

Peregrine Flyer

Pleasant Garden Elementary PTA newsletter

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

November 2010

A note from Mrs. Matthews

Dear Parents,
Thank you for your support of our Pleasant Garden Fall Festival. It was a fabulous night! I believe everyone had a great time. The smiles and chatter of our children having fun was a pleasure for all of us. Your donations for prizes and your volunteer hours made the festival a success. I appreciate everything that everyone did and continue to do in making Pleasant Garden Elementary the best elementary school in the county!

As we move into the second quarter of the year, we have had a chance to review data and benchmarks to guide instruction for this quarter. We will be implementing new strategies and continuing with strategies that have a great impact on increased achievement in learning. You may look at our deployment plan for second quarter when you go to the School Improvement

Plan link on the GCS web page. It is important that you join us in a partnership to accomplish and surpass the target goals set for our school this year.

What can you contribute as our school partner? We need you to ensure that your child reads for 20 minutes every night. This is the best way for your child to practice reading skills and reading comprehension. After reading for 20 minutes, please have a conversation with your child about what he/she read. Your teacher can assist you with questions that help with reading comprehension of what your child read. This practice builds not only improved reading comprehension for the present, but will also increase your child's vocabulary which carries a high impact of increasing achievement in high school when your child will take a

college entrance exam, such as SAT or ACT.

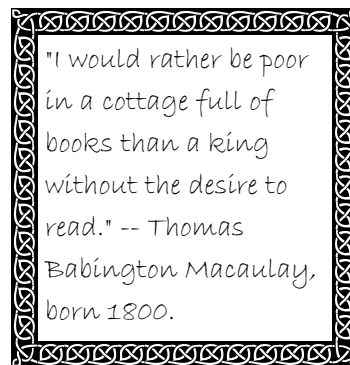
We are also encouraging students to work on Study Island in reading, math, social studies, and science. We will celebrate with monthly Luau's as an incentive to building skills on this computer program. If you have questions about using Study Island at home, please contact your child's teacher or Mr. Herbin, technology teacher.

Thank you for your help in making sure we meet our goals of excellence this school year. If I can help you with any questions or concerns, please call me at 336-674-4321. I hope that you and your family have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving Holiday. Our blessings this year are many. Thank you for allowing me to serve your children and family.

Sincerely,
Sarah Matthews, Principal

Mark your calendars...

- 11/19 - Bounce party for candy sale
- 11/24 - 11/26 - Break - no school
- 12/5 - Town of Pleasant Garden Christmas parade @ 2pm
- 12/6 - Interim reports go home
- 12/7 - PTA meeting at 5:45pm & Holiday iPods music program (3rd & 4th grades) at 6:30pm
- 12/15 - Good Citizens @ 8am
- 12/22 - 1/3 - Break - no school
- 1/4 - 1st school day of 2011



A note from our PTA President...

Wow the Fall Festival was fantastic! I would like to thank the **parents** for all of the donations. Thank you **teachers, office staff** and **volunteers** for your time to man all the stations and games that made the Fall Festival possible, we could not do it without **you!**

Special thanks to: **Brett Wagner** for the lighting that made it possible for everyone to actually see what was happening! **Mr. B** for stepping up and organizing the games and just being an all around TEAM PLAYER! And to **Barbara Haithcock and her crew** for the fantastic job they did with the food for fall festival and honor roll lunch! *I heard the chicken was very good!* Also, congratulations to Barbara Haithcock on winning the 50/50 raffle.

I truly hope you all found the experience as rewarding as I have. It is just so wonderful to be part of something that brings so much fun and joy to our children and benefits our school!

Please remember that our next PTA meeting is on Tuesday, December 7th at 5:45pm in the media center. It will be followed by a program starring our 3rd and 4th graders in the multi-purpose room!! See you there!

Sincerely,
Ann Shreve

Attention ALL Volunteers / Chaperones!!

If you have been a chaperone on a field trip or if you volunteered at the Fall Festival, even if it was for 30 minutes, PLEASE don't forget to log-in your time!

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!

If you want to volunteer, please contact Alice Pawlik at apawlik@triad.rr.com!

Thanks to all who participated in our World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser! Heather Paschal was the top seller with 15 boxes! WOW that's impressive! Thank you!

Student Council News

The Salvation Army picked up 225 coats on October 29th that were donated by YOU, for the Give A Kid A Coat program! WOW! Thank you for your participation!

We collected 191 lbs of aluminum cans for the Guilford County School Recycling Challenge! We did not win, however we had a great response and appreciate all who participated.

The Student Council will be collecting nonperishable food



items such as cereal, rice and canned foods for the Salvation Army until December 17th. Send in donations to your teacher.

The Student Council and the Jazzy Jumpers will represent our school in the PG parade on Sunday, December 5th at 2pm. Come out and support us!



132!!!!!!

Honor Roll Students

Congratulations to all of our 132 Honor Roll Students that made A's and B's on their report card! **Backyard Grill** and our PTA hospitality committee provided an extra special lunch for these students on Monday, November 15th. Way to go PGE honor roll students!

