



# Gecko Gazette

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## March

- 4-Gecko Gazette sent home
- 9-Early Release  
Field Day  
McDonald's Fundraiser 5:00PM
- 10-Gecko Gazette Deadline 2:00 PM
- 11-End of 3rd Quarter  
Box Tops Due  
Attendance Ceremony 1:45 PM
- 14-25-No School-Spring Break
- 31-Spring Picture Day  
Quarterly 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  
2:00 PM

## May

- 5-Cinco De Mayo
- 6-Last Gecko Gazette Sent Home
- 8-Mother's Day
- 9-13 Spring Book Fair  
(Buy one, get one free)
- 18-Yearbooks passed out at lunch
- 24-Box Tops Due  
Attendance Ceremony 1:45 PM
- 25- Kindergarten Promotion TBA  
8th Grade Graduation TBA
- 26- Early Release  
Last Day of School



## Yearbook Cover Contest Winner

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

Today, I interviewed first grader, Milo, the winner of the yearbook cover contest. I asked him how excited was he when he won? He replied, "Very excited." Milo was not nervous, but he was frustrated because he had trouble drawing the gecko. Milo had lots of fun doing this. Milo has been drawing since he was four years old and continues to draw. Milo enjoys drawing and coloring. It took Milo an hour to an hour and a half to draw and color his yearbook entry.

# President's Day



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

Mrs. Salerno's and Mrs. Grant's first grade classes had visitors, Mrs. Coile and Mrs. Williams, from the La Canoa Lions Club of Green Valley on President's Day. Mrs. Coile spoke to Mrs. Grant's class, while Mrs. Williams spoke to Mrs. Salerno's class. Each teacher, along with one of the Lions Club's representatives, passed out flags to each student. Not only did the first graders get a free flag, but they got to learn about the flag. The students received an extra surprise this year when Mrs. Coile shared with the classes two original flags of the United States. The first graders would like to send a giant thank you to Mrs. Coile, Mrs. Williams and the La Canoa Lions Club. **THANK YOU!!**

## Valentine's Fundraiser

By Angelena (Mrs. Edward's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Mrs. Edward's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class held a fundraiser for their end of the year trip. It was a complete success! Putting the valentines together was fun, but it was crazy too! There were many stations that reached certain goals. Everyone worked together and was able to deliver all the valentines intact. A big thanks to all the 8<sup>th</sup> graders who helped!!

## GEA Jazz Band

Congratulations to the GEA Jazz Band! They received a "Superior with Distinction" at the NAU Jazz Festival in Flagstaff. This is the highest possible rating. Outstanding solo performance awards were given to Alayna (5th), Hope (7th) and Alaura (8th). Their next competition is the Fullerton Jazz Festival on April 1st.

# The PJ DJ Dance

## March Birthdays

Anissa (8th)	3/01
Abrielle (3rd)	3/03
Caleb (5th)	3/06
Alexis (4th)	3/09
Alex (7th)	3/10
Jayden (1st)	3/11
Elijah (6th)	3/16
Presley (5th)	3/19
Hunter (KG)	3/19
Megan (2nd)	3/22
Mariah (KG)	3/23
Jade (5th)	3/23
Brody (1st)	3/25
Reney (2nd)	3/28
Treya (2nd)	3/29
Alastair (1st)	3/30
Tobias (KG)	3/31
Jacob (KG)	3/31

### Staff Birthdays

Mr. Topp	3/15
Mrs. Diana	3/27
Mr. Koelemeyer	3/31



By Lauren and Julien (Mrs. Hunt's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade "PJ DJ Dance" was hosted by the GEA Student Council, and took place in Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Chapin's rooms. You could wear your pajamas to the dance. Everything was 50 cents for snacks and drinks. Some of the kids were playing bingo and winning prizes, while others were doing the Cha Cha Slide and the Chicken dance. You could tell everyone was having fun by the laughter and singing. So, if we could give a big thank you to GEA Student Council, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Chapin and Mrs. Patti who provided the music. THANK YOU!!!

