

Peregrine Flyer

Pleasant Garden Elementary PTA newsletter

<http://schoolcenter.gcsnc.com/pleasantgarden>

June 2011

A note from Mrs. Matthews

Dear Parents and Guardians,

June 1, 2011

Another school year is about to come to an end in a few short days. We have a great deal to be thankful for as we reflect on all of the wonderful accomplishments you have helped our school to reach. As we wait for EOG tests to be over and to get the results, I know each and every child has worked very hard and has grown academically and personally. I am very proud of our staff, students, and parents. This year relationships have formed that will continue to be important in the lives of your children. You have given your time and support to ensure the success of all of our children. The PTA has raised funds to support children, to show appreciation for what teachers do each day, and to provide many supplies and materials that allow for excellence in our school community. The Pleasant Garden Elementary staff appreciates all you do and continue to do each year.

Our school fund raiser, Running for Resources, was a great success because of your donations and shared contacts. Over \$16,000 is now a resource for instructional supplies and technology for the 2011-2012 school year. In a time of budget shortage, this resource will mean that our children will continue to enjoy programs that enhance learning and achievement. We had great fun and many celebrations with happy smiles and laughter. Thank you for making this all a reality for students at Pleasant Garden Elementary.

It is always bittersweet to say goodbye for the summer, but summer months are wonderful for families to enjoy time together. We wish you a very fun-filled and restful summer vacation. I hope you will continue to read with your child; which will help keep reading skills sharp and your child ready to start back to school in the fall. If I can be of any help to you or your child, please give me a call at the school. Thank you for sharing your very special little ones with us this year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sarah Matthews, Principal
Pleasant Garden Elementary

Mark your calendars...

- 5/30-6/7 - Retesting
- 6/8 - PBIS Quarterly Celebration
- 6/9 - 5th grade Awards, Commencement and Luncheon
- 6/9 - PGE Talent Show
- 6/10 - Report cards go home, Awards day & **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!**
- 6/10 - Schedule for Awards Day held in the multi-purpose room:
 - 1st Grade @ 10:30**
 - 2nd Grade @ 10:50**
 - K @ 11:00 (in homerooms)**
 - 4th Grade @ 11:15**
 - 3rd Grade @ 12:00**
- 8/26 - First Day of School!
- 9/5 - Holiday - no school
- 9/14 - Early Release
- 9/24 - Fall Festival

A message from Ann Shreve...

Thank you for allowing me to be your PTA President this year! We have had a good year and I feel like 2011-12 will be even better. I can only speak for myself, but I was completely lost last November when I took this position (not that I am not still lost at times) but I made it through this year with your help! Many thanks to all who have contributed to our program! Next year we are going to be changing our fundraisers to accommodate our needs, when times change we have to as well. Less hands on has been our main focus, although we cannot do any of it without your support, so Thank You in advance. Our first fundraiser for 2011-12 will be SOCKS for the family. More information will be available at open house this fall in your children's homeroom. Our Fall Festival will be on Saturday, September 24, 2011. Rides, slides, games and concessions! We are teaming up with Cooke Amusements (www.cookesamusements.com) for an exciting time. Thanks again everyone! Have a GREAT summer!

Ann Shreve, PGE PTA President

Coming to PGE this FALL...

A new fundraiser: www.thesockfundraisingcompany.com! These socks are of the highest quality and are made for comfort and performance. All of their fundraising socks come with a lifetime satisfaction guarantee. If you are ever unhappy with wear or performance of their socks, they will replace or refund the purchase price. They have been in the sock business for over 20 years and make some of the finest socks in the marketplace.

Program Highlights

Socks are sold in prepackaged multi-pair packs sold at one price point \$15.00.

PGE will keep \$6.00 profit from each sale.

They offer a website for on-line sales to reach out of town friends and family.

There are prize incentive to ensure maximum sales results.

They offer on-going revenue opportunities on reorders through the website.

The orders are packed to the individual student for easy distribution.

There is no charge for shipping the order to the school.

What Can Families Do to Keep Children Reading During the Summer?

As children's first and most important teachers, families have a major role to play in motivating children to read during the summer months. According to the nonprofit organization Reading is Fundamental, there are many strategies families might employ to encourage summertime reading.

Combine activities with books
 Summer leaves lots of time for kids to enjoy fun activities, such as going to the beach or seeing a movie. Why not also encourage them to read a book about the activity? If you're going to a baseball game, suggest that your child read a book about a favorite player beforehand. In the car or over a hot dog, you'll have lots of time to talk about the book and the game.

Lead by example
 Read the newspaper at breakfast, pick up a magazine at the pediatrician's office, or stuff a paperback into your beach bag. If kids see the adults around them reading, they will understand that books and other reading material can be a fun and important part of their summer days.

