October
27 – Bootastic Bingo (6:00 pm Gym)

November
8 – PTO Meeting (6:00 pm Library)
9-10- Parent/Teacher Conferences

December
7-21- Food Drive
8- Christmas Caroling (6:00 pm Cafeteria)
12-16 Christmas Program Seat Raffle
13 – PTO Meeting (6:00 pm Library)
22- Christmas Program (12:30 Lewis & Clark Fairgrounds)

Get Active in the PTO!
All parents are automatically members of the 4G’s Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), so there are no dues to pay! There are many opportunities to volunteer so plan on attending our next PTO meeting to see which ones you might be interested in chairing (a partial list is below). Let’s show our children how important their education and school are by getting involved!

PTO Meeting: Tuesday, November 8 at 6:00 pm in the Library
Chair-Tina Kuney
Co-Chair- Marlana Reichert
Co-Chair/Secretary- Monica Crow
Treasurer- Kim Koch

Events: Fall Fundraiser, Walk to School Day, Bootastic Bingo, Christmas Caroling, Spring Fling, Teacher Appreciation Week, Field Day etc.

Box Top$ For Education

The BoxTop$ for Education program is one of our continuing fundraising activities and is so simple to help with. Simply cut out the BoxTop$ label found on many of the food products that you are already purchasing and send them in with your child.

Highlights from the Fall Fundraiser
Thank you to everyone involved in selling tickets and collecting money for the Fall Fundraiser. 4Gs was able to raise $11,730 that will be used for teacher requests (classroom supplies, scholastic news, pottery projects, stem projects, technology fund, field trips and more).

The top 10 selling students won a free lunch with Mr. Radley. Congratulations to the following students:

1. Chase Frydenlund (3B)
2. Shane Samson (KW)
3. Jaxen Marks (KW)
4. Cohen Koch (3Y)
5. Khloe Koch (KW)
6. Anna Kuney (5M)
7. Colton Deitchler (1SH)
8. Jude Thompson (2J)
9. Kynzie Belcher (4H)
10. Trey Frydenlund (1S)

Walk to School Day (Oct 5th)
Although it was a bit chilly, and raining, Walk to School Day had a great turnout. Thanks to Lifehouse Coffee for hanging out with us so we could buy some hot coffee and cocoa to warm us up. Also, thanks to Sodexo for free breakfast. We can’t forget our awesome volunteers from Capital High and Carrol College for braving the weather with our little ones.

Bootastic Bingo
The PTO is proud to announce the 2nd Annual Bootastic Bingo night at 6:00 pm Thursday October 27th in the 4G’s gym. Make sure to get your costume ready for Halloween night and enjoy a fun time playing Bingo and winning prizes.
Minutes from October 11th PTO Meeting

- Parent Advisory Report- Heather Bode
  - Discussed the student to nurse ratio. 4G’s nurse is shared with Broadwater and is full-time.
  - The school district is looking into each school’s policy for peanut allergies and updating some language.
  - Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is sponsoring Smart Schools initiative. They are looking for schools to implement recycling programs and going green. Mrs. Bruce is going to look into it further as the deadline is Oct 31st.
  - Broadwater School is wondering if other PTOs have their own insurance. 4Gs will look into this as well.

- Principal's Report- Nick Radley
  - 4Gs will be getting a new drinking fountain installed in the main entrance that will be able to fill up water bottles.
  - There are currently 487 students at 4Gs. They have had to send several students to other schools because that grade was full. There is a concern to try and keep kids from moving too many times as research indicates the more times a child moves schools the more difficulty they have graduating.
  - 4Gs is going to start a student council. There will be a candidate forum Oct 14th with 4 office positions open. There will be representatives on the council from grades 3, 4, and 5. The Every Person Makes a Difference Campaign will be student lead and they will decide on which charitable organizations they want to raise funds for.

- Walk to School
  - Walk to school went well.
  - There were 40 more people that had breakfast than last year.
  - Uber bars were ordered, however, they came frozen so the cafeteria was able to find an alternative to make breakfast go smoothly.

- Restaurant Nights
  - In the past we have had a Taco John’s night where 10% of all of the orders they receive will be donated to 4Gs. Discussion on when we should have one and if we should try alternative places such as Panda Express, Mackenzie River?
  - Discussion on hosting a Tip a Teacher event. Mrs. Bruce was going to find out more information.

- Parent Teacher conferences coming up- Amber Colby has volunteered to assist with volunteer signup genius and coordinating the event. We will need volunteers to help set up on those days.

- Movie License – PTO purchased a 2 year movie license for teachers to be able to show movies in the classroom without piracy issues. The license is due for renewal at the end of December. We will discuss this again at the next meeting with information on how often teachers are using the license and how much it cost. Teachers can purchase a one-time license but may be cost effective for another 2 year license.
Four Georgian’s PTO

October 2016

- Fundraiser
  - Successes from the Fundraiser:
    - The fundraiser raised $11,730.
    - Minus expenses for tickets and purchasing a few raffle items the overall amount was $10,716.19 which was $720 less than the previous year using the Great American Catalogue fundraiser. Great for a first time event!!
    - Great Prizes offered
    - Nice not to have to sell items and deliver them
    - Raffle was much easier and liked by many parents that had competing fundraisers from other schools
    - Selling tickets 5 for $20 really helped bump up the number people were willing to buy.
    - Grateful to not have the trinkets come home from selling (duckies…etc.)
  - Suggestions for improvement:
    - Time frame was too short. Many would have liked more time to sell tickets and receive money from family members out of town.
    - Didn’t have enough time to turn in tickets. Drawing was conducted too quickly after they were due and should have allowed some leeway for tickets to be turned in before drawing.
    - Each kid should receive a book, not just family count.
    - Instructions should have been given with the raffle tickets. Such as who is running the fundraiser, what does the PTO do, where does the money go, what are the incentives for kids to sell, what is the timeframe for turning in tickets and how to request more.
    - Drawings throughout the week were not announced to everyone so students weren’t turning in tickets until the end.
    - Incentives for students weren’t clear.
  - The fundraiser money is allocated completely towards teacher requests. Each year the PTO sends out applications (November) to teachers to request funds for their classrooms or other events. Funds have previously been dedicated for the following:
    - Principal Fund: includes rental of the Fairgrounds for the Christmas program, summer library, geography bee, teacher appreciation, and Kindergarten graduation
    - Field trips: 1st grade Exploration Works/Archie Bray, 2nd Grade Sapphire Mine/Holter Museum, 4th Grade Tour Train
    - Read Across America
    - No TV Week prizes
    - Math Night
    - Scholastic Subscriptions
    - Gym equipment
    - Library books
    - Other classroom supplies and requests
• Parent suggestions for areas to invest future PTO funds:
  o Buddy Benches on the playground
  o Shelters for kids
  o Playground Equipment
• PTO is open to suggestions and is always looking for more information on where funding is needed most. In order for the PTO to review suggestions more information would be needed:
  o Overall need of the suggested activity/item
  o Cost to purchase
  o Maintenance/installation costs
  o Longevity-long term outcome
  o Teacher/Principal approval
• PTO board would like to thank everyone for their feedback and input. Any suggestions or comments you would like to provide please contact a board member or attend our next meeting November 8th.