

# Gecko Gazette

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## Calendar

### August

- 10 - Gecko Gazette Sent Home
- 12 - GPA Meeting @ 3:15 PM
- 18 - Early Release (11:30 AM)
- 20 - Assembly - 1 PM
- 27 - Gecko Gazette Deadline 2 PM

### September

- 1 - Early Release (11:30 AM)
- 2 - Fall Picture Day  
No Library/Computer
- 3 - Gecko Gazette Sent Home
- 6 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- 9 - GPA Meeting @ 3:15 PM
- 15 - 40th Day of School
- 24 - Box Tops Due  
Attendance Ceremony, 1:45 PM  
End of 1st Quarter  
Gecko Gazette Deadline 2 PM
- 25 - Fiesta Sahuarita  
5K/1 Mile Run 8:00 AM  
Fiesta 3 PM - 8 PM
- 30 - Early Release  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

GEA's Web Site:  
[www.geageckos.org](http://www.geageckos.org)

GPA's Web Site:  
[www.geckoparents.org](http://www.geckoparents.org)



GEA's teachers and staff design posters welcoming students back to school.



## GPA

Welcome Back! We are looking forward to a wonderful new school year full of fun things and great parent participation!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Volunteer Meeting - you are now set to volunteer in many capacities at the school. If you were not able to attend the meeting, and would like to volunteer, please contact Cari Hoover in the office to make arrangements for a make-up meeting.

The first GPA meeting will be held August 12th at 3:15 p.m. in the library. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend! This is a wonderful way to meet new parents and get involved.

Our first fundraiser this year will be "Original Artworks". We will soon be sending home information regarding this unique fundraiser. Collecting Box Tops and ink cartridges are a way to help the school throughout the entire year.

## New Teachers

Reporters: Cory and Elizabeth  
(Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)



Our new 7th grade teacher Mrs. Chapin was born in Tucson, AZ. She has been teaching for 36 years. Her favorite subject to teach is Reading.

Her goal for the year is to build a community of great thinkers and problem solvers and get them ready for 8th grade!

Reporters: Nandini and Michael  
(Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)



G.E.A. has three new teachers. One of them is Mrs. Voorhees. She is from Illinois. She teaches 2nd grade. She has been teaching for 15

years. Her favorite subject to teach is art and reading. She said G.E.A. is an exciting school. She said she wasn't nervous when she got here because everyone was so nice.

Reporters; Alexis and Hunter  
(Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)



Our new eighth grade teacher is Mrs. Edwards. She has been teaching students for 9 years, and 3 years for adults. That's a total of 12 years! Her favorite subjects are Math and

Science. If Mrs. Edwards was not a teacher, she would be a muckraker. That means she would make companies tell the truth about what they do. We hope she has a great year teaching eighth grade.



# The Storm



## (Monsoons)

By Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade

On the 27th of July, it stormed really hard. We got over 3 inches of rain. In the morning it was a bright and sunny day, until it rained. Everyone wanted to see the rain at first. Nobody brought their umbrellas, so everyone was drenched. It was very hard to see. Mr. Mark got drenched! Hope it does not rain like that again.



## Interviews of New Students

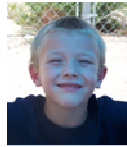
Reporters: Sara & Richard (Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)

Mike A. From Mrs. Puckett's kindergarten class is 4 years old. He loves baseball. He went to California during summer break. He also wants to be a police officer when he grows up.



Reporters: Julien & Hailey (Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)

There is a new student in Mrs. Grant's class. His name is Noah C. He likes his teacher, and he can't wait to get on a computer. He likes his class, and he likes his classmates.



Reporters: Richard & Sara (Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)

Hunter C. is in Mrs. Lynch's Kindergarten class. His favorite sport is soccer. Hunter wants to be a dentist when he grows up.



Reporter: Matthew (Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)

On July 26, 2010, I interviewed Wesley F., a second grader. It was his first time being interviewed, but he did just fine. So far, I think he might be liking this school. He does not have a talent, but he once went to Legoland. I think he will have a very good school year.



Reporter: Isabella (Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)

On July 26, 2010, I interviewed Reid T. He had not been interviewed before in his life. I asked him what his favorite color was, and he said it was orange. He also said his favorite cartoon was Sponge Bob. He also said his favorite animal was a snake.



Reporters: Skylar & Jacob (Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)

Taylor A. is in Ms. Cruse's 3rd grade class. He loves to ride four wheelers. His favorite music is rock and pop. He loves chocolate. His favorite subjects in school are Art and PE.



