

# The Gecko Gecko Echo

## Upcoming Events:

- 11/20: Student "field trip" to new school  
 11/23: Parent orientation at new school  
 11/24: 1:00 pm release (no aftercare)  
 11/25 – 11/28: Thanksgiving Break  
 11/30: New school opens  
 12/7 & 12/8: Scholastic Book Fair  
 12/7: Book Fair and Ribbon cutting  
 12/8: Picture Retakes  
 12/8: PTO meeting, 6:30 pm  
 12/15 & 12/17: Holiday Shop

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## You could make a difference by:

- ☉ Refurbishing 3 picnic tables
- ☉ Moving picnic tables to new school
- ☉ Dismantle portable ramps
- ☉ Haul away lumber (anyone want to buy it?)
- ☉ Assisting with the move
- ☉ Working a shift in the school library
- ☉ Helping with the Scholastic Book Fair
- ☉ Helping the Friday Newspaper Club
- ☉ Assisting with the outdoor classroom
- ☉ Writing a Samsung essay (info on pg 2)

See something you are interested in?

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## New School Update:

Pack your boxes, Imagine is **MOVING!!!**

**MOVING DAY will be TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th!!** Tuesday students will be dismissed at 1:00 (no after care on that day) and then all hands on deck to move the school. School will resume the Monday after Thanksgiving in our brand new school!! More details to follow. If you are able to help with the move, let your student's homeroom teacher know or send us an email.

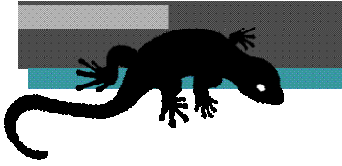
New school address: 9275 49th Ave. East, Palmetto, FL 34221

For the move the school is in need of:

- Boxes
- Packing tape
- Dots – colored and white
- Tennis balls

Any items would be greatly appreciated! Just send them in to your student's homeroom teacher or drop them off in the office.

Thanks to Rachel for organizing the PTO's end of the move!



## We ARE Making a Difference!

Congratulations to the Grajewski and Camacho families. They were the first winners of our quarterly drawings for volunteers with 10 hours or more. Both families will receive a Bright House Pay Per View Movie Coupon compliment of Bright House and 10 Chuck E. Cheese Coins compliments of the PTO. We have 10 families with 10 or more volunteer hours so far this year and we have some who are already over 20 hours. If you haven't gotten an opportunity to volunteer yet contact the PTO or your teacher and ask if they have any opportunities available. Thanks to Barb!

### Introducing Tiffany and Spiderman...

The PTO submitted gecko designs and two of our geckos were chosen for Bradenton's Geckofest 2010! All painted geckos will on display in downtown Bradenton from December through May. 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! We will let you know where Tiffany and Spiderman are hanging once they are up so you can go by and say 'hello'!

A huge **THANK YOU** to Cecilia Eaton, Attorney at Law who sponsored the Tiffany Gecko and the Ellenton Ace Hardware for donating paint and other supplies to the project.

Also, thanks to Mrs. Kain, Colleen and Jodie for working on the project.

### Samsung's 4 Seasons of Hope Essay Contest

Samsung is offering schools a chance to improve their student's educational experience through an essay contest. They are giving \$1,000,000 to schools in the form of technology to aid in the classroom. This is a great way to Make a Difference at Imagine, you can log the hours that it takes to write the 100 word essay! Check out the PTO website for more information.

### Homeroom Teams are gearing up

Each homeroom has a team of parents/guardians that are going to help coordinate efforts between the teacher and the PTO. This team will ensure that class and teacher

### THANK YOU Southwest Florida Water Management District!!

We received a grant from the Southwest Florida Water Management District in the amount of **\$3300** to begin work on our planned outdoor classroom. This money will be used for our children to learn about water, how it affects our life in Florida and ways to conserve water. We will have rows of plants and our students will conduct watering experiments on them. We also will be able to purchase: rain barrels, microscopes, rain gauges, thermometers, humidity gauges and other scientific equipment for our students to learn about water. If anyone wants to help make a difference by assisting in this process, let us know. We also have two more outstanding grants for completion of the outdoor classroom – so keep your fingers crossed!



### Library Update:

The school library will open once we move to our new school. We have been busy purchasing new titles for our collection with monies from the Target Grant. We look forward to seeing everyone in the library and loaning books out to our students to share with their families! More information will come home with your students once the library is open!