# Queen of Hearts Dance

## Jokes\*\*\*Jokes

Q. What do you call a fake stone in Ireland?  
A. A sham Rock!

Knock Knock  
Who's there?  
Irish!  
Irish who?  
Irish you a happy St. Patrick's Day!

Q. What kind of music does a leprechaun band play?  
A. Sham rock 'n' roll!

Q. Why should you never iron a 4-leaf clover?  
A. Because you don't want to press your luck!

Q. What is out in the yard all summer and is Irish?  
A. Paddy O'Furniture!



The "Queen of Hearts" dance took place on Feb. 18, 5-7 PM, for the 6th-8th graders. Everyone had an absolute blast! There was awesome music and lots of dancing. The girls were boogieing it out, while the boys were chilling out with their hip moves. A BIG THANKS to Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Chapin and Student Council for hosting this dance along with all the volunteers: Mrs. Burnett, Mr. Millet, Mark and Libby Phillips, Ms. Maynard, and to our DJ, Mrs. Patti Hanson!

# Mr. Slim Goodbody

By Rebekah (Miss Siebert's 3rd Grade)

Surprise! It is time to learn about.....the body!

Mr. Slim Goodbody is the main thing we saw the whole time. We learned a lot about the body. We learned about the heart, brain, bones, lungs, and a lot more. We sang songs, too! It was very fun. The place where we were at is in Tucson. We went on our trip around 9:30, and we were back at school by around 11:55. We got on a bus to get to our destination. We went there to learn, and learning is important.

Ding! Ding! It is time to go now. I hope you had fun learning about our field trip.

By Colby

(Miss Siebert's 3rd Grade)

Today we learned about our bodies. The whole 3rd grade class went on a field trip. We went to the TCC Music Hall to see Bodyology. We went on Monday, February 7, 2011, from 9:00-12:00. We went to learn about our body.



Students with their G. Giffords ice cream sundaes.

Ms. Cruse's class created ice cream sundae pictures and get well cards for Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. They did an awesome job! Way to go, students!



By Jacob & Isabelle (Mrs. Hunt's 4th Grade)

For the past few months, Mrs. Hunt's 4th grade class has been writing books. The class was divided into three groups. Each group wrote their own fiction story with drawings. The books are being submitted to Scholastics Book Fair "Kids Are Authors" contest. This is a national event. The winning school receives \$5,000 in merchandise for their school library and 100 copies of the published book.

## A Tall Tale

By Rick (Miss Siebert's 3rd Grade)

One day there was a mom, and she just gave birth to a baby. When the baby was three months old the mom took the baby to the beach. When they were having fun in the sand, there was a storm. The storm was so bad that the mom ran back to her house and forgot to take the baby with her. The baby was all alone and crying. Then, the baby fell into the water for several hours until a little fish came and took the baby to their home. The fish said, "Gloope, Gloope" and for some reason that meant in baby language, "What is your name?" The baby said, "Jason", in baby talk. Jason spent his whole life under water until a little old woman came to fish. Jason was a teenager then, so Jason went to the worm on the hook and bit it. When the old lady saw she caught a boy with a fin on his back and web hands and feet she looked closer and saw that the boy was her baby that she lost. The old lady said, "Jason". Jason said, "Mom". Jason's mom gave him a bear hug and almost squeezed the life out of him. "I'm so happy (sniff) that I found you". She told him she looked everywhere for him. One year later Jason was swimming at the beach and he was popular until people started saying that whales are faster than Jason. A couple days later Jason got jealous of whales and told everybody he was going to prove that he is faster than a whale. On the first day of February they had the race. Jason was in the lead. Then the whale was neck and neck with Jason. Jason saw the finish line. He was almost there when a big blue thing passed him. When he got to the finish line he realized that the whale won. So he packed his things up, said goodbye to his mom and friends, and went to the Pacific Ocean again. He was never seen again. Some people say that if there is a huge wave that is Jason's anger. They're right.