Reflections update!



You are invited to an art show displaying all of our school Reflection entries from Thursday, Nov. 18 - Tuesday,

Nov. 23 during school hours. Just drop in any time throughout the day. You will see the School winning entries and be able to see all of the wonderful artwork

our students turned in during this time. The Art Show will be set up in the Multi-purpose Room in the back left corner. Come see all the great Photography and Visual Arts! *All students will be able to stop by the art show any day during school hours with their teachers and classes.* Winners will be announced in our next newsletter.



Science Fair news...

The Pleasant Garden Science Fair will be held on December 16, 17 and 20th in the multi-purpose room. The projects will be set up on Dec. 16, judged on Dec. 17 and viewed by the school on Dec. 20. ALL Science Fair projects must be displayed on an approved display board and accompanied by a research plan (grades 3-5), an approval form and an abstract (grades 3-5). Science display boards will be available from the PTA.

Science Fairs provide an opportunity for students to develop an idea, to plan, research and to design a display for sharing their findings with the larger community. This opportunity is open to all elementary school students.

Why participate?

Science fairs help students learn to recognize problems, plan an experiment, gather, analyze data and draw conclusions. Students gain self-confidence and the respect of peers. Often a science project will revitalize a student's interest for extra-curricular research.

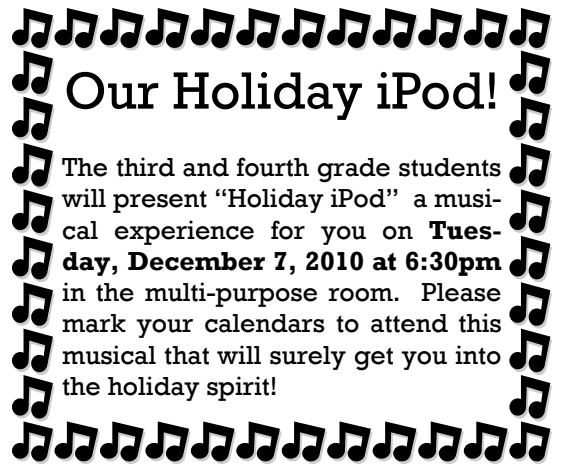


If your child is interested, please contact their teacher.

Lunch Buddy program

We are in desperate need of some help with the lunch buddy program. We have 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 contact or email Alice Pawlik at apawlik@triad.rr.com.

Thank you,
Alice Pawlik, Volunteer Coordinator



Our Holiday iPod!

The third and fourth grade students will present "Holiday iPod" a musical experience for you on **Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 6:30pm** in the multi-purpose room. Please mark your calendars to attend this musical that will surely get you into the holiday spirit!

Pleasant Garden Penny Wars

Each classroom has been collecting money to benefit the United Way and you still have time to contribute! We are collecting gold, silver, or even GREEN until **November 19th**. The winning class will have the privilege of choosing Mrs. Matthew's hair color for one day! We sincerely thank you for your help and participation during this event!



Join PTA by December 13th!!!



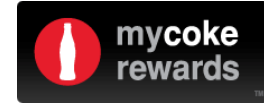
Run, don't walk, to join PTA! The classroom that has **100% membership** will earn a special award! The current classroom standings are: Mrs. Gray (12), Miss Hall (11), Mrs. Bass (9), Mrs. Lipstreu (9), Mrs. Garner (9), Ms. Cole (9), Mrs. Reison (9), and Ms. Fann (9). All parents and grandparents can join PTA!

Did you know by joining PGE PTA, you are apart of PTA.org and can receive discounts from these benefit providers:



My Coke Rewards

We now have over 400 points, thanks to a very generous donation! Go to www.mycokerewards.com/scrSchools.do and submit your coke rewards codes to PGE!



Do you shop at Food Lion? Let's get your card linked...



We have 3, count 'em, 3, MVP cards linked to PGE. Please take 5 minutes of your time and go to www.foodlion.com and

link your MVP card to PGE. Every time you shop at Food Lion (or Harris Teeter) and buy selected items, you earn money for PGE. If you shop at Food Lion on the 10th of the month, you will earn **DOUBLE POINTS!**

We can also link your card, send us your information and we'll do it for you! Email us the name on the card & the MVP number (all 12 digits) to ptpage@gmail.com, we will link your card for you.

Food Lion #214102

Go to www.foodlionmvpwards.com, click the arrow that says "Shoppers register here".

If you shop at **Harris Teeter**, we will link your VIC card for you too. It couldn't get any easier than that! Go ahead, do it today!

Harris Teeter #2857

Go to www.harristeeter.com, click Together in Education, choose "Link to your school".



Good Citizens for October and November

The October character trait was "**Respect**". Respect is showing high regard for other people, for self, for property, and for country. Understanding that all people have value as human beings. Congratulations to the following students:

Kindergarten - Marie Amidon, Taylor Martin, Peyton McCollum, Dennis Ridge, Kaylee Sudderth, Alex Thomas, Jordan Williams and Grace Wyrick.

