

# Peregrine Flyer

Pleasant Garden Elementary PTA newsletter

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January 2011

## *A note from Mrs. Matthews*

Dear Parents,

Jan. 11, 2011

As we begin our third quarter, or 2nd semester of the school year, I encourage a renewal of commitment to the vision we share as stakeholders for our children at Pleasant Garden Elementary. The Pleasant Garden Elementary vision statement reads, "The Pleasant Garden Elementary staff is committed to excellence in teaching by providing a supportive learning environment that challenges all students to reach their highest level academically and to prepare to become a responsible citizen in a global community." This vision is the anchor that calls for our accountability to every child when we make a decision in our daily walk and school procedures. I take this opportunity to unite parents, students, and staff to push forward in the second semester this year to accomplish this vision for all. As you know with the past few weeks of inclement weather and scheduled days out of school, we have missed many days in school, affecting instruction of our children. It will require all of us to work together to recapture lost time to move our children along the path of accomplishing set goals in the time frame given. Pleasant Garden Elementary has a goal of making a composite score of ninety percent on ABC Goals. The Reading goal is to reach or exceed 77% proficiency. The Math goal is to reach or exceed 90% proficiency. The Science goal for fifth grade is to reach or exceed 89% proficiency. **We can do this! It will take every one to commit to the vision for the remainder of the year! Let's believe in our vision and in our children as we push forward the next five months.**

How can you take an active role in accomplishing the goal of EXCELLENCE for Pleasant Garden Elementary School?

- Keep open lines of communication with your child's teacher
- Ensure your child is rested and prepared for class each day
- Check to make sure your child's homework is complete and in the book bag
- READ, READ, and READ with your child for a minimum of 20 minutes every night
- Encourage your child to always do their best

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you the vision for Pleasant Garden Elementary. We always welcome parents and community members to the school to volunteer and work with staff and children in various tasks. Please contact our volunteer chairpersons, Alice Pawlik or Liz Sherrill, if you can give some time as a volunteer.

I look forward to partnering with you for another exciting and productive semester. I am *very proud* of all that has been accomplished this year in academics and in service learning projects.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Matthews, Principal  
Pleasant Garden Elementary

### Mark your calendars...

- 1/20 - SE Community Forum @ SEHS  
6:30-8:30pm
- 1/21 - Teacher workday (no school)
- 1/24 - Good Citizens @ 8am
- 1/25 - 1/27 - Benchmark testing
- 2/1 - PTA meeting @ 6:15pm
- 2/8 - Report cards go home
- 2/10 - Class Pictures
- 2/11 - Honor Roll Lunch
- 2/22 - Interim Reports go home
- 2/23 - Good Citizens @ 8am
- 2/24 - Early Release @ 12:25
- 2/25 - Make-up snow day
- 3/8 - PTA meeting & 2nd Grade music program
- 3/29 - Teacher workday (no school)
- 3/30 - Good Citizens @ 8am

### \*\*\*\*Make-up snow days\*\*\*\*

Monday, April 18

Tuesday, April 19

Monday, April 25

Friday, June 10

## REFLECTIONS 2010 "Together We Can"

*We would like to recognize all of our Pleasant Garden Reflections participants...Great Job!*

**Kindergarten** - Taylor Davis, Cohen Harris, Marie Amidon (2 entries)

**1st Grade** - Ashley Robinson, Jaylyn Ritter, Miranda Sowers, Victoria Neveu, Klaire Presnell, Ramiyah Simrel, Siena Green (2 entries), Alexander Rodriguez

**2nd Grade** - Carson Davis, Carson Skopelitis, Jadon Coble

**3rd Grade** - Taylor Fordham, Maggie Weatherly, Haley Barber, Clark Hinshaw, Kelsey Skopelitis, Katlyn Williams, Leah Fields, Connor Simmons

**4th Grade** - Madison Greene, Cassidy Truitt, Candice Carty, Mary Beth Johnson (2 entries), Joshua Vickery, Ashli Shell (2 entries)

**5th Grade** - Avery Church (2 entries), Brianna Grubb (2 entries), Victoria Herndon, Sydney Amidon (2 entries), Meredith Haithcock, Jalyn Sams, Danielle Foust, Maddy Hooker (2 entries), Luke Hinshaw, Kayla Madison, Kayana Hartsfeld, Madeleine Haithcock, Mia Carmichael, Payton Greene, Rebecca Oster

**School winners:** Judging for our school entries took place in November and the students below were chosen to move on to compete at County level. Thanks for representing our school well. GREAT JOB! We hope you all had a chance to come view some of the great artwork at our school art show week of Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Visual Arts:** Siena Green, Mary Beth Johnson, Luke Hinshaw, Mia Carmichael

**Photography:** Klaire Presnell, Jaylyn Ritter, Leah Fields, Kayana Hartsfeld

**Music Composition:** Sydney Amidon, Ashli Shell

**Dance Choreography:** Avery Church

**Literature:** Clark Hinshaw, Maddy Hooker, Sydney Amidon, Madeleine Haithcock

**County Level winners:** Results finally came in end of December and our school had 6 students who placed at county. Congratulations! The 1<sup>st</sup> place county winners will move on to compete at the State level. These students were honored at a special Ceremony at the Cultural Arts Center downtown on January 7th.

