

GFS PTA NEWS

Learning Together | Working Together | Playing Together

Big Night - December 8

Big Night (1996) is a marvelous movie in which two brothers pin all their hopes of success on a single night in their restaurant. Our own GFS Big Night doesn't have quite that much hinging on it, but it's still plenty packed and has an important fund raising component.

Winter Sing is a performance by all of the students. It will start at 6:30 and will be amazing no matter what.

Winter Marketplace is a showcase for GFS crafters, both kids and adults. In addition to the opportunity to shop for crafts, you'll be able to have **professional photos** taken, at bargain rates, courtesy of **Ted Cabeen**, treat yourself at the Hospitality Tribe's **bake sale**, and buy **raffle tickets** for a variety of gift baskets. Raffle tickets are drawn right after Winter Sing, so be sure to purchase your tickets early. Marketplace runs from 5:00-6:15 PM and opens again after the performance, until 8:00 PM.

Because it's a super busy night, you have the opportunity to purchase a **delicious homemade dinner**, prepared and served by members of the **Homies Tribe**. Dinner runs from 5:00 - 6:00; More information to follow.



November

November is honestly a nutty kind of month. Between Veterans' Day, Parent Teacher Conferences and an entire week off for Thanksgiving, instructional time is at a premium, and on the home front, working parents have to do some serious planning for childcare. At school, teachers and students are in the groove, ready to set goals for the year, and gearing up for December's Big Night: **Winter Sing** and **Winter Marketplace**. New families might imagine that Winter Sing has a holiday theme. It might...but more often it doesn't. The one thing you can count on is it will be heartwarming: there's just something about seeing 60 kids up on stage, singing their hearts out....

Leslie Hogan





Calling All Crafters! Winter Marketplace is coming....

There is *Still Time* to let the Treasure Tribe know you'd like a table, large or small, for **Winter Marketplace**. You don't have to have a huge quantity to sell, so if you have an idea or a Crafting Specialty, why not go for it? After all:

- Kids and adults enjoy shopping for unique and affordable gifts for each other and for family members.
- Making and selling is a great way to clear your crafting/fabric stash for the post holiday sales.

From Sophie Spier: *Do you make killer jam? Did that crafting time produce actually nice stuff, and you're thinking, "I should SELL these!"? Now is your time. All you'll have to do is set up at 4:30 on the day of the Winter Sing, man your table, and donate 20% of your sales to GFS at the end of the evening. Simple as pie (which would also go over big). Let me know over the coming weeks if you and/or yours would like a space. Please email sophiespier@gmail.com if you are interested.*

PTA Appreciations

- **Heather Stevenson**, for investigating grant opportunities for GFS.
- **Felicia Roggero**, for securing District Funding for Science Camp. The district offers a subsidy for every sixth grade student.
- **The Rummage Tribe**, for motivating us to clean out our closets and our garages.
- **Wenda Pagliaro, Dianna Garner**, and all the members of the **Outreach Tribe**, for a stellar job on Moveathon.
- **Shanda Hill** and **Dianna Garner** for changing out the GFS bulletin board.
- **Shanda and Tony Hill** for their ongoing willingness to host PTA meetings in their home.
- The **Treasure Tribe** and **Arts Tribe** members, for their work on Winter Sing and Winter Marketplace. The event is in December, but the work starts early!
- The **Unity Tribe**, for planning events designed to help us know each other better.
- All of the parents who supported Natasha's birthday celebration.



Treasurer's Corner

A Move-A-Thon update: Donations are coming in, and as of November 13th, we have deposited \$2,869.00 dollars in donations! We have estimated our revenue budget for Move-A-thon to be \$5,500 based on prior years, and we are headed in a great direction. Keep them coming, dropping them off in the teacher's Move-A-thon envelopes in the classrooms, and we'll keep you up to date on our totals.

Ice Cream sales: a booming, delicious success! The first ice cream Friday sale on October 21st was a great kickoff: we sold out in just 18 minutes, selling 200 yummy treats to eager kids and parents alike. This first sale yielded \$100 in revenue, and the sales on October 28 and November 4 were excellent too. And, it's a fantastic way to celebrate the end of the week and enjoy a tasty treat!

Financial Summary

October 1-30, 2016

Beginning balance- \$51,717.10

Ending balance - \$57,811.79

Revenue - \$7,499.18

Expenditures - \$1,409.02

Dividends earned - \$4.53

Checks processed: 3535, 3544, 3546-3550

Total dollar amount of checks processed - \$1,024.34

Voided checks: 3553, 3560

Transition

As you may have heard from your child, **Dylan Adam** has moved from our class to Foothill School. At times, we all re-evaluate our choice in this multiage program. Occasionally, families decide to move to a more traditional class. We respect their decision and appreciate all that their family has contributed to Goleta Family School. - Elizabeth

PTA Elections

The nominating placement committee has been formed and includes a fantastic group of parents! **Bill Quirk, Adrienne Demboski, Tanis Thust** and **Dina Clapinski** will be working together to fill the PTA officer positions for 2017-2018: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. While individuals may serve for up to two years in the same office, they must be elected each year. Sophie and Adrienne are in their second year in their current roles, so the Secretary and Vice President positions **must** be taken on by new people for 2017-18. The nominating committee will also identify a Treasurer-in-training to shadow Rebekah and take on the responsibility in full for the 2018-2019 school year. Are YOU interested? Feel free to contact any member of the committee. Elections will be held in March.

Elizabeth, We'll Miss You!



Upcoming Events, November 14 - December 31

There will be no PTA meeting in December!

Monday, November 14 - Friday, November 18

Parent Teacher Conferences - Pick-up all students at 12:00 PM

Monday, November 21 - Friday, November 25

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, December 1

Prospective Parent Night, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

If you have friends interested in GFS, alert them to this evening event and to the tour the next week. Both are required in order to be entered in the enrollment lottery.

Tuesday, December 6

Prospective Family Tour, 8:30 - 9:30 AM

Required for all prospective families. Let your friends know!

Thursday, December 8

Winter Marketplace/Homies Dinner/Winter Sing: 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Watch Parent Square for details. If the Marketplace is busy, after it reopens, it will stay open until 8:30 PM.

Friday, December 9

Foothill/GFS Winter Sing and Band Concert, 9:00 - 10:00 AM

This performance is a showcase for what Foothill and GFS students have worked on with the Music Specialist, Emma Patterson, during the fall, and the first performance for the Foothill/GFS Band. More information will follow, via Parent Square.

Monday, December 19 - Monday, January 2, 2017

Winter Recess

January 3, 2017

Classes Resume