

Raccoon Tales

from GRE PTA
December, 2011



Next Member Meeting: Monday, December 12, 7-8pm in the Library
Board Meeting: Friday, December 9 at 1:30pm

News From the Board

Thank you to Rhonda Browne for stepping up and taking on the role of Vice President with the GRE PTA! We really appreciate you joining us and are excited to work with you this year!

We are in need of more volunteers for the Board. Open positions are President Elect, 2nd Vice President and Parliamentarian. If there is not a President elected for the 2012/13 school year, Colorado PTA has the ability to close GRE PTA and remove all of our money and disburse it to other Colorado PTAs! So let's not let the money our families have raised disappear. Please get involved! Please contact a current Board member with questions of any of the Board positions and required duties.

YEARBOOK Pictures Needed

Halloween and Red Ribbon Days just occurred, Holiday parties are fast approaching, and the yearbook committee needs your pictures. Do you have a Watch D.O.G.S. day coming up? Don't forget your camera, because we would love shots in the classroom as well. If you have pictures from these or any GRE events email Carla Shepherd at greyearbook@yahoo.com To send pictures to the yearbook committee please go to www.community.lifetouch.com and enter access code DRJURT.

You will be asked to set up an account and will be able to upload pictures directly to the yearbook website. Thank you to those that have already uploaded pictures! to find out how quickly and easily you can upload them to the yearbook website! The yearbook committee is also looking for a sales team. Sales will start in January and this team will be responsible for sending out flyers in Friday folders, collecting money and orders, submitting orders to the website, and distribution when the yearbooks come in at the end of the year. If you are interested in helping email Carla Shepherd at greyearbooks@yahoo.com.

Talent Show

The PTA sponsored talent show auditions " A Star is Born!" are approaching quickly! All acts need to be under 2 minutes and have elementary appropriate content. Try outs are January 19th and 20th after school. There will be a sign up sheet. The 2012 talent show will take place the evening of Friday February 10th in the GRE auditorium. Volunteers are needed to help with stage set up and decorations and student supervision during the February 8th after school dress rehearsal and the night of the performance.

Please email questions or offers of help to Kimberly Graves at keithnkim@aol.com.

The talent show is for grades K - 6 and creates a fabulous opportunity for our stars!

Science Fair Is Coming!

Start thinking of cool science fair projects. The science fair will be held Wednesday February 29th through Friday March 2nd. On February 29th will be setting up projects. March 1st is judging during the day and science fair dinner at night. Awards will be given out on March 2nd. You can download the science fair manual by going to the GRE website, to helpful links then go to science fair manual. The manual will tell you rules for science fair, ideas on projects and how to set up your science fair board. This year we will be rewarding the class who has the most science fair participants with a pizza party. Registration forms will be sent out in January. Please call Kristie Peterson for any question 303-904-4201.

Community Nights

We have several ideas brewing for some fun and different Community Nights over the next 3 months, including Parents' Night Out, Family Bingo Night and a few more ideas.

Next Community Night for December is Monday, December 12th from 4-8pm. Please support GRE PTA while eating a yummy meal at Chick Fil A! Just say you are with Governor's Ranch Elementary school, whether you are inside or in the drive-thru, and they will donate 15% of proceeds to GRE PTA.

Do you have a suggestion or idea of what we can do for a Community Night? Let a Board member know and we will look into it!

Volunteer Opportunities

Ongoing

We are looking for a **Hospitality Committee Chairperson** for the school year. Obligations would include planning and organizing meals for teachers for Fall and Spring Conferences, a catered lunch

for Teacher Appreciation Days in the Spring, and helping the front office with a retirement party at the end of the school year for any retiring staff.

We are also looking for someone to "shadow" Tamra VanNorstrand in learning to be the **ExCEL Committee Chair** for teachers at GRE. What this would entail is receiving requests from the teachers and staff for PTA funds for programs and field trips for their classes and filling out the appropriate paperwork to get teacher's the PTA funds and keeping a spreadsheet up-to-date with any money spent from each teacher.. Each child at GRE has allocated amount from PTA money to help offset the costs of field trips ad programs. Tamra is looking for someone to take over this Committee for the 2012/13 school year, so it'd be great to have someone to help her out and learn the ropes this year.

We are also looking for a **Co-Chair for the Talent Show** scheduled in February. Please help us out to make sure that this wonderful fun-filled evening takes place! It is always a great time with lots of laughs and fantastic talent from the students of GRE.

Wellness Committee

Girls On the Run had a great season and all of the girls who participated in the program also participated in the The Race for Fetal Hope 5K on November 13, 2011 and this year there were over 30 girls who came out for the program! Also, I would like to thank the owners/instructors from Exclusive Martial Arts for running the after school karate program in October where our students were able to participate in Karate for 3 weeks fro \$20 with ALL OF THE PROCEEDS come back to GRE and Mr. Anderson to purchase new Gym equipment. We had over 60 GRE students participate! Also, like to let everyone know the Wellness Committee is working hard to develop some new and exciting programs coming after Winter Break and will be looking for volunteers starting in January!

Red Ribbon Week - Follow Up by Rhonda Browne

This year's "Believe, Achieve, Succeed Drug Free" Red Ribbon Week celebration was an educational experience for all. Thank you to those of you who participated in the slogan contest. Special congratulations to Mrs. Woyzdiak's 2nd grade class for having the most entries!

I would like to thank Sergeant Everhart from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for taking the time to speak with the 5th and 6th grade students and the American Lung Association for the "Living Lung Exhibit". I would also like to thank the following companies for their generous donations to this very important week. Without the help of our community this week would not be possible: Sherwin Williams Paint Company, Yogurtland, Chick-Fil-A (Wadsworth and Crestline), Chipotle (Wadsworth and Crestline), Nella's Frozen Yogurt, Browne Brothers Painting

Thank you and we are all looking forward to a great year!

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