Thanks to Deborah for being our head librarian!



needs are being met and help the teacher keep everyone informed of class, cluster and PTO happenings. A request for your email will be included in the next PTO agenda. Please fill it

list for your class. Homeroom teams will then send out periodic emails to coordinate volunteer efforts and keep everyone in the loop! If you have any questions, or would like more information, send us an email at [contactus@imageschoolpto.com](mailto:contactus@imageschoolpto.com)



The tiles are almost done! Our mural will decorate the multi-purpose room in the new school. Arts A Blaze, a pottery company in Lakewood Ranch, will be completing the business and family tiles for us.

Thanks to all who contributed! Through the combined efforts of our school we will be able to add almost \$3500 to the PTO account. This money will be used to directly benefit the school and students!

**A big thanks to:** Michelle, Rebecca, Joan, Tasha, Dawn, Toney, Jodie, Jennifer, Abby, Julie and Evelyn for helping with the project, the Bethany and Brunner families for donating paint supplies and the Henderson family for donating tiles.

## Thanks to our business sponsors:

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**Congratulations to Mrs. Marshall's class,** winner of the Library poster contest. They won a party of their choosing and get to visit the library first once it opens! Be sure to visit the library and see all of the poster submissions that will decorate the walls.

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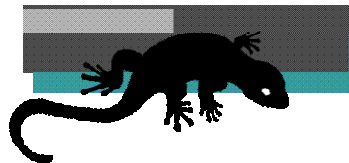
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**All monies raised through PTO efforts are used to directly benefit the school and students!**

### **Sunshade coming to Imagine!**

The PTO worked with the teachers to identify a need that could be filled by the PTO money raised last year. The teachers voted to use the money to erect a sunshade over our new playground! We are in the process of getting quotes for the shade and hope to have it installed as soon as possible.

Thanks to the Freed Family for heading up this project!



**Congratulations to Mrs. Elbert's class**, winner of the fall boxtop contest! They collected over 1,300 boxtops!! As a whole our school collected over 3700 boxtops, earning \$537 for our school. Thanks to all for clipping! Don't forget, there will be another contest in the Spring.

Thanks to Julie for heading up the boxtop drive and to Michelle, Alison, Shannon, Dawn, Melissa, Alice and Joan for counting all of the boxtops!

### **Scholastic Book Fair, Dec 7th and 8th**

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the beginning of December. This is a great way to buy holiday gifts or just to buy a book for someone in your life. The Imagine PTO will receive a book credit in the amount of 50% of the

Difference Program

Cecilia Eaton, sponsor of the Tiffany Gecko

**Questions, comments, concerns, IDEAS??** Please let us know, we would love input into **your** PTO!!

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**October Family Fun Night at Hungry Howie's was a huge success!!**

Thanks to all who came and ate pizza! Everyone had a great time eating with friends and making new ones! We were able to earn \$681 for our school, \$540 of that from tips alone!! Thanks to Abby for planning the event and Charlotte, Mary, Mrs. Beauregard, Angelica, Jay, Mrs. Quiles, Mrs. Bogie, Kelly, Christine, Laura, Kristie, Mrs. Britto for being the most excellent wait staff ever!!

### **Drink Pouch Brigade hits Imagine!**

We are now collecting drink pouches. Terracycle is a company that recycles drink pouches (example, Capri Sun) and creates useful products out of what would otherwise be in a landfill. We can help the environment and our school by sending Terracycle our used drink pouches. They will reimburse the school 2¢ per pouch. Want more information? Check out [www.terracycle.net](http://www.terracycle.net)

Thanks to all who bought a **Fall Spirit Shirt**. The PTO was able to make almost \$200 on the sales of the shirts. Hope everyone enjoyed the change on Fridays! Winter Spirit Shirts should



total Book Fair sales. This book credit will be used to purchase additional titles for our school library.

Thank you Jennifer for organizing our fair with flair!

**The Imagine Show** the school would like to work slowly towards having an Imagine Newscast. If you know of an old video camera that could get the students started, please let us know.

be ready around the beginning of December.

**The Newspaper Club** is in need of a digital camera so that they can include pictures with their articles. If you know of an old digital camera that could be donated, please let us know.