



# GG PTA's Gecko Express

Semi-Monthly  
Newsletter  
November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009



## Fall Food Drive!! Runs November 9th- 24th!

The Fall Food Drive is coming to a classroom near you! This year, the classes will be working collectively to "stock the pantry" and supply a Thanksgiving dinner to some of our Green Gables families. Each class will sponsor a family. Go homes will soon be available with details. Some of the many things we will be looking for are NON PERISHABLE pantry items: cereals, canned fruit and vegetables, pastas, pasta sauce, granola bars, applesauce, crackers, oatmeal, peanut butter and jams/jellies and other items used on a daily basis. The Thanksgiving dinner items will be listed as well, and as usual, we will need donated turkeys for each family.

Any questions- email AJ Otto [ajjbo@comcast.net](mailto:ajjbo@comcast.net)

### "SAVE THE DATE!"

Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6 to 8pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> annual

### Multi Cultural Night Featuring:

"Stamp the passport",  
Parade of Costumes,  
Dance performances,  
International Potluck  
and so much more!

Q's? Contact  
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Or call 253.661.9470

### Time is running out...PTA Reflection Entries are due November 6th!



*Reflections* is a national PTA contest that encourages children to express themselves creatively. This year's theme is "Beauty is..". Entries can be in the areas of literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts, dance, and choreography and film production. Student's entries will be on display in the glass case on the second floor of Green Gables until they are entered in to the contest. All entries must be turned in to the student's teacher by the end of the school day on November 6th. No exceptions. Each participant will receive a certificate and small prize. For more information, please visit [www.ptareflections.org](http://www.ptareflections.org) or call Andrea Lopez at (253) 835-2266.

### PTA Membership Report

GGPTA has 115 members as of Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Members can join anytime throughout the year. If you would like to join, please pick up a PTA order form located outside the PTA office or download it from our website at [GreenGablesPTA.org](http://GreenGablesPTA.org).

The winner of the membership raffle prize of a Family Fun Center round of miniature golf for 4 and large pizza was Lynn LaDoe. Congratulations!!

### WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE STATE IS DOING ABOUT EDUCATION?

The next few years will be an exciting time for education reform in Washington State. Legislative committees are working out the details behind last year's big education reform act. Decisions are being made about allocating funds to schools, increasing accountability, and paying for education. Find out what's happening by sending an email to [awinner@comcast.net](mailto:awinner@comcast.net). I'll help you choose a level of information (daily / weekly / action alerts) that's right for you.

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