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## Message from the Principal

Welcome back Silver Gate families! I hope your summer was full of relaxation and fun, and I'm sure you created priceless memories while taking a few moments to slow down and enjoy! I had a great time with my family; we spent 37 days on the road; we visited 8 National parks, and hiked over 100 miles through some of the most beautiful country that I've ever seen. Finn, my youngest, learned to ride without the training wheels in the Coastal Redwoods. Broy, my oldest, thought we got cheated—we bought bear spray in Glacier National Park, and we didn't even run into a grizzly so that we could use it!

I would like to welcome a few new members to our staff. First, I'd like to welcome back Nancy McHenry from retirement. She'll be joining us as a classroom assistant. I'm also happy that Kris Wade will be our new computer assistant. Welcome Arielle Sykes and Nikki Mitchell as two of our newest members to join our incredible teaching staff. They are both incredible assets, and we are so happy to have them join us. Our enrollment is strong, and I am so pleased with the numbers of families who are choosing our school as their top choice for their children. We are going to have a great year.

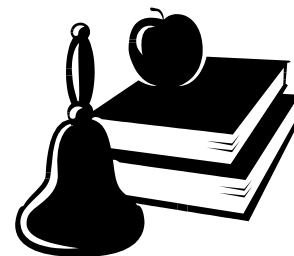
We've had some great improvements over the summer. Our Friends of Silver Gate has funded a kindergarten gate.

This adds security and play space for our kids, and it looks great.

I encourage each of you to become involved in your child's education from the start. We need your support and welcome your time and talent. Please talk with your child's teacher, and find out how you can support your child at school and at home. We'll be having many fun and educational special events for your family throughout the year. Please check the fliers, website, and notifications regularly, and feel free to stop by the office to stay informed.

I'm looking forward to working with your family. It's going to be a great year!

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## Presidents' Message

Welcome Back! It's hard to believe September is here, and a new school year is beginning.

Friends of Silver Gate (FSG) volunteers have started planning for another successful year of event coordinating and fundraising. FSG is a 501©3 parent/teacher organization that raises much needed dollars to fund the gap between the standard education provided by the state of California and the level of excellence that we want for our children here at Silver Gate. Because of the money raised by FSG, our children benefit each day from several wonderful enrichment programs.

We are especially proud of the work done by FSG to maintain much needed funds for our school during these very tight fiscal times. Unfortunately deep budget cuts from the state and the district have put public schools around the county in a precarious situation. Because of the work done with Friends of Silver Gate, we will not only be able to fund basic educational needs for our children, we will be able to continue funding enrichment programs, such as the Eco Lab, that are unique to Silver Gate.

Friends of Silver Gate is a volunteer organization. Parent involvement is what drives the Silver Gate community and allows us to provide so many great opportunities for our school. We are grateful for the many wonderful parent volunteers who have stepped up already, and we look forward to meeting those of you who are ready to get involved. However you are able to participate, whether it be your time, talents, or money, all are greatly appreciated.

There are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved and meet people here at Silver Gate. Please join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month for a cup of coffee at the "Morning Grind." We would also love to have your input at our monthly FSG meetings, held each month. Our first meeting will be held on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Library. We hope to see you there!

Thank you all for taking the time to be involved in our school and our organization. We are all Friends of Silver Gate. Thanks to all of your efforts, it's going to be another great year at Silver Gate!

Arielle Sykes  
 Allyson Warlaumont

Nathalie Humphry  
 Marisa Coon

Please join us for our first "FSG" meeting of the new school year on Monday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m.. Remember...everyone is a "Friend!"

**Thank you for your continued support. We could not be the premier school that we are without you!!! For the 2010-2011 School Year, Friends of Silver Gate will be funding:**

Classroom Assistants-\$35,000	Hospitality-\$2,000	CPA/Accounting-\$750
Eco-Lab-\$30,000	Gator Olympics-\$1,500	Misc. Staff Grants-\$1,400
Computer Lab-\$13,000	SST-\$5,000	Copier-\$2,500
Library-\$7,500	Site Beautification-\$500	Marketing-\$750
Teacher Grants-\$9,000 (\$400 each)	Staff Appreciation-\$600	Postage-\$100
Reading Recovery-\$15,000	Red Ribbon Week-\$350	Office Supplies-\$300
Art Enrichment-\$5,500	Garden Gators-\$550	Misc. District Funds-\$500
Parent Institute-\$4,000	Assemblies-\$1,000	Insurance-\$775



## *Notes from the Coach's Clipboard*

September 2010.....Here we go again. . .Except, of course, for our new kindergarteners, which this will be their first exposure to what the Silver Gate experience is all about.

Summer really does give me an opportunity to not only rest, but also reflect on the past school year and what I might want to do differently for the forth-coming year.

These will be revealed in subsequent articles. Let me get back to the Silver Gate experience.

