

Gecko Gazette

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February

- 7-11-School Wide Voting-Yearbook Cover Contest
- 9-Early Release
- 10-GPA Meeting 3:15 PM
- 11-The PJ DJ Dance (4th & 5th Graders) 4-5:30 PM
- 14-Valentine's Day
Yearbook Cover Winner Announced
Valentine orders will be delivered after 1 PM to classrooms
- 15-Class/School groups Picture Day
- 18-Queen of Hearts Dance (Middle School) 6-8 PM
- 22- Gecko Gazette Deadline 2:00 PM
- 24-25-No School (Rodeo Days)
NAU Jazz Festival
- 26-Jazz For Fun 6:00 PM
- March
- 4-Gecko Gazette Sent Home
- 9-Early Release
Field Day
McDonald's Fundraiser 5:00 PM
- 10-Gecko Gazette Deadline 2:00 PM
- 11-End of 3rd Quarter
Box Tops Due In
Attendance Ceremony 1:45 PM
- 14-25-No School-Spring Break
- 31-Spring Picture Day
Quartly Pizza Money Due
- April
- 1- Gecko Gazette Sent Home
Yearbooks Go On Sale
April Fool's Day
- 6-Early Release
- 11-15-AIMS Testing
- 22-Early Release
Good Friday
- 24-Easter
- 29-Last Gecko Gazette Deadline 2 PM

Spelling Bee



Back Row: Arica, Maxwell, Alexandria, Seirra, Shyanne, Tetra
 Middle Row: Kelly, Brian, Hailey, Delia, Megan, Skyler
 Front Row: Elizabeth, Abby, Elijah, Jordyn, Sarah, Natalya

By Gabby and Lauren (Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)



1st place Sierra (8th Grade)
 and 2nd place Delia (5th Grade)

This year's Spelling Bee was held at the Good Shepherd Church on January 13th. It went very smoothly and was successfully run by the two new coordinators; Mrs. Hunt (4th Grade Teacher) and Ms. Malcolm (5th Grade Teacher). "We were very nervous about being coordinators. However, everything just seemed to fall into place" stated Mrs. Hunt. They both were very happy and proud of themselves. They were very proud of the participants. A total of two student spellers and one alternate per class from 3rd-8th grade participated in the Spelling Bee. This year's champion is Sierra (8th Grade) and the school's alternate is Delia (5th Grade). Ms. Malcolm says "kudos" to all the staff and participants.

PS: The word Kudos is in the dictionary.

Feeling Fit

By Granada (Ms. Malcolm's 5th Grade)

Our 4th Annual Feeling Fit 5K/1M Run took place on Saturday, January 15th. It was a beautiful, sunny day! Lots of kids were laughing with their parents and enjoying the music. The DJ played great music which kept the participants in an upbeat mood. Sandwiches were provided for all participants after the races, as well as fruits before the races. There was plenty of food and drinks to feed our hungry runners! As the races began, our own GEA Pep Squad was there to cheer the runners on. The runners appreciated the Pep Squad's enthusiasm. A jumping castle was available for the families with kids, and everyone left with smiles on their faces.





FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Elnorra(KG)	2/04
Abigail (3rd)	2/06
Jillian (5th)	2/08
Jordan (5th)	2/09
Leila (3rd)	2/10
Milo (1st)	2/12
Christallin (2nd)	2/13
Katrina (5th)	2/14
Coriana (5th)	2/16
Kelly (3rd)	2/16
Emmalie (2nd)	2/17
Shyanne (8th)	2/18
Christina (8th)	2/19
Zachary (5th)	2/23
Michael (3rd)	2/27

GEA's Student Council Presents

“The PJ DJ Dance”
For
4th & 5th Graders

Friday, February 11th 4-5:30 PM (Chapin/Edwards Room)

\$1.00 Admmission (Snacks will be sold)

Wear your PJ's!!

“Queen of Hearts Dance”
For
6th-8th Graders

Friday, February 18th 6-8 PM (Basketball Court)

\$1.00 Admmission (Snacks will be sold)

Dance to DJ PJ!



The Silk Road

By Connor (Mrs. Mohler's 6th Grade)

The Silk Road was a very popular trading route from China to Rome in the Ancient times. The Silk Road was 4,000 miles of treacherous terrain such as mountains and deserts. The Silk Road helped trade and transport many goods such as silk, silver, gold, spices, and food. The Silk Road helped trade and transport many goods in Ancient times.

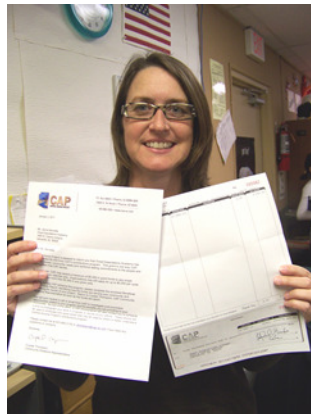
Grant Funds

Congratulation to Ms. Janine Bennette (5th Grade Teacher) who has received two grants totaling \$6,000 for GEA.

There is a lot of work to be done to apply for grants and that does not mean you will get one. First you have to find what grants are being offered, in GEA's case grants for harvesting and draining of rain water. Second, you then have to research harvesting techniques and cost to determine which will work for our school and then write up an essay with your application. That's right, even our teachers still have to write essays! After all this is done, you wait, hoping your school will get chosen. She received \$5,000 from the Central Arizona Project Grant Awards and \$1,000 from Watershed Management Group.

The grants only cover the cost of supplies and the organizations that receive the grants are expected to provide the labor.

Spring Break is when we are planning to install everything. Any interested parents, students, staff or groups who can help, please call Ms. Bennette.



100 DAYS

By Cory, Isabelle, and Miguel
(Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)

Can you believe we've been in school 100 days already? Some of the classes celebrated by making masks and posters. The posters were made with many different things like rubber duckies, marshmallows, beads, pennies, candies, stickers and macaroni. All the projects were interesting and cool! Great job, Geckos! That's all folks...