



## Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year!

### Who is the PFC?

The John Green Parent Faculty Club (PFC) are a group of parent volunteers and faculty members who work together to **SUPPORT** events and school programs, **HELP** provide school supplies, **AND SUPPLEMENT** additional costs for the school, such as field trips that the district is unable to fund.



### John Green Elementary School PFC 2025- 2026



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*Our mission is to positively impact the lives of all children and families that are a part of the John Green Elementary School. The PFC plays a significant role in your children's education by creating community events for the children that are outside of the standard curriculum.*

The PFC is responsible for enrichment programs through **FINANCIAL and VOLUNTEERISM** support for school programs such as:

- Kindergarten Meet & Greet
- Fall Festival
- Pastries with Parents
- Field Trips
- PE Supplies
- Library Books
- Teacher Supplies
- Faculty Appreciation & more

### Ways to Help:

- **DONATE** [Click Here](#)- We recommend a \$180 donation per student, which is equivalent to a dollar a day. If your company offers a donation match, please be sure to submit your receipt for company matching.
  - **If you donate by August 31**, you will qualify for a Tier Donation Gift:
    - \$180 Donation per student: Tier 1- Gold
    - \$150 Donation per student: Tier 2- Silver
    - \$75 Donation per student: Tier 3- Bronze
- **Get cleared by DUSD to VOLUNTEER**- [Link for DUSD Volunteer Clearance Page](#)- With a few easy steps, you can be cleared to volunteer at school. Clearance does take a few days, and is good all school year.
- **Join the PFC Board**- we still have a Secretary position open. Our secretary maintains and distributes all the minutes of our board meetings. Please reach out to [President@johnngreenpfc.org](mailto:President@johnngreenpfc.org) to learn more.

### Get Connected:

- [Click Here](#) and bookmark the **John Green PFC Website**
- [Click Here](#) and 'Like' our **Facebook Page**
- [Volunteer](#) - sign up to volunteer or lead at our upcoming events!
- Gator Gazette- look out for our weekly newsletter for school and PFC updates throughout the school year.



John Green Elementary PFC

# Gator Gazette

Date: August 12, 2025 - 1st Issue

**Helpful Links:** [PFC Website](#) | [PFC Facebook](#) | [PFC Volunteers](#) | [Order Gator Gear](#) | [PFC Gator Gazette](#) | [Bell Schedule](#) | [School Lunch Menu](#) | [25- 26 DUSD Calendar](#) | [DUSD Volunteer Clearance](#)

| August 2025  |  |
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| <b>8/12/25- 8/15/25</b><br><br><b>Tuesday- Friday Schedule</b> | <b><u>8/12 Tuesday First day of school</u></b><br>Grades 1st-5th: 8:15AM-1:55PM- early release<br>TK-Kindergarten: 8:20 AM- 12:10 PM<br><br><b><u>8/13 Wednesday</u></b><br>Grades 1st-5th: 8:15 AM -1:55 PM<br>TK-Kindergarten: 8:20 AM- 12:10 PM<br><br><b><u>8/14 Thursday</u></b><br>Grades 1st-5th: 8:15 AM -1:55 PM<br>TK-Kindergarten: 8:20 AM- 12:10 PM<br><br><b><u>8/15 Friday</u></b><br>Grades 1st-5th: 8:15 AM -1:55 PM<br>TK-Kindergarten: 8:20 AM- 12:10 PM   |
| <b>8/20 Wednesday</b>  | <b><u>Back to School Night TK &amp; Kindergarten, Crossman/Gutierrez</u></b><br>TK, Kindergarten: 4:30 pm<br>Crossman/ Gutierrez classes: 4:45 pm<br><br><b><u>PFC (Parent Faculty Club) Meeting: All parents are welcomed to join</u></b><br>6:30 pm-7:30 pm: <a href="#">Google Link</a>   |
| <b>8/21 Thursday</b>   | <b><u>Back to School Night 1st-5th Grade</u></b><br>Students and Families are welcomed to come to “back to school” night. This is an opportunity for the parents to see the classroom and meet the teachers.<br>1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade: 4:30 pm<br>4th and 5th Grade: 4:45 pm  |
| <b>8/31 Sunday</b>   | <b><u>Last day to qualify for PFC Donation Tier Gifts</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>DONATE</b> <a href="#">Click Here</a>- We recommend a \$180 donation per student, which is equivalent to a dollar a day. If your company offers a donation match, please be sure to submit your receipt for company matching.</li><li>• <b>If you donate by August 31</b> you will qualify for a Tier Donation Gift:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ \$180 Donation per student: Tier 1- Gold</li><li>○ \$150 Donation per student: Tier 2- Silver</li><li>○ \$75 Donation per student: Tier 3- Bronze</li></ul></li></ul> |