As I move throughout San Diego in my day-to-day wanderings, I always seem to run into former students and/or their parents. Many of these good folks tell me again how fortunate they feel that they attended Silver Gate or that their children did so. They quickly reminisce about former teachers, Gator Olympics, Harvest Festival and other fond memories as a "Gator". It once again reminds me of what a genuinely extraordinary school we have here. The teachers and staff are all here to provide the very best education for our kids. The school has never looked better in my eighteen years of teaching here. Our principals, over the years, have been some of the best I've worked with in this district, and we have one of the very best in Sandy McClure. The parent support is unparalleled as evidenced by the sheer number of volunteers we see each year. I once again tell you all how fortunate I feel to be teaching here and being a part of the Silver Gate experience.

I look forward to sharing the quote board with everyone again this year. I have collected some terrific quotes over the summer and hope that some of them will lighten your burden, lift your spirits and, perhaps make you think a little differently about your life, your family and friends. My father was always teaching me with this quote, or that quote, and I came to realize that sometimes these little messages are just what I need to hear to help me get through a situation or see something from another point of view. Anyway, the board will be by the auditorium again....check it out.

It will be another great year at Silver Gate. The entire Physical Education Department is excited to continue to make your child's movement experiences meaningful and enjoyable. As is the case every year, I invite all, and any of you to come by and visit your child's physical education class. We encourage participation. . . the kids love it and so will you....I double dog dare you. Until then, eat well, exercise often and give more than you take.

Geoffrey P. McCloud aka Coach

## Student Council News

Welcome Back to School! We are so excited about the new year because Student Council has a lot planned.

Join us on Friday, September 17 for Student Council's Welcome Back Breakfast at 7:15am in the auditorium. A light continental breakfast will be served. This is a great time for families to come together and get to know one another.

Start gearing up for our first spirit day, Sports Day on Friday, October 15.

We will no longer be collecting your old ink cartridges. Please drop them off at Staples to be recycled. They also recycle small electronics and batteries.

Mrs. Haling, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Wilson



Welcome back Silver Gators! For families old and new, Fresh & Easy \$hop for Schools fundraiser begins on Sept. 15 - Dec. 31st. Reward our school just by shopping at Fresh & Easy during these dates! Any receipt over \$20.00 collected during these dates earns our school cash back! We will host our very own Silver Gate Shopping Night on December 9th from 4:00pm - 8:00pm. Plan to attend and do some holiday shopping, including gift cards! We earn an additional 5% back on that evening in addition to the receipts collected.

Silver Gate earns \$1.00 reward for every \$20.00 receipt. A \$40.00 receipt = \$2.00, a \$60.00 receipt = \$3.00 and so on. There is no limit to how high we can go! Ask your family and friends to save their receipts as well - they can be from any Fresh & Easy store. If we have strong community and family support we have a chance for an additional reward of \$5,000 on top of what we earn by being the top school in California! Last year we raised over \$3900.00 and our goal this year is to top \$5,000.

Mark your calendar and save your receipts! Please turn the receipts into the classrooms or place in the Fresh & Easy box outside the front office.



### **Important Traffic Reminder:**

- Please do not stop longer than necessary to drop off and pick up your child from school.
- Make note of "No Parking" signs. You will be ticketed in these areas.
- Do not use the alley at any time.
- Be respectful of our neighbors and never block their driveways.

Help to keep our children safe. Everyone's cooperation is appreciated!



**Morning Grind Meet and Greet  
Monday, September 13th**



## Help us help our school

We've discovered a terrific way to raise funds for our school. It's super-easy, and all you have to do is use your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. We will receive a percentage of the amount of each purchase in the form

of a cash donation from Target through the Take Charge of Education® program. It's easy. Just visit [target.com/tcoe](http://target.com/tcoe), or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school. So if you're going to Target anyway, please consider using your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. Big thanks to those who are already doing their part to make a great school even better.

Silver Gate has received over \$6,000 from Target since this program began. Find out how much money our school has already received this year at [target.com/tcoe](http://target.com/tcoe).

Grandparents, alumni, neighbors and friends can take part, too.



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## Go Green Lunch Box Fundraiser

The Silver Gate Go Green Committee would like to offer a great fundraiser for the school and a wonderful way to have a no-waste lunch box. Laptop lunch boxes and Goodbyn lunch boxes offer great products to reduce waste. Laptop Lunches is offering a 10% coupon code and will donate 10% of all purchases back to our school. Goodbyn is donating \$5 back to Silver Gate for every lunch box purchased through our Silver Gate code (1449). These fundraisers will last all year so they can be bought at your convenience. Many Silver Gators own these lunch boxes and they are great! Simply go to:

[www.laptoplunches.com](http://www.laptoplunches.com) or [www.goodbyn.com](http://www.goodbyn.com) and enter the codes at check out. Go Green!!



