first days of school, quickly learning the routines of their new teachers and classrooms. All of the teachers have high expectations for the students and have wasted no time getting right to work on grade level standards.

Children are spending lots of time each day reading and writing. Kinders are learning letters and sounds and the joy of reading. Older readers are exploring different authors and genres. (Ask your child what a genre is!) Two fourth-grade students have already told me about the intertwined series of stories they plan to write together this year!

Children are also learning about how to read informational and expository text during science and social studies lessons. Don't be surprised to see lots of different types of nonfiction work as part of your child's reading work. They also continue to learn about science and social studies concepts through hands-on learning, projects, and field trips.

Math at all grade levels focuses on flexible reasoning and problem solving, asking children to articulate their thinking. Look for teachers to focus on deeper levels of understanding of math concepts alongside computational practice.

Green students are demonstrating their compassion and caring through their community work. Our own students asked if we could somehow help the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Our 'Quarters for Katrina' fundraiser was hugely successful thanks to the generosity of you and your children. Third grade students and families went a step further, sponsoring a bake sale which generated another \$134.16 in donations. Terrific!

The campus is buzzing with serious academic work, daily fitness instruction (including our well-attended running club!), music and art. The staff and children, with your help and support, are working together to make Green Elementary a safe and welcoming place for learners.

Thank you so much for your support, your warm wishes, and your willingness to grow and learn alongside of us.

Green School Rocks!

Sincerely,  
Peggy Crane



Our PTA is committed to sponsoring and providing educationally enriching programs for the students here at Green Elementary. In addition to the money used to enrich classroom curricula, we are currently sponsoring an art teacher in the classroom each month, the La Jolla Playhouse (a touring production to bring live theater to grades 3 to 5), San Diego Zoo (who brings interesting animals to grades K to 2), Recognition assemblies 3 times per year, an annual yearbook, and a garden project both in the kindergarten playground and between the 2nd and 3rd grade classrooms. We are dedicated to the athletic component of our school as well, sponsoring a morning Running Club, and our swim program, wherein every child receives 3 weeks of swim and water safety lessons each year. Last year we provided new tricycles for the kindergarteners, as well as new sand and a cover for the kindergarten sandbox.

To support these and future programs, our fundraising efforts include Sally Foster gift wrap, Fall Festival (a blast!), Box Tops collections, E-script, Jog-A-Thon, and cookie dough sales. As a school, we dedicate a weekend in the spring to "Keep Green Green", when we include all families and staff for a day to spiff up our campus. We also commit to being drug free with Red Ribbon Week, support No TV Week, and show our gratitude to the tremendous staff here at Green with Staff Appreciation Week.

Our general PTA meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 pm in the multipurpose room. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 11. The PTA is a fun way to get involved in school events and to meet many parents, students, and staff. We have lots of volunteer opportunities and encourage everyone to get involved...

"A team is a group of people who may not be equal in experience, talent, or education but in commitment."

*Patricia Fripp*



Many thanks to the hard-working volunteers who came together to create our new school garden beds!! The Lemlers, the Quicks, the Lipschutzes, Susanna Wittrock, Doug Mooney, and Martin Navarre put in many hours to clear weeds, drill/dig post holes, build and install the eight redwood boxes, and fill in the dirt. The results are fabulous! The project was made possible with the support and enthusiasm of our principal, Peggy Crane, and our Green PTA.

The garden is divided into two sites. K-2 students will use the boxes in the kindergarten playground, and grades 3-5 will use the boxes located next to the bungalow on the east side of the school.



THANK YOU to everyone who collects General Mills box tops – we have already raised \$140 this year for our school! Congratulations to Room 35, Ms. Dreyfuss' 2<sup>nd</sup> graders! They collected the most box tops in Sept. and each got a General Mills treat and a sticker. We get 10¢ for each General Mills box top – FREE \$\$\$! Next classroom collection will be at the end of October. Thanks again for your support!!!!

Val Quick.



## Fall Festival Full of Fun!

Join us Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at Green for our annual Fall Festival and Silent Auction.



Dinner with pizza, salad, drink, and dessert is \$5 per plate if pre-purchased, "At the door" dinners are \$6 per plate. Look for the flyer coming soon to reserve your spot! From 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. there will be carnival games where kids win a prize every time, clowns, a cake walk, a Sandy Candy booth, Kids Photo Corner, and a 25 ft. Rock Wall. Tickets will be on sale at the event. Remember to drop off your cake donations and ice chests (labeled please) on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>.

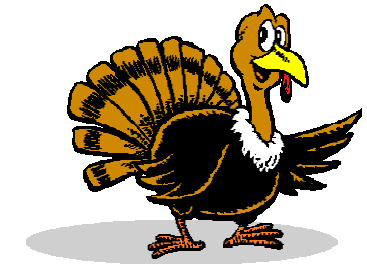
This year the silent auction will be bigger and better than ever! Don't miss out on finding that perfect basket or holiday gift!

If you would like to volunteer for the Fall Festival, we need to fill the following volunteer positions. Just one hour or so. If you have any questions, please call Val Quick @ 466-1075 or email [mikeandvalq@cox.net](mailto:mikeandvalq@cox.net) Thanks for your help.

**Set-up** (food, games, decorations, lighting):  
(whatever hours you are available) 8am-12pm / 3-5pm)

**During Events:** 6-7pm and 7-8pm

**Clean-up:** 8-9pm



## Turkey Trot

Monday, November 14, 2005

3rd grade - 7:40 - 8:10  
5th grade - 8:15 - 8:50  
4th grade - 8:55 - 9:30  
Kinders - 9:50 - 10:35  
1st grade - 10:45 - 11:30  
2nd grade - 1:05 - 1:50

Parents do not miss this fun cross country race around Green School. We still need turkeys (frozen) and pie certificates to be donated. If you are interested, please contact the Physical Education office at 460-5755 x148.

Thank you,  
DeeDee Patterson and  
Rick Edwards