Talk it up
 Talking with your kids about what you have read also lets them know that reading is an important part of your life. Tell them why you liked a book, what you learned from it, or how it helped you. Soon they might start doing the same.

Help kids find time to read
 Summer camp, baseball games, and videos are all fun things kids like to do during the summer. However, by the end of the day, children may be too tired to pick up a book. Remember to leave some time in their schedules for reading, such as before bedtime or over breakfast.

Relax the rules for summer
 During the school year, children have busy schedules and often have required reading for classes. Summer is a time when children can read what, when, and how they please. Don't set daily minute requirements or determine the number of pages they should read. Instead, make sure they pick up books for fun and help find ways for them to choose to read on their own.

Have plenty of reading material around
 Storybooks aren't the only thing that kids can read for fun. Be sure to have newspapers, magazines, and informational material on hand that might spark the interest of a young reader.

Use books to break the boredom
 Without the regular school regimen, adults and kids need more activities to fill the hours. Books that teach kids how to make or do something are a great way to get kids reading and keep them occupied.

Read aloud with kids
 Take your children to see a local storyteller—or be one yourself. The summer months leave extra time for enthusiastic read-alouds with children, no matter their age. Don't forget to improvise different voices or wear a silly hat to make the story that much more interesting!

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Kids can earn free books just by reading this summer! Check out these offers...

Borders "Double-Dog Dare" - Beginning 6/1/11, kids 12 and under who read 10 books can fill out the form and bring it to a Borders or Waldenbooks store by 9/5/11 to get a FREE book (select titles available)! The closest Borders is in Winston-Salem.

Barnes & Noble "Imagination's Destination" - Beginning 5/24/11, kids in grades 1 - 6 who read 8 books and fill out the downloadable passport with the places they visited for each book, can turn in their passport to a Barnes & Noble store by 9/6/11 for a FREE book (select titles available). www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading

Chuck E. Cheese's "Reading Rewards Calendar" - Kids who read every day for 2 weeks can bring in the completed calendar to get 10 FREE tokens with a pizza purchase at Chuck E. Cheese's. www.chuckecheese.com/promotions/rewards-calendars.php

HEBuddy "Summer Reading Club" - Kids who read 10 books (younger children can have their parents read to them!) can mail in the completed form by October 1st for a FREE T-Shirt! www.hebuddy.com/content/pdf/readingclub.pdf

Greensboro Public Libraries Summer Reading Program One World, Many Stories - •Sign up at your favorite library branch any time during the summer. The sign up period begins June 1. •Decide how many books you would like to read this summer. •Use your Reading Record to write down the titles of the books you read or listen to during each prize period. •Take your Reading Record to the library for one prize each prize period during the summer. Prize Period 1 = July •Prize Period 2 = August Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/Departments/Library/ for more information. **Register to Win Free Tickets to Wet'nWild!** •You're automatically entered in the drawing when you sign up for Summer Reading •Two Drawings - June 24 & July 22 •Winners at each location Also, **Register to Win Free Tickets to the NC Zoo!**

Here are some great (learning & FUN) websites for kids...

When the kids are "bored" this summer, have them check out some of these websites:

Study Island - www.studyisland.com/

Fun Brain - www.funbrain.com/

Fun School - funschool.kaboose.com/preschool/

Starfall - www.starfall.com

Online Stories - kids.aol.com/KOL/1/KOLJrStories

PLUS our own school website has great links under "student pages"

<http://schoolcenter.gcsnc.com/pleasantgarden>

Good Citizens for April & May/June

The character trait for April was "**Self Discipline**". Self Discipline is demonstrating hard work and commitment to purpose. Regulating yourself for improvement and restraining from inappropriate behaviors. Being in proper control of your word, actions, impulses, and desires. Doing your best in all situations. Congratulations to the following students for displaying Self Discipline during **April**:



Kindergarten - Peyton Bowman, Montserrat Cerda, Skyler Cheek, Watson Greene, Reagan Marley, Peyton McCollum, Dennis Ridge and Gabe Welker. **First grade** - Riley Carter, Abby Hooker, Haile McClelland, Madelyn Moser, Kelsey Poston, Alex Rodriguez, Payton Shaw and Kayla Thao. **Second grade** - Tyler Atwood, Austin Banks, Raven Baxley, Hayden Bryant, Michael Bryant, Layla Caldwell, Jayla Miller and Shayne Welborn. **Third grade** - Dylan Anderson, TJ Ash, Walker Graham, Lizet Hernandez, McKenzie Jones, Garrett McCollum, Connor Simmons and Alexis Smith. **Fourth grade** - Macy Bowman, Matthew Elliott, Grace Hazelwood, Anikan Hall, Carson Smith and Ashlyn Travis. **Fifth grade** - Noah Barwick, Bianca Christensen, Madison Fields, Luke Hinshaw, Jemilla Jalloh, Rebecca Oster, Rain Rivera and Kayla Weatherly.

