



# Green Tree East Parent Newsletter

October 2009

## GTE MISSION STATEMENT

Based on California Standards, Green Tree East School will provide a quality educational foundation in order for students to be at or above grade level in reading, writing, and math.

### Looking Ahead

#### OCTOBER:

- 10/1-Fundraiser kick-off
- 10/2-**Minimum Day**, school dismissed at 1:29 p.m. Student of the month luncheon
- 10/5-12-**Parent-Teacher Conferences**, Minimum days all week.
- 10/6-Skate night 6-8 p.m.
- 10/7-School Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 10/13-Last day of fundraiser
- 10/16-**Minimum Day**
- 10/19-Pastries with the Principal 9:15 a.m.
- 10/23-**Minimum Day**, Theme: Crazy Hair
- 10/29-Picture Retakes
- 10/29-30-Pumpkin Patch
- 10/30-**Minimum Day**, Parent Newsletter home.

#### NOVEMBER:

- 11/4-School Board meeting
- 11/6-**Minimum Day**, Student of the Month Luncheon

### Just a Thought

"You never know when a kind act or word of encouragement can change a life forever."  
Zig Ziglar

## Green Tree East—Moving Forward Towards Student Achievement

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! I am so honored to be the principal at Green Tree East. I am looking forward to working with you and your child to reach their educational goals. We received our California Standards Test results in August. Our school API is 738, which was a drop of 24 points from last year. The staff has worked very diligently to plan for the school year and analyze data to increase student achievement. Before school began this year, our staff determined that we will be focusing on monitoring data more frequently with bimonthly assessments, using effective practices when implementing Re-

sponse to Intervention, and focusing on reinforcing our discipline plan to ensure we are consistent and fair, so that students can achieve academically and develop self-discipline. Additionally, we have a new resource called High Stakes Math, which is a math program that covers all of the state standards. I am confident we will exceed our goals on the next CST. I sincerely believe in the importance of parents and schools having a partnership in order to ensure student success. This year, we are working hard to bridge the home to school gap by incorporating several events throughout the year. These events include: Back to

School Night (thank you to those who attended), Pastries with the Principal, Mother/Son Night, Father/Daughter Night, English Language Classes for Parents, and a Parenting Class coming in the spring. I truly hope you will be part of your child's education by attending our events. I believe in our teachers and our students, and with your support I know that significant things are going to happen. I know we will be back on a strong academic road to success, and able to celebrate in the coming years.



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### Skate Night

Join us for skate night on Tuesday, October 6th from 6-8 p.m. Presale tickets are \$4.00 plus \$1.00 for skates. If you pay at the door the night of the activity, the cost will be \$6.00 plus \$1.00 for skate rental.



### Riding the Bus



Remind your children that riding the bus is a privilege. If they don't follow the directions given by the bus driver, they may receive bus tickets which could lead to being suspended from the bus.

### Parent Support Group

Mrs. Lopez is our Parent Support Group president. If you are interested in being involved please call the school and leave your name and number.



### Watch Your Speed

Please remember the speed limit is 25 mph in a residential neighborhood. Watch for our children as they are crossing the street.



### Parent-Teacher Conference Week

Be sure and attend your child's parent teacher conference. This is a great time to find out what your child is doing in class and what you will be able to do to help your child have a successful school year.