



# The GEOCKO Echo

## Upcoming Events:

- 1/18:** No School – MLK Day
- 1/22:** No School – Record Day
- 1/27:** NUT Day
- 1/29:** Student of the Month & Quarterly Awards Assembly
- 1/26:** FFN – Bingo in the Media Center!!!!
- 2/9:** SAC, 5:30 pm, PTO 6:30 pm
- 3/20:** Spring Fling

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## You could make a difference by:

- ☉ Cutting tennis balls for the bottoms of chairs
- ☉ Working a shift in the school library
- ☉ Finding items for the Spring Fling Silent Auction
- ☉ Taking pictures for the yearbook
- ☉ Assisting with the outdoor classroom
- ☉ Helping to plan Spring Fling
- ☉ Helping in the Cafeteria, daily 10:40 – 12:30

See something you are interested in?  
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## Homeroom Team communication

Homeroom teams should be sending out periodic emails to coordinate volunteer efforts and keep everyone in the loop for class, cluster and school happenings! If you are not receiving emails, please let us know at

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## There is shade at North Manatee!

The playground sunshade that the PTO purchased has been installed. It is a retrofit, umbrella style shade and measures 20' x 20'. This will help the playground equipment not get hot during the course of the school day, while also protecting our students from harmful UV rays. Thanks to Amy and Andy for heading up this project!

## Our Geckos are climbing the walls...

The PTO submitted gecko designs and two of our geckos were chosen for Bradenton's Geckofest 2010! The painted Geckos are now "hanging around" in downtown Bradenton. In May, the geckos will be sold at auction, during the GeckoFest Gala. The PTO will receive 50% of the price that the geckos fetch! Stop by and say 'hello' to the Imagine Geckos:

**Tiffany** is hanging on the Humane Society of Manatee County – 2515 14<sup>th</sup> Street West

**Spiderman** is climbing on the Kiwanis Club of Bradenton – 1401 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue West (can be seen from 14<sup>th</sup> Street)

## Scholastic Book Fair HUGE success!!

Thanks to all who visited the book fair, bought books and sent in money with their students! We had just over \$4,000 in sales, which translated into over \$2,500 in "book credit" that we can use to purchase additional titles for our school library.

A big, big thanks to Jennifer for organizing the fair and to Amy, Tasha, Michelle, Rachel, Minday, Rebecca, Shannon, Julie and Mary for helping "staff" the fair!



## January Game Night at Imagine!

Please mark your calendars! January 26th will our Family Fun Game Night! Bingo cards are **FREE** and there will be **PRIZES** up for grabs! There will also be light refreshments available at no cost!

## Gifts Galore!

Thanks to all for shopping at our annual Holiday Shop! The students all had a great time decorating bags and picking out gifts. The PTO was able to raise almost \$600 to support the school.

Students were also able to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and have their picture taken together. Through this effort, the PTO was able to donate \$124 to a charity that supplied holiday gifts to children in need.

Classes participated in the fun through a door decorating contest. The theme was "Holidays Around the World". The hallways looked very festive and the students learned a lot about other cultures. Congratulations to Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Downey's VPK class who took first prize with their door "Las Posadas"! Their class won an ice cream party! Congrats also to: Mrs. Patterson's class 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Mrs. Floyd's class 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.

Thanks to Aimee and Linette for organizing this year's shop and to: Michelle, Rachel, Mary, Rachel, Tasha, Kristin, Mark, Amy, Andy, Jodie, Tammy, Bonnie, Mindy, Melissa and Mayra for helping the shop succeed!



## 2009 Box Top Collection Results: \$1,190.40

**Thanks to all for clipping!** Keep clipping, we will have another contest in the Spring!

## Imagine Wall Mural

The tiles are DONE! The mural should be installed in the multi-purpose room in the next few weeks. A big thanks to Arts a Blaze for creating such beautiful family and business tiles for us! Thanks again to all who contributed, we were able to earn over \$3,000 to support our school!



## School Library is open!

**Thanks again to Target for the reading grant! We now have over 3,000 books in our library!**

Finally, the Media Center is open! Students are allowed to borrow 2 books per week. Once students return the books that they borrowed, they can borrow two more books. Every class has a library time, once a week; please help your student remember to bring their books back on time so that they are allowed to borrow additional books. The schedule is as follows:

**Monday:** Kain, Wilson, Butzow, Mancke

**Tuesday:** Elbert, Marshall, Balderston, Pisz, Perez, Kreder, Sutherland

**Wednesday:** Bogie, Watson, Britto, Quiles, Patterson, Floyd

The students will bring home a green sheet with each of their books. This form should be filled out at home by the student themselves or if they are unable to complete the form a family member may assist them. Each month three green forms will be pulled and the winning students will get to choose a prize out of the library treasure box. The forms are also how we will track how many books per student each class reads. At the end of the year the class that reads the most per student will win a party.

## Girl Scout Cookie Sale!

Daisy Troop 103 is comprised of Imagine kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students. The troop is currently selling girl scout cookies – if you would like to purchase cookies from the troop, please let Rachel know at [tinksoto@yahoo.com](mailto:tinksoto@yahoo.com) or Mindy at [mindyhalley@verizon.net](mailto:mindyhalley@verizon.net). The troop will use earnings to plant a butterfly garden at the school.

**Does anyone know of an easel that could be donated to Mrs. Balderston's room?**