Reporters: Jacob & Skylar (Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)

Kyrie is in Miss Siebert's 3rd grade class. She loves to ride four wheelers. Her favorite music is country. She loves to eat chocolate. Her favorite subject in school is Art.



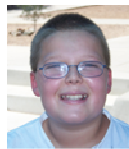
Reporters: Bria & Jacob (Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)

Iona is a new student in Ms. Janine's 5th grade class. Her favorite subject is writing. She can't wait to go to the Library because she loves to read. Welcome, Iona.



Reporters: Miguel & Sean (Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)

Jacob is a new student in Mrs. Hunt's fourth grade class. He is loving fourth grade so far. Jacob loves being at Great Expectations.



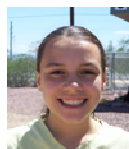
Reporters: Ashley & Brian (Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)

We have just interviewed Alexa from Mrs. Chapin's 7th grade class. Here are a couple of simple questions about our school and her answers. What is your favorite subject in school? She likes math the best. What do you like about our school? It's bigger than her old school.



Reporters: Bria & Jacob (Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)

Natalya is another new 5th grade student in Ms. Malcolm's class. She has a younger brother in Kindergarten. Her favorite subject is science. We hope you have a wonderful year at Great Expectations Academy.



Reporters: Lauren & Brady (Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)

In Mrs. Mohler's 6th grade class, there is a new student, Kristen. Her favorite books are the Percy Jackson series. She likes the new classroom. Let's hope she has a great school year.



# Interviews of New Students (Continued)

Reporters: Julien and Hailey  
(Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)

There's a new student in Mrs. Salerno's 1st grade class. His name is Brandon D. Brandon likes his teacher and his new school, but he misses his old school. His favorite subject is reading. We hope he has a great year.



Reporters: Alexis and Hunter (Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)

There's a new eighth grade student. Her name is Angelena A. She thinks this school is great. She likes all her subjects equally. Angelena likes her teacher, Mrs. Edwards. She does not miss her old school. Her best friend's name is Megan. We hope she has a good year.



## Geckos

(GEA's School Mascot)



### Information for Gecko

By Hanna, Kit and Kelsey (Miss Siebert's 3rd Grade)

Hey guys! You wanna learn about Geckos? Guess what, geckos? We have information about our mascot! Come on, let's learn!

Did you know.....

- Most geckos have sticky toe pads, composed of microscopic Velcro-like hooked bristles (called setae) on the bottom of the feet. A gecko's bristles allow them to climb well even on smooth surfaces or upside down.
- A gecko can detach its tail if caught by a predator, and can grow a new tail.
- Geckos shed their skin every six weeks or so in warmer weather.
- Geckos have two transparent eyelids which are permanently fused together. They can't blink, but use their spoon-like tongues frequently to clean their eyelids.

### Smooth Facts about Geckos

By Kelly (Miss Siebert's 3rd Grade)

Geckos are very interesting animals. There are over 1,000 different species. The largest geckos, the Kawekaweau, is over 24 inches long. The smallest gecko, the Jaragua Sphaero, is 16 mm long. They come in all colors. The gecko's toes have over 1,000,000 hairs. They can stick by pulling back on vertical and horizontal surface. Those are some smooth facts about geckos!



### The Geckos

By Rick with thoughts by Mike and Warren (Miss Siebert's 3rd Grade)

A life about Geckos is lots of fun. Geckos could be pets. Did you know that Geckos can live up to 15 years or 20? Did you know that Geckos are smart? Did you know that Geckos have teeth? Do you want to know why? They can climb because they have suction cups on their toes. They are nocturnal animals. They have microscopic hairs. They have really good eye site. They have big eyes. There are over 800 types of Geckos. The large Geckos eat mice and rats. Geckos can have one or two eggs every six weeks. Geckos can bite. Desert Geckos have fringed feet to run easily through the dirt. Geckos live all over the world except Antarctica because it is so cold there. Some types of Geckos are poisonous. They can eat insects and fruit. The oldest gecko was 36 yrs. Old. They cannot blink. They clean their eyes with their tongue. Did you know there is such a thing as a flying Gecko? That is all about the life of Geckos.

### The Geckos' life!

By Abrielle (Miss Siebert's 3rd Grade)

Gecko's are great Intelligent animals. The first thing I get to tell you about gecko's is that lots of gecko's are related to the family of Gekkonidae. They also say there are an estimated 2,000 different species. That's amazing! Leopard Gecko's were first described as a species by the British. There is also the Tokay Gecko which is the second largest gecko in the gecko species. Oedura geckos can go for months without food or water. This is the life of lots of Geckos.