First grade - Nicholas Branch, Selena Collins, Alayna Coltrane, Adriana Krizan, Branson Marley, Zoe Runley, Ralph Saleeby and Cy Wolosion. **Second grade** - Caleb Apple, Nicholas Grubb, Savannah Hall, Andre Janovik, Evan Johnson, Ally Lechere, Kevin Marley and Bayne Welborn.

Third grade - Haley Barber, Chris Becker, Catylyn Craven, Leah Fields, Elmier Ford, Walker Graham, Clark Hinshaw and Shane Strickland.



Fourth grade - Wade Cleavenger, Madison Greene, Katelyn Hutchinson, Cailey McClellan, Dakota Pettigrew and Davis Sizemore. **Fifth grade** - Alex Garrett, Jax Hackett, Kayana Hartsfeld, Makayla Jones, Kaelyn Kennedy, Rebecca Oster, Parris Tysinger and Dalton Wilson.

The character trait for November 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 - Ryan Brown, Cooper Little, Carleigh Metz, Taylor Oliver, Audrey Ridge, Noah Shaw, Ty Straub and Nathan Underwood. **First grade** - Carson Fields, Gracie Garrett, Kendall Harris, Mackenzie Hed-

rick, Adam Issa, Munirah Jalloh, Haven Moore and Jaylyn Ritter. **Second grade** - Joshua Bryant, Layla Caldwell, Katelynn Edwards, Sara Edwards, Emily Evans, Kamden King, Cameron Lattimore, and Carson Skopelitis. **Third grade** - Joshua Brown, Abdullah Jalloh, JonCary Mason, Jennifer Merino, Haven Ramm, Shelby Triplett, Summer Underwood and Dylan Woodard. **Fourth grade** - Sarah Bullock, Marlandis Reaves, Jarrod Rone, Ashli Shell, Cassidy Truitt, and Joshua Vickery. **Fifth grade** - Makalya Bowen, Mikayla Curtis, Madison Fields, Meredith Haithcock, Moraviah Hall, McKenzie Hedrick, Loren Hemric & Logan Mason.

Join us on Dec. 15 at 8am to recognize and congratulate our Good Citizens for December.



**Spirit Wear orders and money are due NO LATER THAN
Tuesday, November 23!**

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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.



A HUGE THANK YOU to **Backyard Grill** for providing the delicious chicken sandwiches and hot dogs for our fall festival!

A HUGE THANK YOU also goes to **Walmart** on Elmsley Court! Wal-Mart donated \$500 towards our fall festival!

**PGE earned \$1,865 - from Box Tops!****Did you notice??**

Did you know that our school earned **\$1,865** last year just by turning in box tops? No kidding! There are so many ways for our school to earn **bonus** box tops. Our **goal** for the 2010-2011 school year is **\$2,288**.

Shopping for Christmas? Check out Box Tops Marketplace (btfe.com/marketplace); become a member; shop online at over 100 retailers (Target, Walmart, Barnesandnoble.com, Sears, Lands' End, Home Depot, etc.); up to 15% of your qualifying purchase will be automatically donated by the retailer to PGE! What could be easier? BTFE.com is

a great source for recipes, gift tag ideas, coupons & more!

Be sure when sending in your Campbell's labels & Box Tops to include your child's teacher's name/grade. 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! This is a great way to help our school just by purchasing the things you use on a daily basis!

Our gym roof project has been completed! We have new windows and newly refinished floors compliments of Pleasant Garden Basketball Association. Thank you for your patience while we completed this very important improvement project!

**Healthy Lifestyle Tips From PTA.org****Get Active**

Kids should be getting at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day.¹ Students are moving less and are sitting more; recent data shows that students ages 8-18 are spending an average of 7 ½ hours using computers, video games, cell phones and movies every day.² Parents can set an example and make exercise both a personal and a family habit.

- Take a family walk around the block each night after dinner.
- Encourage your children to take advantage of local sports facilities or to join a team.
- Put music on and dance around your home.

Work with OTHER PARENTS

Start a walking club, plant a community garden, organize a sports day, plan a healthy recipe cook-off, or put together another community health event. PTAs are eligible for funding and can find resources to implement their ideas through the PTA Healthy Lifestyles program (PTA.org/HealthyLifestyles).

Take Action at School

Speak up for an improved school wellness policy. Take a look at the school's nutrition education and physical activity goals; nutrition guidelines for foods available on the school campus; and involvement opportunities for families, school leaders, and the community. Get in touch with the school district office for details.

Join PTA

The National Parent Teacher Association® (PTA®) comprises millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of family engagement in schools. Join PTA and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of our children. Visit PTA.org.

1. CDC 2008: <http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/children.html>
2. Kaiser Family Foundation 2010: <http://www.kff.org/entmedia/upload/8010.pdf>

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