**Photography:** Klaire Presnell (1<sup>st</sup> place), Jaylyn Ritter (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Kayana Hartsfeld (HM)

**Music:** Sydney Amidon (1<sup>st</sup> place)

**Visual Arts:** Siena Green (Honorable Mention)

**Dance:** Avery Church (3<sup>rd</sup> place)

We hope all our students had a fun time participating in this year's Reflections. We look forward to seeing more great Creativity next year! For those of you already planning, next year's theme is "Diversity Means....."

Vicky Amidon & Danyel Johnson  
PGE Reflections Chairs



## Music Notes



The Greensboro Symphony Orchestra's Brass Ensemble will present a program for the third and fourth grade students on Monday, January 31, 2011 at 9:00am in the multi-purpose room. This program is to help prepare them for the April program that the third and fourth grade students will be attending. They will be able to hear them play and asked questions about the brass instruments. This is an Guilford County event for all third and fourth grade students.

The second grade students will present a musical adventure "Cowboys/Cowgirls Singing Around the Campfire" on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 6:30pm in the multi-purpose room. Come on out and join us on the trail for some singing around the campfire. You are sure to have a great time.

The Guilford County All-County Chorus will be held this year on March 13 and March 14 at Smith High School Auditorium. Every year each school chooses an allotted amount of 5th grade students to participate. Auditions will be held during the fifth grade music classes for any fifth grade student that would like to audition. If your child is interested they will need to have a permission form signed. They may come by the music room to get one. They have also been sent home with each student. We are allotted three students to participate this year. They will work each week with me to learn the music and be responsible to practice at home with a CD that will be provided. Then we will have two rehearsals during the day of March 13 and March 14 with all the students and present a concert to the public on March 14, 2011 at 7:00pm. There are around 200 fifth grade students that are selected for this honor.

The fifth grade students will be attending an opera on February 16, 2011 at the Carolina Theatre. This is free to all Guilford County Students. A permission form will be sent home soon. Please feel it out and return it to school. This is for all Guilford County fifth grade students. Every student must have one to attend.

Mrs. Goncharow

### We have a new art teacher in town!!

I am very excited to be working with the students of Pleasant Garden Elementary to broaden their creativity and create beautiful pieces of artwork which you will soon see in the hallways, so please come visit! I appreciate all of your 'recycle-able art' donations to the art room in the past, we have plenty to work with! **If you would like to donate we could use:** Tissues, Hand Soap (pump), Baby Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Non-Toxic Surface Cleaner, Glue Sticks, and Sponges. I can always use egg cartons for paint trays, and of course any art supplies you are not using, I would be glad to put to use! Thanks so much, and feel free to visit!

Shana Wilkinson, K-12 Licensed Art Educator

## PGE Science Fair winners announced!

The Pleasant Garden Science Fair was held January 5 - 7th. The winners were:

### Kindergarten through Second grade:

First place - Cooper Little (K)

Second place -Cohen Harris (K)

Honorable Mention - Alex Rodriguez (1st )

### Third grade:

1st place - Dylan Woodard

2nd place - August Little

### Fourth grade:

1st place - Ashli Shell

No second place

### Fifth grade:

1st place - Sydney Amidon

2nd place - Kayla Madison

### General Science Category

#### Winners:

1st place - Nigel Minter-Ford

2nd place - Stevie Lee



## calling ALL volunteers!!

**PLEASE** don't forget to log-in your time when you volunteer! Go to [www.gcsvolunteers.com](http://www.gcsvolunteers.com). Once you are logged in, the page will show "Volunteer Registration". Just below where it says Volunteer Registration it states "please click here to log hours that you have volunteered" click on the words and it will take you to the page that allows you to log your day(s) and time(s).

Volunteering is **so very important** for the success of our school. We all have very busy lives, but the time you spend volunteering at PGE, is so valuable to our school, teachers and students! We all can make a difference, and we need **your help!**

Guilford County recognizes and rewards the school that logs in the most volunteer hours. So don't forget, log in your time today!