### Great Geckos!

By Victoria and Rebekah (Miss Siebert's 3rd Grade)

This article is all about geckos. Boy geckos do push up to get at mate. Geckos have sticky feet so they can walk on walls and ceilings. Geckos can fly and all geckos shed their skin in case their skin gets too small. Geckos can camouflage into any color.

### Amazing Geckos

By Christina (Miss Siebert's 3rd Grade)

Geckos are small to medium-sized and live in warm places. Geckos can be as small as 3/4 of an inch long and as big as 14 inches long. Geckos are the only lizards with voices. They make a squeaking or clicking noise that sounds like "gecko". That is how they got their name.

A gecko's sticky toe pads allow it to climb really well. Their eyelids are transparent, but they don't blink. They use their tongues to clean their eyelids. They have excellent eyesight.

Desert geckos have fringed feet. This helps them run across sand easily. Flying geckos have webbed toes, feet, and tail. This helps them glide through the air.

There are over 1,000 different types of geckos. They hatch from eggs. The smaller geckos live for about 15-20 years. The oldest gecko lived 36 years. It was called the Duvaucel Gecko.

Female geckos can lay 2 eggs every 6 weeks. Geckos also eat fruit and insects. Geckos can regrow their tails and are very smart. Geckos can also climb any surface, and have microscopic hairs. Geckos are wonderful and interesting animals to keep and watch.

# 5th Grade

By: Megan (Ms. Malcolm's 5th Grade)

Fifth grade is great! So far, we've done one project! All About Me. We had to fill out a timeline, draw a family picture, and make a pipe-cleaner person representing us. We are also writing our first book, in science we are studying water and water molecules, and since we are learning about explorers and the trade route in Asia, for a Social Studies project we're doing a trade route in our classroom! This is going to be a great year!



## Crispy Skillet Cookies

This old recipe for no bake cookies is a real winner. The richness of the melted dates and the crispiness of the cereal are a fabulous contrast.

Prep Time: 25 minutes  
Yield: 2-3 dozen cookies

### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup chopped date
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2-1/4 cups crispy rice cereal
- Powdered Sugar

### Preparation:

In large saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Remove and add sugar and dates, mixing well until combined. Return to heat and cook, stirring constantly, for 4 minutes. Then add beaten egg, and cook, stirring constantly, until the ingredients are all melted together. Add vanilla and crispy rice; remove from heat. Stir until combined.

Drop mixture by teaspoonfuls into powdered sugar and shape into balls. Store covered in refrigerator.



First day of school photos.

July

Julia (2nd)	7/02
Lucas (5th)	7/05
Jordan (2nd)	7/02
Alexander (3rd)	7/05
Jordan (3rd)	7/05
Clark (Kinder)	7/08
Kyrie (3rd)	7/08
Sara (K)	7/08
Cody (1st)	7/08
Lindsay (2nd)	7/09
Cameron (1st)	7/09
William (1st)	7/11
Helen (1st)	7/12
John (6th)	7/13
Hannah (1st)	7/16
Hogan (5th)	7/16
Tristan (5th)	7/16
Debbie (7th)	7/17
Lily (2nd)	7/18
Gabriel (1st)	7/20
Kylie (3rd)	7/22
Cory (4th)	7/24
Ivonne (1st)	7/25
Amaris (2nd)	7/30

and

### STAFF

Mrs. Big	7/08
Ms. Malcolm	7/16

August

Marina (K)	8/01
Michael (4th)	8/03
Roman (1st)	8/05
Noah (1st)	8/06
Brian (4th)	8/07
Hope (K)	8/08
Matty (K)	8/08
Bria (4th)	8/09
Kit (3rd)	8/09
Jared (1st)	8/10
Lorelai (K)	8/12
Christopher (5th)	8/14
Hanna (3rd)	8/16
Natalya (5th)	8/16
Henry (K)	8/17
Victor (8th)	8/20
Isabella (K)	8/20
Julien (4th)	8/20
Samantha (8th)	8/21
Chiani (2nd)	8/22
Baylee (8th)	8/23
Alexandria (8th)	8/25
Lucas (K)	8/26
Enrico (K)	8/27
Lexi (3rd)	8/27
Jasmine (3rd)	8/28
KC (1st)	8/30
Sean (4th)	8/31
Jordyn (7th)	8/31

Birthday

### STAFF

Mrs. Hunt	8/12
Mrs. Lynch	8/15
Ms. Phillips	8/21