**LAPTOP LUNCHES**  
bento-ware for everywhere

**10% OFF!**

With Coupon Code:  
**silvergate**

# eScrip

## What Is eScrip?

eScrip is a hassle-free way for schools and groups that support children's programs to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants.

## How Does it Work?

eScrip and merchant partners have created a system that rewards customer loyalty by contributing a percentage of purchases to your chosen group.

Parents, teachers, friends and families are encouraged to register their credit, debit and grocery club cards as supporters with the eScrip program. Upon receipt of registration, a percentage of all purchases made at eScrip merchants will be given back to the designated school or group.

## Simple Registration:

- Log on to [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com) and go to "sign up".
- Designate your favorite school or children's group to receive contributions.
- Register your grocery club card from a participating merchant and your debit/credit cards.

**That's it! Visit eScrip merchants to shop and earn.**

## Earn Cash for Our School!

Students and Parents, please turn in all of those Box Tops you collected over the summer by Friday, Sept 17th. The class who turns in the most Box Tops will win a Popsicle Party! Remember, Box Tops help raise money for our school!

Brenda Azer, Box Top Coordinator





## Stay Informed!

Log onto [www.silvergateschool.com](http://www.silvergateschool.com) for the most updated school information.

You also have the choice of having news sent directly to your email account. Sign up today for e-Reminders and receive weekly Silver Gate News updates that are loaded with information to start your week off right. Go to the above website and enter your email address where it says, "join any Point Loma cluster school email list" or send your email address with a request to [rynodb@cox.net](mailto:rynodb@cox.net)



## School Bulletin Boards

Welcome back everyone...and a special welcome to all of our new families this year!!!

Just a little reminder to be sure and stop by the front bulletin boards regularly. Doing so will keep you up to date on school news and events. For those of you unfamiliar, they are located at the front entrance of the school with boards posted on the office wall and boards across on the auditorium wall. You will find that these boards will change monthly with special event announcements, dates to remember, news, etc. In addition, the "FYI" board may have more regular updates throughout the month should there be new announcements.

If you have any information you would like to share, or if you have suggestions as to how we could better utilize the boards, please be sure to let me know.

Here's to another great school year!

Bridget Schoeffel  
Visual Information Committee  
[schoeffelsd@cox.net](mailto:schoeffelsd@cox.net)

## BOO! Silver Gate's Second Annual Costume Fair is Coming SOON!

Recycling is one of Silver Gate's priorities, and as we start off our new 2010-11 school year, here's a FUN way to help the earth, our children's school and your pocket book! Please get ready for Silver Gate's Second Annual Costume Fair. Beginning Tuesday Sept. 21st, Friends of Silver Gate invite you to DONATE your gently worn costumes (no tears, stains or holes, please) and accessories. Costume donation boxes will be placed near the school office beginning Tuesday, September 21st, thru Monday, September 27th. Costumes will be collected, conveniently organized by size, and placed for sale in our school's auditorium. Come SHOP for "new" costumes two (2) days only -- October 5th and 6th, before and after school! Costumes will resale for \$5.00 and \$10.00 each, and accessories will be sold for \$1.00 each. All proceeds will benefit Silver Gate. Please help us make our second annual Costume Fair a success; go through your closets, and ask friends and family members to donate as well! Don't forget, as part of our event, we receive fabulous donations from shops and businesses in our community that will be up for grabs too in our Opportunity Drawing! Drawing tickets will be available for \$1 each.

Any questions? Please contact Kristen Jimenez ([kcoxj@cox.net](mailto:kcoxj@cox.net)).

### 2010-2011

**FSG Meeting Schedule:**  
**September 13th @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**October 6th @ 7:45 a.m.**  
**November 3rd @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**December 1st @ 7:45 a.m.**  
**January 5th @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**February 2nd @ 7:45 a.m.**  
**March 2nd @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**April 6th @ 7:45 a.m.**  
**May 4th @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**June TBA**



## ATTENTION DADS AND MOMS WITH TOOLS!

The Harvest Festival will be here before we know it so if you get into the spirit of Halloween, here's your chance to *have fun and help the school at the same time!* The "Mysterious Haunted Hallway" has become a Halloween tradition here at Silver Gate. If you are handy with basic tools, or have some creative ability, here is the opportunity to use your talent! With your support, this year's hallway will be more amazing than ever.

To volunteer, please contact Richard Teague at:

email: [srteague@att.net](mailto:srteague@att.net)

phone: (619) 225-0508

cellular: (619)850-3591

### NEEDED ITEMS

IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS WELCOME!

