

GFS PTA NEWS

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Garden Update

We have been working on our garden every week, even through the rainy winter. Recently we harvested turnips that we had sown as seed back in October. We fried them up in olive oil and ate them with fresh squeezed lemon juice. We are also facing attacks on our garden from all sides -- from the gophers below, and from some sort of critter above. So last week we set a motion sensor camera to try and figure out what kind of creature is eating our plants. Make sure you ask your children if they found out what it was!

Sayward Halling, Garden Educator

Denim and Diamonds Gala



The Gala is Coming!

So here's the thing about the GFS Gala. Besides being a terrific party, it's the fundraiser that makes a whole lot of other fundraisers unnecessary. Last year, we raised over \$12,000 for GFS programs. It is a joint effort: organizationally, it takes the Treasure Tribe, Unity Tribe, Outreach Tribe, Arts Tribe, Hospitality Tribe, Tech Tribe and people who simply volunteer for the Gala Committee because it's fun to pull it off.



We need everyone in the community to participate in making the auction a success, by providing at least one auction item. We need each family to contribute to the wine raffle. I think it's also important to note that it's not an exclusive, "members only" event: while tickets are limited, if you buy early, you can invite friends, relatives, and neighbors and let them in on some of the GFS love. ~ Leslie



Appreciations

- **Adrienne Demboski, Dina Clapinski, Tanis Thust, and Bill Quirk** for serving as PTA Nominating Committee.

- **Beth Kanne-Casselmann**, for not only attending DAC meetings as our representative, but also giving us clear, understandable updates.

- **Sophie Spier, Dina Clapinski, Tanis Thust, Laurè Brecher, Diana Garcia, and Julia Fraas**, otherwise known as the Gala Committee. Yes indeed, it's advance appreciation: we can already tell the party will be amazing.

- **Tanis Thust, Beth Kanne-Casselmann, Rebekah Bardakos, Katie Joiner, and Noelle Gambill** for volunteering to coordinate classroom art projects for the live auction.

- **Shanda Hill**, of the Outreach Tribe, for re-doing the GFS bulletin board with a Gala Theme.

This year, the **Unity Tribe** is in charge of all ticket sales for the Gala: tickets for the party and wine raffle tickets.

GFS Gala, March 18

Theme: Denim & Diamonds - wear your fanciest jeans with your sparkliest baubles. Or your favorite party dress/suit—wear what you want!

Cost: \$40/person

Time: 5pm-9:30pm

Where: Rancho Embarcadero Clubhouse, 224 Vereda Leyenda

Tickets: sold at school & online SOON!

Menu: hearty & fresh dinner of California-Tex fare

Details: Silent auction, live auction of classroom projects, fresh cocktails served by Brian Thompson, beer & wine, dance party.

The Scoop on the Wine Raffle

-Donate a bottle of wine of \$15 or more in value - by donating you get one free raffle ticket!

-- A flyer will go home soon with a tag to attach to the bottle so the community and winner knows who donated the lovely bottle of wine.

-Drop off at Shanda and Tony Hill's home, 318 Ribera. There will be a box out front on the porch.

-We will also have 3 pick up days (dates and times to be announced).

-Finally, if you donate \$15 or more, I'll happy to shop for you!

-The Unity Tribe will be selling tickets- potential to win 30+ bottles of wine.

-More information to come on Parent Square and in the Friday folder. **Wenda Pagliaro, <wendaandgino@cox.net>**



Last year's lucky winner - former GFS parent Jill Murray.

PTA Elections - Coming in March

It's official, we have a slate of officers for 2017-2018. Drum roll please....

President:	Leslie Hogan
VP:	Mike Clapinski
Treasurer:	Rebekah Bardakos
Secretary:	Katie Joiner

Please plan to attend the PTA meeting on March 6, as we'll need a quorum to make this official. According to our bylaws, nominations may also be made from the floor.

Adrienne Demboski

School Site Parent Representative Still Needed

In the fall, **Tanya Genova** served as the GFS parent representative to the School Site Council. She has had to step down, because her work schedule has changed and she can no longer make the meetings. The School Site Council is a group of parents and teachers charged with making decisions about the allocation of resources campus wide. The group generally meets on the last Monday of the month right after school. Some months, the meeting is cancelled. Please email **Felicia Roggero** if you're interested in volunteering, or even if you just need more information.

Reimbursement Form Available Online

The Payment Authorization form for a reimbursement request is available as a downloadable, fillable PDF on the Goleta Family School website! Please feel free to use this form to fill out and submit reimbursement requests, just be sure to continue to attach your receipt to the form when submitting it for reimbursement. The form can be found here:

<http://www.goletafamilyschool.com/parents/procedures-and-forms/>

Calendaring, or Why the Rummage Sale Moved to April

Every year, late in May, GFS Parents and Teachers meet to set the calendar for the following year. In that meeting, we look at curricular, fundraising, and community building goals, and set dates for various events related to those goals. Inevitably, once the year gets going, some things change, but all in all, it's not a bad system. In the case of the Rummage Sale, the wet weather led us to re-evaluate February as the optimal place to put it, with input from PTA officers, the Rummage Tribe, and the teachers. In addition to looking at the GFS calendar, we took into account community events (Earth Day, for example) and checked in with Felicia to make sure the change made sense to her. Do you want to be a part of the initial calendaring process? This year's calendar meeting is scheduled for May 31. Everyone is welcome to attend and provide input.

Budget Update

Rebekah Bardakos, <rjpeake@hotmail.com>

GFS PTA Financial Summary	January-17	
As reported in the February newsletter in lieu of the Goleta Family School PTA Meeting		
Beginning Balance (as of January 1, 2017):	\$	54,257.35
Ending Balance (as of January 31, 2017):	\$	54,177.40
Revenue Received:	\$	846.62
Expenditures Incurred:	\$	931.16
dividends earned	\$	4.59
Check numbers processed (7 checks):	Check 3578	182
	Check 3581	21.46
	Check 3583	27.59
	Check 3584	75
	Check 3588	264.9
	Check 3592	53.2
	Check 3593	47.09
Total dollar amount of checks processed:		\$ 671.24
Voided Check numbers:	no voided checks	

Campout Contributions

Both Natasha’s class and Teri’s class have camping trips coming up this spring, Natasha’s in April and Teri’s in May. Natasha’s class will be camping at Cachuma Lake, where they will continue to learn about pioneers. Teri’s class trip is Science Camp - a full week of amazing experiential learning. In support of those activities, the GFS PTA asks families in those classrooms for an additional voluntary contribution. For Natasha’s class, we request \$50 per student; for Teri’s class, we request \$100 per student. If you are in either class, you’ll soon be receiving additional information from your Room Parent.



Getting briefed for the high ropes course, Science Camp 2016.

Upcoming Events, February 15 - March 31

Images: Experiential learning is an important part of GFS. Our fundraising efforts make it possible.

Wednesday, February 15

Prospective Family Tour, 8:30 AM

Friday, February 17 - Monday, February 20

NO SCHOOL

Monday, March 6

PTA Meeting and Officer Elections, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Location TBD



Tuesday, March 14 -

Friday, March 17

Parent Teacher Conferences,
Early dismissal.



Saturday, March 18

Gala Fundraiser! 5:00 - 9:30 PM, Rancho Embarcadero Clubhouse, Goleta

Friday, March 24 - Friday, March 31

Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

