

Happy Holidays to GRE,

Traditionally we look at this time of year as the “time for giving”. For GRE PTA we give throughout the school year.

I want to thank all those that give their time. Tammy Simons organized a successful clothing sale again this year, thank you. The money raised will be used for in class programs, field trips, Accelerated Reader, and many others. Thank you Kim Graves and others associated with Accelerated Reader. This is a fantastic program that helps all our children. Thank you Lori Elvera for keeping the ExCEL programs in line. Thank you Marlo Butler and Alex Ryckman for putting on a great Boys Event. Thank you Amy Warthen for helping our children read better through PALS. Thank you Joanne LaFond and Kristen Mavis for making things a little easier through Hospitality. Thank you Tamra VanNorstrand for educating our children during Red Ribbon Week. Thank you Marnie O’Connor for handling membership. Thank you Amy Schneider for taking over Reflections. Thank you Katie Sheehan for doing the talent show that everyone loves and organizing the room parents. Thank you John Sileo for putting on the Girls event. Thank you Meg Casey for your continued work on SCRIP. Thank you Shelly Dugger for making our children’s birthdays a little more special. Thank you Jayme Piegat for looking after our children’s physical health through Wellness. Thank you Tracey Tiedman for doing the yearbook. Thank you Mike Merino for keeping the PTA website going. Thank you Missy Stipp for the Senior Breakfast that’s always a hit. Thank you Kim Bearden for Hand in Hand. Thank you John Sturm for a Carnival we all look forward to. Thank you to Dan Elvera for leading a successful Finance Committee. **A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERS THROUGH ANY ONE OF THESE COMMITTEES!!**

To the PTA in general thank you. As of the December 2nd PTA meeting we voted to give the school \$48,000 dollars to purchase document cameras and projectors and have them installed in all 24 classrooms!! This still leaves about \$17,000 to figure out what to do with. This will be discussed and hopefully decided on during the January 13th PTA meeting.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank the PTA Board. You do an incredible job!!

I hope everyone has a special and safe Holiday Season.

Tom Stipp