



# GG PTA's Gecko Express

Semi-Monthly  
Newsletter  
January 14, 2010

## Spend MLK Day in Olympia

- \* Tour the Capitol
- \* See the Governor
- \* Meet with your legislators
- \* March and rally with PTA
- \* Be home by 2:00 pm

The Washington State PTA is holding its annual **Focus Day** on Martin Luther King Day (Monday, January 18th). This is a school holiday, so special activities have been arranged for kids at the event. Learn all about it at [www.wastatepta.org](http://www.wastatepta.org). A charter bus will be leaving from the Federal Way Park & Ride at 7:45 a.m. Seats are \$15 per passenger. To reserve your place, contact Angela Winner ([awinner@comcast.net](mailto:awinner@comcast.net) or 253-333-7210).

This is a great opportunity to do something civic on MLK Day. Every kid should see the Capitol at least once!

## "Save the Date" Jan 26th

### SK8 Night

The first of two skate nights will be Tuesday, January 26th from 6-8 pm. Come skate with other Green Gables friends at Pattison's West!

### General Membership Meeting

Join us for the PTA membership meeting while your children skate. The meeting will be held @ 6:30 in the Pattison's West party room.

### Barnes & Noble Book Fair

Our first ever Barnes & Noble book fair was a success! We raised approximately \$480 for the PTA! MANY, MANY Thanks to ALL who participated and supported the weekend - the staff, the choir, and the students who created art.

**Chess Club:** Congratulations to **David Brown** - winner of the chess club tournament and owner of a new chess set! Thank you to all who participated in the winter chess club. Big Thanks to the volunteers. You were a great help.  
Look for a spring chess club session in March!

The **Green Gables Dinner and Auction** is just a few weeks away. Mark your calendar for **Friday, February 5th!**

We will again be serving a family-style spaghetti **dinner**. This year it will be catered by the culinary program at Federal Way High School. We hope you will join us for dinner. For only \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (ages 3 - 11) and free for ages 2 & under, you can bring your family for a reasonably priced, delicious dinner with lots of auction fun! Send your money in now to take advantage of this great deal. Prices will be \$12 per adult and \$7 per child at the door.

This year we are also offering **childcare** for a nominal fee during the **Live Auction**. For just \$2 per child, they can be entertained while you raise your paddle high bidding on some great items. We have room for only 100 children ages 3 to 11 (must be potty trained). Reserve your child's place now!

In addition to the Dinner Auction event, we also have an exciting **Online Auction** this year. You can bid on exclusive items only available online from the comfort of your home. You can also invite friends and family to join in the bidding no matter where they live. Online bidding will begin February 1st. Watch for more information in the coming days.

### Many Volunteers Needed:

Now through the day of auction:

- 1 volunteer - Online posting of items
- 1 volunteer - Oversee marketing/publicity of event
- Many volunteers - Procure donations & call donors
- 1 volunteer - Shopper (one week before auction)

Day of auction:

- Many volunteers - Set-up (anytime between 9 am and 5 pm)
- 5 volunteers - Registration and Cashier
- 5 volunteers - Runners (moving auction items)
- 3 volunteers - Red-liners (silent auction closes)

Three laptops are needed for registration and check-out. If you have a windows based laptop, which we can install software on & can borrow on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, please contact [lancendebbie@yahoo.com](mailto:lancendebbie@yahoo.com).

*Hope to see you on the 5<sup>th</sup>!!*

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**Spirit Wear** still available. Sizes are limited. Contact Carrie at [craflowski@gmail.com](mailto:craflowski@gmail.com) for more information.