For volunteer opportunities, please contact Alice Pawlik at [apawlik@triad.rr.com!](mailto:apawlik@triad.rr.com)

## Will you be a lunch buddy?

We are in desperate need of some help with the lunch buddy program. We still have 5 students who need a buddy during their lunchtime. If you have thirty minutes to spare **once a week** then you are perfect for this job! These students are waiting for that special buddy to come and sit with them and talk to them about their day. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to make a difference in a child's life. If interested please email me at [apawlik@triad.rr.com](mailto:apawlik@triad.rr.com). Guilford County Schools require a background check to be filled out online at [www.gcsvolunteers.com](http://www.gcsvolunteers.com). It usually takes a day or two to get it processed. GCS will notify you once it is completed and you are cleared.

Thank you,  
Alice Pawlik, Volunteer Coordinator

## Reminder from Ann Shreve, PTA President...

It's time to start thinking about next year's PTA board and committees. I especially encourage the parents of our younger children (Kindergarten, 1st grade) to get involved NOW! Many of us, that are presently serving, are on our way out and we need YOU to step up and get involved! It doesn't take that much time, you don't have to "live" at PGE, you put in as much time as you want. Running for Resources and our Spring Fling will be coming up soon and we need your help. We (teachers included) depend on our fundraising money. PTA does a lot to provide for our students (honor roll lunches, weekly readers, awards, teacher allotments, etc) and this can all go away if we don't have volunteers to help out! Our next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, February 1 at 6:15pm. See you then!

## [www.SchoolMall.com](http://www.SchoolMall.com)

Congrats to Seth Dennison! Seth won the scooter drawing for turning in the booklets for the [www.SchoolMall.com](http://www.SchoolMall.com) fundraiser. Seth is in Mrs. Murphy's 5th grade class. We had about 100 children return booklets for the contest. There is still time if you want to turn yours in, just give it to your teacher. We had 5 students from PG who are eligible for the Florida family vacation. [www.SchoolMall.com](http://www.SchoolMall.com) is an online shopping mall where over 200 nationally-known online merchants have agreed to give a percentage of sales to K-12 schools. Companies like Walmart.com, Sears, Target, Toys"R"Us, and Oriental Trading Company participate. SchoolMall is a great way to support your school when you shop at your favorite online merchants.

You can also make a tax deductible donation, purchase magazine subscriptions, cookbooks, cookie mixes and gifts through schoolmall.com. Be sure to check it out soon!



*The mission of the Out of the Garden Project is to share love through tangible action to find a way so that no children go to bed hungry.*

Our area Elementary School is Morehead, where our two daughters still attend and two older sons attended. Like many schools it has a high rate of children that receive free or reduced lunches and breakfasts. In August of 2009, my wife and I began offering food on weekends to 10 children in need and their families and other parents at Morehead quickly began asking if they could help. A little more than a year later we now sponsor 12 Guilford County Elementary Schools by way of a backpack program which provides enough food to feed a family of four two meals and a few snacks on the weekends and usually some fresh fruit or vegetables.

When I approached Vera Maddox about helping out at PG I also mentioned that we are interested in providing gardens at schools as service learning projects and also to use the produce to support the Out of the Garden Project. Ms. Maddox then introduced me to Ms. Reid and our dream is off and running. We hope to break ground soon on a garden that will not only allow students the opportunity to learn about gardening, but also learn about sustainability while we use some of the vegetables we produce to support our Project. Although we have not finalized our plans, I hope we can grow several rows of sweet corn and other vegetables that are fairly hearty so they don't squash easily. We will need someone who is willing to till our garden and many students and parent volunteers to plant, care for and harvest the garden. Our first garden is at Centenary UMC in Greensboro and was build as an Eagle Scout Project.

We are excited about this new partnership with Pleasant Garden Elementary School. If you would like to help in any way you may contact us at [www.OutoftheGardenProject.org](http://www.OutoftheGardenProject.org), or see Ms. Maddox or Ms. Reid for more information.

Sincerely,  
Don Milholin  
"Food and Hope for Every Child"

## Student Council News MyCokeRewards.com



We were able to donate 28 BOXES of can food to the Salvation Army in December. They were thrilled to pick up our donation.

Thanks to the parents and students at PGE, many needy families will not go hungry. We hope to have a blood fair in February - look for more information to come home soon!

We now have over 700 points! Go to [www.mycokerewards.com/scrSchools.do](http://www.mycokerewards.com/scrSchools.do) and submit your coke rewards codes to PGE! You can also drop your Coke product caps in the box located outside the main office (near the Box Tops/Campbell's labels box).



