

GREETINGS FROM GREEN

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Letter from our President...

I don't think there is a parent reading this that didn't give their kids an extra hug and kiss after they heard the news of Ashley Ramos-Hernandez. One of the worst nightmares imaginable happened to one of our own Green family members. I feel that it is impossible to try to put the loss of Ashley into words, so I won't try. Instead, I will invite you to join me with an "independent moment of personal silence" and say a prayer for Ashley and her family.

I am truly grateful to our entire Green Elementary community for uniting and supporting one another when it was most needed. From the moment this accident occurred Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Goldsmith immediately responded to the scene to support Ashley and her family, while back at Green multiple staff members responded to this tragedy. In a coordinated effort, Ms. Cooper and Green staff members contacted families directly impacted and initiated steps to support students in the days that followed.

The next morning WCPSS arranged grief counselors who worked individually and in groups for children, parents, and staff affected by Ashley's death. Meanwhile, parents (and others) called the office asking where to donate money. Our PTA started working on a memorial fund. We sent out news releases and publicized her fund on WRAL, N&O, NBC17, and other TV stations. A PTA parent baked treats and delivered them to the teachers' lounge and to all the bus drivers at GYR on Friday as a show of support. We bought flowers for the bus driver, telling her how much we appreciate and support her. Don't forget the numerous individual gestures of support, including contributing to Ashley's memorial at the scene on North Hills Drive.

On Sunday, many parents and members of the Green staff visited the funeral home, including myself. On Monday, Green administration, teachers, parents, and several of Ashley's classmates attended the funeral. I had the opportunity to tell her parents (as best I could in Spanish) that everyone at Green is crying with them and they are in our hearts and prayers. I also gave them my business card and told them that if they needed anything they could call me, and we would be there for them. I knew that if you were there and could say it you would, and I also knew that if I said it, the Green family would support me. Thanks for being there when you're needed most.

God bless Ashley and her family, and God bless Green Year-Round.

Randy Summerford, GYR PTA President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 31 - Sept. 4 — Spirit Week, All Tracks 
- August 31 — *Sports Day
- September 1 — *Crazy Hat Day
- September 1 — Kindergarten Performance & PTA Meeting @ 6:00 PM
- September 2 — *Wacky Tacky Day
- September 2 — Early Release 11:55 AM
- September 2 — Produce Box Sale
- September 3 — *Crazy Hair Day
- September 4 — *GYR Spirit Day
- September 7 — No school, Labor Day



If you are interested in contributing to this fund, you may send a donation to:

The family of Ashley Ramos-Hernandez

c/o BB&T Bank

3000 Duraleigh Rd.

Raleigh, NC 27612

The Citipass Fundraiser Has Ended for Tracks 1 and 4 Please Return Envelopes & Unsold Books

Track 3 Ends Sept. 8th

Here are the current standings

We have now sold 365 books to date! Everyone has done such a great job!

Tracks 1&4	Total Books Sold	Total \$\$	PTA Revenue
Grade 2	98	\$245	\$1225
Grade K	87	\$217	\$1087.50
Grade 4	71	\$177	\$887.50
Grade 5	47	\$117	\$587.50
Grade 3	32	\$800	\$400
Grade 1	30	\$750	\$375

Currently..... Top Frog

Ms. Winston's Class (Grade K)	53 Sold
2nd Place	
Ms. Stanley's Class (Grade 2)	43 Sold
3rd Place	
Ms. Williamson's Class (Grade 2)	29 Sold
4th Place	
Ms. Murchison's Class (Grade 2)	26 Sold
5th Place tie	
Ms. Reyes's Class (Grade 4)	25 Sold
5th Place tie	
Ms. Draganchuk's Class (Grade 5)	25 Sold

Can anyone on Track 3 catch up with Ms. Winston's Class?

Please don't forget to return the book we lent you, if for some reason you do not want to purchase it. If any Coupons are removed, you must purchase the book. This is a fundraiser for your children. Please support your school.

TRACKS 1, AND 4 : BOOKS OR MONEY ARE NOW OVERDUE!

We must invoice for unreturned books as we are accountable for them.



TRACK 3 : Your money or books are due Tuesday September 8.

Kindergarten Performance

Who knows? Your kindergarteners do, and so does Tony Chestnut! Come see what all the giggles are about Tuesday at 6 PM in the gym. Kindergarteners need to arrive by 5:45. Don't miss it!

Congratulations to Our First Merlin's Math Winners of 2009-2010

Merlin, Ms. Hatch's golden retriever has been learning about space, so students solved problems about stars and planets. Everyone did an "out of this world" job counting stars in the Big and Little Dippers and using Merlin's Planet Facts chart to solve problems. Winners received an autographed picture from Merlin and a prize.

Rachel Bunch	K/Tr. 1/Winston
Yosshua Quiroz-Villaneuva	1 st /Tr. 1/Condrey
Matthew Wedge	2 nd /Tr. 4/Stanley
Crystal Dunston	3 rd /Tr. 4/Haught
Maryssa Almasy	4 th /Tr. 4/Gridley
Kyala Russell	5 th /Tr. 4/Ruffin

Class Participation Award (More than half the class did Merlin's Math.)

Kevin McSoley 4th/Tr.4/Gridley

Kevin accepted the prize (a new football) for his class.

LOST AND FOUND

We already have many "found" items in our Lost and Found. Please claim items in the upper level of the Media Center. We also have a set of keys with an EvanPicone key chain and a pair of lavender and black glasses. Please see Ms. Hatch to claim.



Spirit Week

Monday: Sports Day
 Tuesday: Crazy Hat Day
 Wednesday: Wacky Tacky Day
 Thursday: Crazy Hair Day
 Friday: Green Year Round Day
Show your School Spirit!!

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES
WEDNESDAY 5:00 PM**

**SUBMIT ARICLES TO
GREETINGSFROMGREEN@
YAHOO.COM**

**VISIT US ON THE WEB
[HTTP://GYR.WCPSS.NET](http://gyr.wcpss.net)**