



GULLETT GAZETTE

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PTA News

We have By-Laws and Standing Rules! They were voted on before the Windemere Players concert at our general PTA meeting last Wednesday. Also, the following individuals were elected to their respective positions as executive for the 2010-11 school year:

Jennifer Carson, President
Lisa Alverson, 1st vice president, Ways and Means
Glenna Smith, 2nd vice president, Membership
Erin Shea, Secretary
Peggy Dieterich, Treasurer
Martha Stockton, Asst. Treasurer
Tessa Walker, Parliamentarian

Most committees positions have at least one person, yet we still need to fill in the gaps for Carnival and Volunteer Coordinator. Kudos to our great nominating committee: Jene Ebest, Kristin Knifton, and Stacey Roeder for helping fill those positions. There is always room for others to step up to volunteer. Contact me if you are unsure about positions, but interested at jjicarson4@gmail.com.

Gullett wins RIF for 5th consecutive year! Because of our efforts to raise money over \$21,000 for RIF, Gullett won the BookSpring Read-a-thon yet again. The trophy will be retired this year, so it has a permanent home at our school. Our wonderful librarian, Kay Gooch, was awarded the first ever Legacy award for Recognized Good at the ceremony last week for her advocacy for early literacy for children in need. We know how special she is and so does the Austin Read-a-thon community! Check out the AISD website for photo gallery of the assembly.

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Gullett is using Twitter

To view Gullett's Twitter page go to <http://twitter.com/GullettGeckos>.

To follow Gullett on Twitter sign in to your Twitter account, go to Gullett's Twitter page and click on follow.



Dates to Remember: April 29, 2010, onward

- 4/30 Art Show; 7:00 am to 8:30 pm, cafeteria
Art Show reception; 6:00 to 8:00, cafeteria
1st grade to Elgin Tree Farm; 9:00
- 5/1 Art Show; 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, cafeteria
- 5/3 CAC meeting; 3:30 and PTA Board meeting;
6:30, library
- 5/3-5/7 National Teacher Appreciation Week
Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week
School Health Team Appreciation Week
- 5/4 Kindergarten Round-up; 8:30 am to 10:00
am, cafeteria
- 5/5 3rd grade Cinco de Mayo show; 1:30 to 2:30,
cafeteria
- 5/7 Astronomy students to NASA
Kindergarten mothers' picnic
- 5/13 Gullett Teacher Appreciation Day!
(all times are pm unless otherwise noted)

Three Cheers for Gullett (and Ms. Gooch)!!

Austin School Superintendent Dr. Meria Carstarphen recognized Gullett Elementary School librarian Kay Gooch, for her successful efforts in coaching students to a fifth consecutive victory in *BookSpring's* 2010 Read-A-Thon. Gullett Geckos raised more than \$21,000 by reading an estimated 176,000 pages, and collecting pledges from parents, siblings, neighbors and family members. Due to its string of page-turning victories, *BookSpring* permanently awarded the Read-A-Thon trophy to the campus. Altogether, students from 32 AISD and Eanes ISD schools raised more than \$132,000 in pledges this year to benefit *BookSpring's* children's literacy programs. The nonprofit administers *Reading is Fundamental*, which provides new books and enrichment activities to 25,000 young students, and *Reach Out and Read*, which promotes early literacy and school readiness in pediatric exam rooms to 22,000 children and their families in 25 local medical clinics. Photos of Gullett's victory celebration are posted on the AISD online gallery at <http://www.austinisd.org> <<http://www.austinisd.org/>> .

For more detailed information,
please visit our website:
<http://www.gullettgeckos.com>

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Program account number is 474.
ade close to \$800!

Gecko Fund Update

The Gecko Fund has almost reached the goal for the 09/10 school year! We have raised \$28,495 of our \$32,000 goal. If you have not fulfilled your pledge, please donate online or send it to the office in a marked envelope as soon as possible. If you haven't given to the Gecko Fund this year and cannot donate \$120, please consider an amount that works for your budget. Every \$20 gets us closer to our goal! You may be able to match your gift - check www.gullettgeckos.com to see if your employer is on the list of companies that offer matching gifts. We appreciate your support of our PTA and the wonderful programs the PTA offers for our kids.

Grounds Committee Update

The small plant sale last Saturday, April 24, was a success, and we raised a little start-up money for a fund to redo our greenhouse. There were gorgeous tomatoes, squash, basil, cantaloupe, and other plants left after the sale, so they were made available for purchase after school this past Monday. A huge thanks to Vincent Escalante and Susan Moore who donated the plants and to helpers Meredith Thomas, Wendy Saha-Elliott, Lila Wilson, Marsha and Mack Edwards.

As you read this, a transformation is taking place on the 2nd grade ramp. The snake path, butterfly gardens, teaching area, bunny run, turtle habitat, place to sit and have lunch with children, and so much more, will all be ready for a ribbon cutting celebration at the end of May. Money has been donated from the estate of Helen Westberg, avid gardener and long time Allandale resident. A huge thank you to our generous donor Betsy Sammon, aunt of 2nd grader Olivia Sammon and 4th grader Keane Sammon.

Randalls Good Neighbor Program

Anyone can [link their Randalls Remarkable card](#) to benefit Gullett. You can do this by completing a Remarkable Application Form and the "Good Neighbor Program" section or just the "Good Neighbor Program" section if you already have a Remarkable card number. Applications are available at any Randalls Courtesy Booth. Our

Kindergarten Roundup

May 4, 8:30am — 10:00am, cafeteria

On kinder roundup day, you will be registering your child for kindergarten in the fall. On this day your child will come with you and while you are filling out registration paperwork they can visit one of the kindergarten classrooms. Please bring the following student information to help complete registration:

- Birth certificate
- Immunizations
- Social security card or number
- Proof of residence (electric bill, lease/rental agreement)
- Driver's license

While you are filling out paperwork the principal and PTA representatives will speak to you about the school. You can also pre-order school supply packets that the PTA offers as a convenience to parents. The supply packets will be ready for pick-up at the *Meet the Teacher* event that is held a few days before school starts in August.

The start date for the 2010 - 2011 school year is August 23.

Help Stop Bullying NOW!

Take a Stand. Lend a Hand. Stop bullying NOW! One of best ways you can help stop or prevent bullying is to be educated about, and sensitive to, the issue. Bullying is NOT a rite of passage - an undesirable, but sometimes unavoidable, reality of growing up. Rather, bullying is a serious public health issue that affects countless young people every day, and is compounded by the technology readily available to our children. Further, research shows that the effects of bullying can last well into adulthood.

