

# Friday Falcon

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March 27, 2009

## WHO DO WE APPRECIATE – Our Teachers and Staff... That's Who!

If you like to write poems, this one's for you. Create your own original poem about a teacher or staff member at Green Hope Elementary. Turn them into the office and we'll decorate the staff lounge with them. You don't need to be a great poet; all you need to do is try your best. Deadline for tracks 1 & 3 is Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and for tracks 2 & 4 it's Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day

The World Autism Awareness Day resolution encourages all Member States to take measures to raise awareness about autism throughout society and to encourage early diagnosis and early intervention. It further expresses deep concern at the prevalence and high rate of autism in children in all regions of the world and the consequent developmental challenges.

Autism is a complex brain disorder that inhibits a person's ability to communicate and develop social relationships, and is often accompanied by behavioral challenges. Autism spectrum disorders are diagnosed in one in 150 children in the United States, affecting four times as many boys as girls. The prevalence of autism has increased tenfold in the last decade. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have called autism a national public health crisis whose cause and cure remain unknown.

April is Autism Awareness month and there are many ways to get involved around the country. Toys"R"Us, TJ Maxx, Modell's Sporting Goods, Build-a-Bear Workshop, Lindt, Discovery Health and more are supporting autism awareness in April. Go to [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org) for more information about autism and how you can help.

## April Showers Bring Change Power

Your change can make a big difference. Please join the Green Hope Family in helping to raise money for St. Jude's Hospital.

St. Jude is unlike any other pediatric treatment and research facility. Discoveries made here have completely changed how the world treats children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. With research and patient care under one roof, St. Jude is where some of today's most gifted researchers are able to do science more quickly.

St. Jude researchers are published and cited more often in high impact publications than any other private pediatric oncology research institution in America. St. Jude is a place where many doctors send some of their sickest patients and toughest cases. A place where cutting-edge research and revolutionary discoveries happen every day. They have built America's second-largest health-care charity so the science never stops.

*All patients accepted for treatment at St. Jude are treated without regard to the family's ability to pay.*

*We are collecting any loose change that you may find in the front of the school starting April 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support and generous help. The Character Education Committee.*

## Wake County SEPTA Information:

The next Wake County SEPTA meeting on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> will be an IEP Workshop presented by the WCD&S Legal and Compliance Department. Come find out the information that teachers and LEAs are getting so that everyone will be "on the same page" at the IEP meetings. Please see the [Wake SEPTA website](#) for directions to the meeting at Meredith College.

Please note that this meeting will start a half hour earlier than usual and will begin at 6:30.

Registration is required for this meeting so that we will have enough materials on hand to distribute. Please leave a message on the voicemail at 788-2500

## GHE Student Directories Still Available!!

If you still don't have a student directory and would like to buy one, they are still available for purchase through the PTA for \$3.00! Please send a check made out to GHE PTA - be sure to put GHE Directory on the envelope along with your child's name. Thanks!

## Upcoming Dates:

April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Appreciation Week (T1, T3)
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Chick-Fil-A School Spirit Night
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Early Release
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Appreciation Week (T2, T4)