



# GG PTA's Gecko Express

Semi-Monthly  
Newsletter  
December 3rd, 2009

**"Multi Cultural Event TONIGHT!" 6-8 p.m.**  
**Bring an appetizer, main dish or dessert of your culture**  
*(American food included)*

## WE NEED YOU!

Do you have 2 or 3 hours to spare? If so, we can use your help. The **AUCTION** is just a couple months away. The more people we can get to help the more successful our auction will be. A full list of volunteer opportunities is posted in the PTA room. Here is a sampling of areas where we need you:

### Digital Photos

Do you have a creative eye and a digital camera? All silent auction items need to be photographed and cataloged.

### Auction Item Procurement

Do you have a favorite local store or restaurant? Using our pre-printed donation letters, can you contact just *five* local businesses for donations? You can do this while running errands or by using your personal relationships.

### Administrative Duties

From stuffing envelopes to data entry, if you are more of a behind the scenes helpers we have many tasks to do.

Give us an hour or two and with your support we will put on the most successful **AUCTION** ever!

For more information contact Stacy Bigby (stacybigby@comcast.net) or stop by the PTA Room.

## Barnes & Noble Book Fair

On **December 11th, 12th, & 13th**, we will be hosting our first ever Barnes and Noble Book fair! The choir will be singing, (12:30 Saturday afternoon) and there will be story and craft time throughout the weekend! Art from various students will also be on display!! All Barnes & Noble items and B&N cafe purchases will count towards our return. Send your friends, families, co workers, and anyone you know a voucher to use to give credit to our school. (Vouchers have been sent home, are also on the website and will be there on hand as well.) Come join us for a little holiday shopping while raising money for our PTA!

## A Round of Applause!

**Congratulations** to the following students for completing the Seattle Kids Marathon this past Saturday. The kids ran a total marathon distance (26.2 miles) including 25 miles in training, and the last 1.2 at the race! Julia Kizis, Freja Kizis, Von Born, Tim Blanton, Brandon Ishise, Preston Alan, Enzo Edery, Tristan Johnson, Nicholas Johnson, Abby Hyde, Janey Hyde, Michelle Kim, Sophia Musiak, Benjamin Musiak, Tyshon Hattori-Lindsey and Deshante Hattori-Lindsey. Way to go runners!!

**Many thanks** to all the families for an AMAZING turnout with our **Fall Food Drive!** This year we were able to provide a Thanksgiving dinner and pantry items to **19 Green Gables families**, and several families at neighboring schools! Pictures are available on the Face book page!

**Special Note:** There is a limited supply of *Green Gables Spirit Wear* that is for sale. Look for it at Multi Cultural Night, December 3<sup>rd</sup>!!

**The Giving Tree** will be located in the school foyer on **December 7<sup>th</sup>** and will have ornaments describing the needs / gifts for the children of Green Gables families in need this holiday season. Each tag will specify details such as gender, age, and gift to donate. If you are able to help, please stop by and pick up a gift ornament or two. Cash donations are welcomed.

Please return **unwrapped** donations to the PTA room starting 12/07/2009. Don't forget to attach the ornament that you selected back on the gift so we know what family it belongs to. All gifts must be delivered to the PTA office no later than **12/17/2009** to allow delivery to the families.