



Gecko Gazette

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January

- 13 - Spelling Bee (3rd/08th) 9:00 AM
GPA Meeting 3:15 PM
- 14 - Gecko Gazette Sent Home
Yearbook Cover Contest Starts
- 15 - GEA 5K/1M Family Fun Run 8:00 AM
- 17 - No School/Martin Luther King Day
- 18 - 100th Day
- 26 - Early Release
- 28 - Gecko Gazette Deadline 2:00 PM
Yearbook Contest Ends

February

- 4 - Class/School Groups Picture Day
Gecko Gazette Sent Home
- 7-11 - School Wide Voting-Yearbook Cover Contest
- 9 - Early Release
- 10 - GPA Meeting 3:15 PM
- 14 - Valentine's Day
Yearbook Cover Winner Announced
- 22 - Gecko Gazette Deadline 2:00 PM
- 24-25 - No School (Rodeo Days)

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

4th Annual Feeling Fit 5K/1M Fun Run

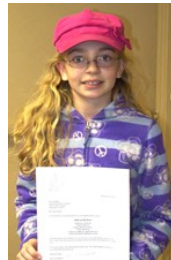
Tomorrow!

Join us for our annual Feeling Fit 5K/1M Family Fun Run tomorrow at GEA! It is not too late to sign up to participate. Entry forms will be available at the registration table. Registration begins at 8:00 AM. The Feeling Fit 5K starts at 9:00 AM and the 1 Mile Family Fun Run starts at 10:00 AM. Entry fees are \$15 for ages 5-13, and \$20 for ages 14-up. Come join us for a fun-filled morning!



Outstanding!!

Congratulations to the following 2nd quarter Perfect Attendance students. Great Job!!!



Congratulations to Delia (Ms. Bennette's 5th Grade) for having her poem, "Giddy Up Old Horse", selected to be published in Sid Hausman's newest book, "Emus and Owlhoots", that will be published this spring by Azro Press of New Mexico.

K/Puckett:	Anthea	3rd/Siebert:	Christina	5th/Janine:	Jillian
1st/Grant:	Isabella B		Kylie		Ennobly
	Ivonne		Katelyn		Hogan
	Henley	4th/Hunt:	Miguel		Desarae
1st/Salerno:	Duncan		Elizabeth		Delia
	Joseph		Bria		Lucas
2nd/Voorhees:	Joseph		Jacob L		Rielly
2nd /Wiebe:	Joey		Alexis	6th/Mohler:	Victoria
	DeMario		Richard		Tetra
3rd /Cruse:	Leila		Cory		Nikki
	Samantha	5th/Malcolm:	Alayna	7th/Chapin:	Maxwell
					Alyssa
					Nick

**Congratulations to Duncan who was the winner of the \$20 Walmart gift card

Student Council Gives Back



By Alexandra and Brianna (Mrs. Edwards's Eight Grade)

As you know GEA's Student Council has been actively raising money this year. They decided to donate some items or money to GEA and some to local charities. Student Council members visited Friends in Deed and The Animal League of Green Valley, presenting them each with a \$100 check. The American Red Cross also received a \$100 check. Student Council also donated books for the Teen section in the GEA Library and playground equipment such as balls and hula hoops to the school.

Winter Concert

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

On December 7, 2010, GEA had a winter concert at the Good Shepherd Church. Music was performed by Beginning Band, Jazz Band, Advanced Band and the Glee Club. Some songs they performed were: Wonderful Christmas Time (performed by the Glee Club); Clash of the Carolers, Ode to Joy, and Christmas Fantasy. Mr. Mark Phillips is the band director, and Mrs. Patti Hanson is the Glee Club director. They were able to join together to make this concert possible. Let's give a big "Thank You" to Mr. Mark Phillips and Mrs. Patti Hanson!



January Birthdays

Isabella (1st)	1/02
Christopher (6th)	1/03
Nicholas (2nd)	1/03
Zephaniah (3rd)	1/05
Gregory (5th)	1/05
Matthew (4th)	1/09
Collin (5th)	1/12
Logan (1st)	1/14
Owen (2nd)	1/16
Abigail (KG)	1/17
Gerardo (8th)	1/18
Owen (1st)	1/18
Caden (5th)	1/23
Jacob (1st)	1/24
Kelly (1st)	1/24
Caitlin (2nd)	1/26
Aidan (2nd)	1/26
Kassandra (3rd)	1/27
Delia (5th)	1/27
Clay (2nd)	1/27
Cody (7th)	1/28
Reece (3rd)	1/29
Jacob (4th)	1/29
Emily (7th)	1/29
Staff	
Mrs. Lopez	1/13
Mrs. Wiebe	1/21

Music Recorder Concert



Third graders at GEA learn how to play recorders for music. This is an introduction to teaching them how to read music and learn finger placement on an instrument.

Under the musical direction of Mrs. Cindy Avelar, the third graders performed on December 13th for their families in the GEA band room. The third graders put on a good show, and everyone enjoyed themselves.



Mrs. Salerno and Mrs. Grant's first graders spent one morning building gingerbread houses for the winter holidays. Parent volunteers help make this a big success with the students.



Santa arrived on a fire truck on December 15th to read a story to the K-3rd graders at GEA.

Yearbook Cover Contest

Ms. Cruse Third Grade

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

Every Friday, Ms. Cruse's 3rd grade class has "Fun Friday". Her classroom likes "Fun Fridays". Ms. Cruse does the "Fun Friday" because she enjoys having fun together with her class. They always watch a movie every Friday.



By Abby and Jordan (Ms. Cruse's 3rd Grade)

On December 10, 2010, Ms. Cruse's 3rd grade class had hot cocoa and listened to wonderful Christmas music. Everybody was happily drinking their hot cocoa. The music was very peaceful and joyful. The hot cocoa was warm on a cold day. It was the best day ever of the school year!

The yearbook cover contest starts January 14th and is open to all K-8th students. Entries are due by January 28th, 2:00 PM to the GEA Library. The top six designs chosen will be on display in the GEA Library from February 7th-14th. All students and staff will be voting for their favorite cover during their library time. The winner will be announced on February 14th and will receive a free 2010-2011 yearbook in May.

Contest Rules:

One entry per student

Drawing is to be submitted on an 8 1/2" x 11" paper (portrait layout)

No computer drawings accepted

Students can use chalk, crayons, colored pencils, or markers to color cover

Required on cover: Great Expectations Academy 2010-2011
Student's and teacher's name is to be placed on back of cover

Any questions see Ms. Dotty in the library.