



Gregory Gardens PTA presents this month's



Gator Memo

Gregory Gardens Teachers Tap into [DonorsChoose.org](https://www.donorschoose.org)
Learn more on the reverse side of this flyer.

The Week of October 3rd

After School Enrichment Programs Start!

All registration forms with enrollment information are available in the office and at [Gregorygardenspta.org](https://www.gregorygardenspta.org). Most programs start the week of Oct. 3rd, so **enroll today!**

Please see additional information on the back of this memo. Sponsored by Gregory Gardens PTA



Wednesday, October 5 Walk to School Day

Join kids and adults around the world by walking or biking to school to promote exercise, the environment and safe walking skills. Live too far away to walk? Then park a few blocks away from school and walk the rest of the way! Get a special sticker. **Let's walk and roll!**

*511 Contra Costa will award our school \$300 if at least 210 students walk or bike on Oct. 5. Please join us!

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Thursday, October 20 PTA General Meeting

PTA Business meeting to discuss the calendar and financial report including the audit report. Followed by a special presentation by our Principal Mrs. Kolano: **"Building a relationship to support your child's success."** Topics include: Test scores, assessments, hw policy, reading. **Also learn about Reflections and the Fall Fundraiser!**

For more information see our website [gregorygardenspta.org](https://www.gregorygardenspta.org) or visit the School office for flyers. To contact Gregory Gardens PTA e-mail ggptainfo@gmail.com or leave a message at 827-3770.

Mark your calendar!



- November 6 **Daylight savings** clocks back 1 hr.
- November 11 **Veterans Day** - no school
- November 12 **PTA Reflections Deadline**
- November 18 **Grand Event (during recess)**
Special Coffee Social 9-10:30 am
- November 21-25 **Thanksgiving Recess**

Friday, October 21



Coffee Social

9-10:30 am Library



Enjoy a cup of coffee and snacks, and meet other families and staff at Gregory Gardens Elementary and Robert Shearer Preschool.

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Saturday, October 22

Fall Fest - Parade and Family Dance Join us as we celebrate the harvest season and kick-off to the 60th anniversary of our campus!

11 am - Costume parade

Followed by a Dance Through the Decades featuring dance standards from 1951-2011 until 3 pm
Bake Sale - Used Children's Book Sale - Cake Walk - Food and refreshments - fun family games and prizes
Admission free, the cost of items sold varies.

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October 24-28

Red Ribbon Week

Show your Gator Spirit and Celebrate these Daily Themes:

- Monday - I see my future is bright! **Cool Glasses Day**
- Tuesday - Reach for the stars! **Disco Day**
- Wednesday - I have the power! **Superhero Day**
- Thursday - My character shines! **Inside-out Day**
- Friday - Pledge to be a winner! **Team Sports Day**

Gregory Gardens Teachers Tap into DonorsChoose.org

Responding to ever-tightening budgets, Gregory Gardens Teachers are using new approaches to getting the supplies they need for their classrooms. DonorsChoose.org is an on-line organization devoted to linking teachers in need of supplies with parents, community members and businesses who would like to help support public school teachers. Three Gregory Gardens teachers (Mrs. Withington (K1), Mr. Moumoutiis (Preschool), and Mrs. Lopez (Early Intervention Center)) currently have projects listed on this site and are looking for donations. Check it out and consider making a contribution:

<http://www.donorschoose.org/donors/search.html?state=CA&community=4209:2&school=4161>

This is a great time to show your support as Chevron has earmarked up to \$1 million dollars to give to teachers from Contra Costa and Alameda Counties who post a project on DonorsChoose.org this fall. Chevron is more likely to help fund projects that have some community support. So, check it out today. Even a small contribution can go a long way towards supporting our school.

After School Enrichment Programs are Starting the Week of October 3rd!

Does your child have an artistic interest? Want to stimulate your child's brain? Is your child curious about their surroundings? Or does your child like to move and express themselves in motion?

Maybe they carry a tune in their heart or like to perform? If so, sign them up for one or more of the various after school enrichment programs. These programs provide an opportunity to try something out, develop new abilities, or further natural talents in an enjoyable way. Sessions are about to begin for Young Rembrandts drawing, Bricks4kidz Legos (new program), Funkmode Theater or Hip Hop Dance (new programs), Mad Science and Village Music School singing and piano or guitar lessons. Please be aware that many of these programs offer a kindergarten only class.

These programs are sponsored by the PTA and offered for a fee. Enrollment fees vary -- see registration forms or website for details. All registration forms with enrollment information are located at Gregorygardenspta.org in the After School Enrichment section. There are also registration forms located in the office. **Most after school enrichment programs start the week of Oct. 3rd, so enroll today!**

Mondays: Young Rembrandts Drawing, 10/03 - 11/28 (no class on 11/21), K only class 1:30-2:15, grades 1-5 class 2:25-3:25. Room 15

Funkmode Theater, 10/03 - 12/12 (no class on 11/21). All grades, 2:35-4:35. Multi-use room

Tuesdays: Bricks4kidz Legos, 10/04 - 11/29 (no class on 11/22). K only class 1:30-2:15, grades 1-5 class 2:25-3:25. Multi-use room

Wednesdays: Village Music School, 10/12 - 12/14 (no class on 11/23). Disney Songs grades K-2 12:40 - 1:20, Glee Club grades 3-5 1:30 - 2:20. Multi-use room

Village Music School, 10/12 - 12/14 (no class on 11/23), private or semi private guitar or piano lessons. Half hour classes available between 12:40 and 4:45. Room 16

Thursdays: Mad Science, topic: Academy of Future Space Explorers, 10/06 - 12/01 (no class on 11/24). K only class, 1:30-2:15, grades K-5 class 2:25-3:25. Room 15

Fridays: Funkmode Hip Hop Dance, 10/07 - 11/30 (no class on 11/11 or 11/25). All grades 2:25-3:25. Multi-use room

Please note that each after school enrichment program has a minimum student requirement in order to be held. If a class is cancelled due to low enrollment, it will be communicated as soon as possible. There are also maximum enrollment limits, so sign up early to secure a spot.