### **Gator Gear Spirit Wear FLASH SALE!**

- Students will receive apparel by: week of 9/22/25
- EVERY FRIDAY is spirit day at our school. Students show their school spirit by wearing your Gator Gear or school colors- Green and Yellow.
- [Click HERE to order](#)

### **To: New Parents of John Green including Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Parents**

Navigating the new school year can be challenging and overwhelming. Below are a few essential tools for a successful school year.

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| <p><b>WhatsApp Groups</b></p> <p>Allows parents from the same grade to communicate to one another and help with inquiries (i.e. general school questions, school activities, grade level field trips, etc )</p> <p>Each class may also set up a “what’s app” group so that parents of students in the same class can communicate with each other (homework, class events, etc)</p> | <p><b>Grade Level Groups</b></p> <p><a href="#">John Green TK 2025-26</a></p> <p><a href="#">John Green Kindergarten 2025-26</a></p> <p><b>Class Group</b></p> <p>TBD</p> |
| <p><b>Volunteer at PFC Events</b></p> <p>We need volunteers and event leads for PFC events throughout the school year. Sign up to get involved!</p>  | <p>Sign up <a href="#">here</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Get Cleared by DUSD to Volunteer</b></p> <p>Throughout the school year, class teachers will need volunteers in the classroom or for field trips. ALL volunteers must be cleared by DUSD in order to volunteer at school. Apply for volunteer clearance today.</p>  | <p><a href="#">Link for DUSD Volunteer Clearance Page</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Become a Room Parent:</b></p> <p>Room parents help teachers facilitate communication between teacher and parents, assist with homework prep and check, and organize classroom parties for the year. <i>More than one room parent is acceptable.</i></p>  | <p>If you are interested, notify your student’s teacher. The PFC will provide training to the Room Parents at the start of the school year.</p>                           |

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## AROUND OUR COMMUNITY:



### **Dublin Partners in Education: DPIE**

It is a program that allows further educational enrichment in fun and creative ways through a variety of curated after school and summer programs that round out student experience and help Dublin schools maintain their excellence!

It's a great way to give your kids an opportunity to try different activities during the school year, so check it out!

Registration and Information for Fall DPIE after school programs can be found with this [link](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!



## Tools for Success...In school... and life!

***Dr. Sharon Kovalevsky from our Dublin School District Pathways Program would like to invite you to the John Green MPR on Thursday, August 21st, at 5:30 pm for a Destination Imagination information night.***

**Destination Imagination® (DI)** is an outside-of-school, project-based educational program that inspires and equips students to become the next generation of innovators and leaders. Teams in our program improve in creative thinking, critical thinking and collaborative problem solving. Our participants experience the creative process, develop new friendships and learn to work together.

**Who:** Students in grades kindergarten through university can participate, with up to seven members per team. Each team needs an adult Team Manager who helps students stay on track but does not directly help the team develop their solution to the DI Challenge. Team Managers are typically parents or other volunteers.

**What:** There are seven new DI Challenges each year which are developed by a team of educators and industry experts with emphasis on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Skills, STEM, Common Core and the Arts. The areas of focus include: Technical, Scientific, Fine Arts, Improvisational, Structural and Service Learning. There is also a non-competitive Early Learning Challenge that allows kids in kindergarten, first and second grade to build social and problem solving skills. Each team also practices and competes in an Instant Challenge. These are quick thinking, creative challenges that usually take between five and ten minutes to solve and present.

**Where:** Team meetings take place at a time and place agreed upon by the team. Our local regional tournament takes place early March in the Tri-Valley area.

**When:** Each season takes place from September through mid-February, or into May depending on how far the team progresses. Teams typically meet weekly for an hour or two and can spend 4 to 6 months developing and practicing their DI Challenge solutions.

**Why:** Students in our program develop depth in creative thinking, critical thinking, and collaborative problem solving. Our kids experience the creative process, develop new friendships, and most importantly, have fun!

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Contact Sharon - Regional Director [skovalevsky@californiacreativity.org](mailto:skovalevsky@californiacreativity.org)

