



John Green Elementary PFC

# Gator Gazette

Date: May 12, 2025

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## The PFC Board needs YOUR help for the 25-26 school year!

The Parent Faculty Club, also known as the PFC is a **group of volunteer parents and faculty members** that work together to **enhance the educational experience for your children**. For the upcoming school year, we still have the following positions open:

- **Secretary**
- **Director of Reimbursements**

[Sign Up Here](#) - Extended to May 14, 2025

Upcoming Events	
April 28, 2025 - May 23, 2025	<p><b>The Crayon Initiative</b> Send in used crayons with your student! We will collect and refurbish into new crayons for children in hospitals. Learn More: <a href="http://thecrayoninitiative.org">thecrayoninitiative.org</a></p>
May 22, 2025 Thursday at 8:30 am MPR	<p><b>Volunteer Appreciation Event</b> Any parent that has volunteered in the classroom, at a PFC event, or on a field trip are invited to attend. We will have light snacks and a surprise performance. <a href="#">Please RSVP here</a>.</p>
June 3, 2025 Tuesday	<p><b>5th Grade Promotion</b></p>
June 4, 2025 Wed	<p><b>Last day of school!!!</b> <b>Minimum Day Schedule</b> TK, K End Time 12:10pm, 1st-5th End Time 12:32p</p>

## Attention 5th Grade Parents

See below for a summary of events over the next few weeks.

- May 14th Wed: **California Science Testing**
- May 16th Fri: **5th Grade Spirit Wear & Yard Sign Delivery**
- May 19th- 23rd: **Puberty Talk Curriculum**
- May 30th: **Olympic Day (in class)**
- June 2nd: **Olympic Day (grade level)** Early Release 1:55 pm
- June 3rd: **Promotion Day (by class)** Early Release 1:55 pm
  - Family welcomed
  - 8:20 am- 9am Sylva & Linh
  - 9:05 am- 9:45 am Hill
  - 10:05 am- 10:45 am Paul
  - 12:05 pm- 12:50 pm Fogel
  - 1:00 pm- 1:45 pm Ewing
- June 4th: **School Clap Out and 5th Grade vs Staff Kickball**  
Minimum Day 12:32 pm



## A Legacy of Learning: Mrs. Nielson's Retirement Celebration



After an incredible **40 years** in education, our beloved teacher and mentor Julie Nielson is retiring! Julie has dedicated her life to inspiring generations of students with her compassion, creativity, and unwavering commitment to learning.

If you are able to join us in person, we will be having a celebration at John Green Elementary on May 21st at 3:15 pm. Let's give Mrs. Nielson the celebration she deserves and show her just how many lives she's helped shape. Thank you for being part of this special moment!

Thank you JG family for showering your love, thanks and appreciation to our John Green Staff! Thank you to **Brijeeta Patel** for leading the Teacher and Staff Appreciation events all week!

A few pics from last week and more to come on next week's Gator Gazette:

**TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK**

<p><b>MAY 5TH</b></p> <p>THANK FOR CREATING A "WHOLE NEW WORLD" FOR OUR KIDS... NOW IT'S TIME TO RELAX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$6 AMAZON GIFTS CARDS &amp; SHOWER STEAMERS W/TRAY</li></ul>	<p><b>MAY 6TH</b></p> <p>INCREDIBLE TEACHERS DESERVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "POWER BREAKFASTS"</li><li>• BLACK BEAR DINER</li></ul>
<p><b>MAY 7TH</b></p> <p>TEACHERS, YOUR WISH HAS BEEN GRANTED...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$6 TARGET GIFT CARDS</li><li>• W/DISNEY INSPIRED KEYCHAIN</li></ul>	<p><b>MAY 8TH</b></p> <p>TEACHERS, WE HOPE TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY, LIKE YOU DO OURS...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ENJOY A LAUGH AND SNACKS ON US</li><li>• INDIVIDUAL READY TO GO SNACK BAGS</li></ul>
<p><b>MAY 9TH</b></p> <p>CHURROS AND MAGICAL TEACHERS... THE ONLY REASON WE'RE HERE!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CHURRO CART IN THE STAFF ROOM</li></ul> <p>"OUR TEACHERS ARE TRULY MAGICAL"</p> 	







## The Crayon Initiative

WHEN: April 28- May 21

May 21: Crayons will be collected from each class and weighed (Thank you to Kristine Madrid and Ruchi Prem for leading this event!)

May 27: Crayon sorting (optional: Send your child at lunch during game room time to help sort out the crayons with Ms. Ruchi)

Winning classes get:

1st place= 🍕 🍕 🍕

2nd place= 🍪 🍪 🍪 (sponsored by PFC)

**THE Crayon INITIATIVE = NEW CRAYONS FOR KIDS IN THE HOSPITAL**

**WHEN:** Begins Wednesday, April 28 and ENDS on Wednesday, May 21

**WHAT DO PARENTS:** Send your used crayons with your kids for their class to collect

**WHAT DO YOU DO?** KIDS: Assist Ms. Ruchi with crayon assortment during lunch (on Tuesday, May 27 during game room time) before the crayons are delivered to the Crayon Initiative facility.

**The class who COLLECTS the MOST**

## The Crayon Initiative and what is it???

Used crayons are collected, sorted, and turned in, to be repurposed into new crayons for kids in hospitals.

**What you need to do:**

- **Send your used crayons with your student to class**
- **Students will sort on specific days at lunchtime**

**More information about the the Crayon Initiative can be found [here](#)**

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