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

On Valentine's Day, Mrs. Hunt's 4th grade classroom Valentine's party was very fun. We had sugar cookies, salsa, chips, cupcakes and cakes. The food was very good and delicious. We all had fun with games, and we passed the fruit tray around like we were a big family.



## The Field Trip

By Christina (Miss Siebert's 3rd Grade)

Rumble, rumble, rumble went the engine of the GEA school bus. The Galactic Geckos were so excited. You are probably asking yourself, "Why are they so excited?" Well, I have an answer for that question. The students and I went to the Titan Missile Museum. When we first got there, we went into a classroom. In the classroom, we learned about energy, gravity, and what fuel a rocket needs to launch. When we were learning about energy, two people had to go up in front of the class and tell what they ate for lunch. Then, you would hold a tube filled with either red or green dye. The green and red dyes were made with food coloring and alcohol. You would then hold the bottom part, and the dyes would start to rise until the dyes got to the top. It was really cool. A little ways into the tour, everyone got to see detached rocket parts and what was in them. After we were done looking at the rocket parts, we went underground. When we were underground, I got to turn the key that would launch the Titan II (a rocket) into space. If it launched, I would have to pay 20 million dollars to the Titan Missile Museum. Before I got chosen to turn the key, we saw where the commander and his or her assistant sat. I got to sit where the commander sat. When they were ready to launch a rocket into space, they sat in the exact same seats, in the exact same room. I thought it was the most awesome thing ever! I think everyone would have loved the field trip - it was great!

# GPA News

Our next fundraising event is coming up on March 9th - FIELD DAY! This is a fun, athletic event that the whole school participates in. Pledge packets have been sent home with the students, and there will be awards given to the student in each class who collects the most money, as well as an award for the classroom that collects the most money. Students do not have to collect pledges to participate. This is an Early Release day, and the GPA will provide lunch to the students after the event. Teachers need 2 volunteers for each classroom and the GPA can use additional volunteers for other areas. Please let your child's teacher, or Coach Moore, know if you are interested in helping out.

Third quarter Attendance Awards will be on March 11th at 1:45pm. This is also the deadline for 3rd quarter Box Tops.

Quarterly pizza order forms for the 4th quarter will be passed out before Spring Break and will be due back on March 31st. The first Pizza Friday for the 4th quarter will be April 1st

## President's Day

By Jordan & Leila (Ms. Cruse's 3rd Grade)

On Feb. 18th, to celebrate Presidents' Day, we were asked to bring in either something cherry or something made out of logs. We had lots of stuff like Twizzlers, pies, soda, and Cherry Fun Dip. Braelyn brought in her Lincoln Logs that everyone played with. The Twizzlers were eaten by all. Everyone had a great Fun Friday. Eliza's mom, Mrs. Magallanes, helped celebrate our day, too. She even got on the floor and played games with us. Thanks, Mrs. Magallanes.



# Star Party

By Ennoby (Ms. Bennette's 5th Grade)

On Thursday, February 10, 2011, we had a Star Party. We made constellations of Orion (The Great Hunter). We got to see how much light pollution affects the environment and your vision of the stars. But if you put a shield on the light you will have a whole town you can see and a beautiful view of the stars. We got to wear glasses and see different kinds of light. It was interesting because you could see rainbows of light with those glasses. We also did this turtle hatching activity where you had to follow the moonlight to survive. It was such a fun activity to do. The best part was when we got to look through the telescopes. It was so awesome when we got to see the moon really up close and fascinating stars in the sky. I had a great time - you should have been there to see it.

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

Arriving around 5 PM on February 10th to GEA's campus, the first thing I spotted were the telescopes. It was the Star Party for the Galactic Geckos and the 5th graders. One activity was that we used glow in the dark paints to make star figures to learn about them in the sky. We learned that 100 watts of light can be wasted if there is not a cover over it. Later we pretended to be sea turtles that just hatched and were following the moon's light to the sea, but we also learned that lights that are on near the hatching ground can cause confusion, causing the sea turtle to get lost and go the wrong way where they can be harmed. The Star Party was awesome!