## Good Citizens for December



The character trait for December was "Kindness". Kindness is being considerate,

courteous, helpful, and understanding of others. Showing care, compassion, friendship, and generosity. Treating others as you would like to be treated. Congratulations to the following students:

**Kindergarten** - Hannah Barnes, Reagan Carroll, Montserrat Cerda, Hailey Chambers, Brayden Ensor, Caressa Jones, Caitlynn Moore and Mayra Mosqueda. **First grade** - Kimberlyn Durham, Siena Green, Abby Martin, Abigail Rice, Zachary Rumley, Hannah Sizemore, Jabari Woods - Johnson and Stone Venable.

**Second grade** - Jaelon Black, Olivia Carroll, Diajan Clark, Blair Cleavenger, Alyssa Cole, Ayden Jordan, Malik Torrence and Nolan Stevens.

**Third grade** - Ryann Chance, Jade Eason, Noah Gourley, Trevon Hayes, Matthew Johnson, Joshua Payne-Moore, Miya Terry, Abigail Thao.

**Fourth grade** - Cody Blevins, Cassie Cook, Hailey Hylton, Braden McDaniel, Stacia Roth and Brice Sillmon. **Fifth grade** - Mikiah Aiken, Danielle Foust, Sarah Graham, Brianna Grubb, Jaylon Rozier, Zach Shinault, Marlon Summers, Kimberly Yancey.

Join us on **MONDAY, January 24** at 8am to recognize and congratulate our Good Citizens for January.

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*Mission Statement*

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*A BIG THANKS to all who helped sell (and bought) for our World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser. We made... \$11,073.22!! We could not have done it without your support!! Thank you!*

**Box Tops & Campbell's labels!**  
 The contest deadline to turn in Box Tops and Campbell's labels is fast approaching! The classroom **in each grade level** with the most Labels and /or Box Tops will earn a popsicle party at the end of the 2nd quarter! Be sure when sending in your Campbell's labels & Box Tops to include your child's teacher's name/grade.  
 Don't forget to check-out [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). You can receive money saving coupons by email!

**Pleasant Garden Penny Wars**



We collected over \$400.00 during our "Penny Wars". Miss Hall's Kindergarten's class collected \$138!

Their reward was to choose Mrs. Matthews hair color (blue & silver) for the day. Thank you to everyone that contributed - we all made this successful!

**It's not TOO late... to join PTA!**  
 The cost is only \$5 per person. If you are interested, please let your teacher know!

**Spirit Wear reminder - orders are due by Friday, January 28th!!**  
**\*\*If you order a Hoodie, you need to order up a size...the sweatshirts/hoodies are running small.\*\***

**Food Lion & Harris Teeter shoppers - link your cards today!**



We now have 13 MVP cards linked to PGE (that's 10 more since the last newsletter!). PLEASE take 5 minutes and link your MVP card to PGE. Every time you shop at Food Lion and buy selected items, you earn money for PGE. If you shop at Food Lion on the 10th of the month, you will earn PGE DOUBLE POINTS! We will also link your card for you! Email us the name on the card & the MVP number

(all 12 digits) to [ptapge@gmail.com](mailto:ptapge@gmail.com), and we will link you up! Or go to [www.foodlionmvpwards.com](http://www.foodlionmvpwards.com), click the arrow that says "Shoppers register here" and enter your information. It's easy and best of all it's FREE!

**Food Lion #214102**

**Harris Teeter** has a similar program where you can link your VIC card to PGE. We have 21



VIC cards lined now. Go to [www.harristeeter.com](http://www.harristeeter.com), click Together in Education, choose "Link to your school". Or email us your information and we will sign you up!

**Harris Teeter #2857**

Take a few minutes right now and start earning "free" money for PGE! It couldn't get any easier than that! Go ahead, do it right now!

**Pleasant Garden Elementary PTA contacts**

<b>Executive Committee:</b>		
President - Ann Shreve	Vice President - Dana Wyrick	Principal - Sarah Matthews
Treasurer - Jenny McCollum	Secretary - Heather Blake	
<b>Chairpersons:</b>		
Ways & Means - Barbara Haitcock	Membership - Stacie Hill	Box Tops - Heather Blake
Volunteer Coordinator - Alice Pawlik/Liz Sherrill	Hospitality - Barbara Haitcock	Sunshine - Tammy Greene
Communications - Joy Martin	Reflections - Vicky Amidon/Danyel Johnson	
Webmaster - Lindsey Rose/Jennifer Rose	Spirit Wear - Tina Gray/Jodi Bass	Science Fair - Amy Pegram