The character trait for May was "**Perseverance**". Perseverance is being persistent in the pursuit of worthy objectives in spite of difficulty, opposition, or discouragement. Exhibiting patience and having the determination and strength to try again when confronted with delays, mistakes, or failures. Congratulations to the following students for displaying Perseverance during **May/June**:

Kindergarten - Lucas Anderson, Skylar Bullis, Tony Edwards, Landon Jones, Shaniya Love, Kiley Mills, Ava Taylor and Davis Winstead. **First grade** - Zamari Baldwin, Phillip Drake, Kaleb Graves, Owen Kellam, Savannah Soto-Martinez, James Meyers and Colin Norris. **Second grade** - Caleb Apple, Hailee Blevins, Matthew Ezell, Kalani Gillion, Tyshad Henderson, Virginia Hufschmitt, James Pegram and Anna Whitt. **Third grade** - Matthew Bruscano, Dylan Coble, Zach Harvell, Brooks Hunt, Ben Matthews, Anna Naylor, Brandon Roberts and Lauren Suddereth. **Fourth grade** - Gaige Borse, Alexander Brown, Naomi Evans, Sydney Murray, Brett Shreve and Tyler Wilson. **Fifth grade** - Tejah Brown-William, Josie Dunlap, Kristopher Gibson, Nathan Kellam, Loren Hemric, Maddy Hooker, Madsion Pait and Parris Tysinger.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 24, 2011**. We have a fall festival planned that will knock your (fundraising) socks off!! We will have a Ferris Wheel, a giant slide, swings, a carousel, games, cotton candy, funnel cakes, popcorn, snow cones and food by Backyard Grill!!

Yes, you can support PGE over the Summer!

You can still help PGE over the summer by shopping at Food Lion (Harris Teeter starts back up in August), online through SchoolMall.com or through MyCokeRewards.com!

Go to www.foodlionmvpreward.com, click the BIG circle that says "Register your MVP card" and enter your information. It's easy and best of all it's FREE! Once you sign up at Food Lion, you don't have to sign up again!

Food Lion #214102



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

Beginning again in August, re-link your card to Harris Teeter before you start shopping. Go to www.harristeeter.com,



under "Community" click Together in Education, choose "Link to your school". **Harris Teeter #2857**

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!

Remember when you drink Coke products, you can "donate" your reward points to PGE! Go to www.mycokerewards.com/scrSchools.do and submit your coke rewards codes to PGE today!



As Always,
Thank You for your Support!

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Mission Statement

The staff of Pleasant Garden Elementary is committed to excellence in teaching by providing a supportive learning environment that challenges all students to reach their highest level of academic achievement. We will foster the development of positive attitudes and behaviors in our students in order to help them become independent, responsible citizens in a global community.

Our NEW PTA website is ready for you!

www.ptapge.org

Check it out for updates and upcoming events!

Email us anytime at ptapge@gmail.com



School Supply Lists...get prepared NOW!

Would you like to get school supplies for **FREE**?? Check out our website (www.ptapge.org) over the summer for sales on items your child(ren) will need to start school next year. Several stores have school supply items for FREE! Check back weekly for updates as many stores will put school supplies on sale **before** the tax-free weekend in August. BTW...the tax-free weekend will be August 5-7, 2011.

Thank YOU Pleasant Garden Elementary students, teachers, staff and parents for helping us all strive for EXCELLENCE!

Pleasant Garden Elementary PTA contacts for 2011-2012

Executive Committee:

President - Ann Shreve

Vice President - Chris Brundage

Secretary - Jill Bennett

Principal - Sarah Matthews

Vice President - Jennifer Evans

Treasurer - Holly Moser

Chairpersons:

Awards - Tracy Walrond

Communications and Webmasters - Carrie & Adam Mitchell

Health & Safety - Kim Brown

Membership - Stacie Hill

Science Fair - Amy Pegram

Sunshine - Tammy Greene

Box Tops / Campbell's Labels - Jen Rose

Hospitality - Joy Martin

Reflections - Vicky Amidon

Spirit Wear - Shana Wilkinson

Volunteer Coordinator - Alice Pawlik

Volunteers it's not too late!!

PLEASE don't forget to log-in your time when you volunteer! Go to 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 questions, please contact Alice Pawlik at apawlik@triad.rr.com.