Portable CD players, (MUST HAVE "REPEAT" BUTTON)

Age-appropriate Halloween props or decorations

Fog machines & liquid

Florescent black lights

Extension cords, all sizes

Bags of relatively clean colorful "fall leaves"

*Loaning any of the following items would be most appreciated. Please notify me in advance if you can loan something, so we can keep track. Please tape your child's name and room number on any loaned items, so that we can assure their return.*

## SILVER GATE TILE PROJECT



**Create your own hand painted, kiln-fired ceramic tile that will be installed permanently on the walls of Silver Gate!**

### How can you and your child make a commemorative tile?

Go to Claytime Ceramics located at 1863 Bacon Street in Ocean Beach - (619)223-6050. Tell them you are with Silver Gate and give them cash or check made out to "Friends of Silver Gate," create your tile and we'll pick it up and install it on campus. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards enhancing the education of our children at Silver Gate, as well as to beautify our school with a lasting memory for your child.

### On campus tile painting:

Several times throughout the year, we will bring the tiles and painting supplies to Silver Gate after school so that your child can create a tile on campus. Look for information in the monthly Silver Gate newsletter / website for dates and times.

The first event will be held at the Harvest Festival.

### Prices are as follows:

\$25.00 each tile or 2 tiles for \$40.00

Questions? Email: Carlin Guidi & [fsgtileproject@gmail.com](mailto:fsgtileproject@gmail.com).

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2010**  
**5:00 P.M.**





# Annual Giving Fund

## “Funding the Gap between Status Quo and Excellence”

Welcome families to the 2010-2011 school year! We are very pleased with what the Annual Giving Fund accomplished this past school year despite the slow economy.

Our goal this year is \$20,000, which is just 25 cents per student, per school day. Let's work together to reach this goal! Our children and our school need your help in order to continue providing the enrichment programs we have been so fortunate to have in the past!

Please feel free to contact **Debbie Farmer (svoasis@yahoo.com)** with any questions about the Annual Giving Fund.

We would like to take this time to acknowledge all the families listed below who contributed to their child's education via the Annual Giving Fund during the 2009-2010 school year. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you again this school year!

### **THANK YOU TO LAST YEAR'S CONTRIBUTORS!**

#### **Gator Patron \$1,000 – \$3,499**

Sarah Anson (Grandparent)  
Mr. Benjamin's Cotillion, Peter and Stacey Benjamin  
The Byrne Family and Teledyne Technologies Gift Matching  
James Emerson (Grandparent)  
The Harris Family and Sony Computer Entertainment America Gift Matching  
Family of Erica Johnson  
Knut, Lourdes and Patrick Johnson  
Kay and Simon Ticho  
Tom and Kathi Vaughn

#### **Gator Contributor \$600 - \$900**

Blue Ocean Imports  
The Schuster Family  
The Sieger Family  
The Spagat Family

#### **Gator Friends \$300-\$599**

Richard and Brenda Azer  
The Basnight Family  
The Bennett Family  
The Bregman Family and Bank of America Gift Matching  
The Boyea Family  
The Dodd-Spiegelberg Family  
The Dong Family  
The Engel Family  
The Farmer Family  
The Humphry Family  
Dennis and Laura Kuhn Family  
The McNeice Family  
The Russell Family  
(Grandparents and Uncle)  
The Simms Family  
The Smith Family  
The Sykes Family  
Gina and Genevieve Williams  
The Wilson Family  
The Wozniak Family  
The Zuniga Family

#### **Gator Donors \$1-\$299**

The Auva'a Family  
The Axford Family  
Lauren Brown  
The Brown Family  
Mark and Cristina Carroll  
The Chrisman Family  
The Clifton Family  
Anne Collins and Mike Pugh  
The Dukes  
Conner and Jessica Ellis  
The English Family  
The Denney Family  
Mittie Fisher  
The Gallagher Family  
The Giacomangeli Family  
The Golik Family  
The Haugh Family  
The Helbling Family  
The Islas Family  
John and Caroline Kelleher  
The Leute Family  
The McClure Family  
Robert and Karen Morgan  
The Nieberg Family  
John Patskan  
The Poma Family  
The Power Family  
Harriet and Bruce Prenner, M.D. (Grandparents)  
The Ravellette Family  
The Rodriguez-Ramirez Family  
The Tillson Family  
The Traylor Family  
The Tregidga Family  
Family of Lauren Valenzuela

**THANK YOU**



## Friends of Silver Gate Blood Drive

**Date:** Wednesday, October 13

**Time:** 12:30 - 5:30 pm

**Location:** Silver Gate Auditorium/Cafeteria

**(Childcare provided for donors.)**

### Appointments and information:

heffsd@gmail.com or 619.405.8019

### Basic requirements:

- Be in generally good health and feeling well
- Be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds

Make a difference in life...by donating blood. The San Diego Blood Bank must collect 400 pints of blood every day in order to meet the needs of area hospital patients who are battling life-threatening blood disorders like aplastic anemia, sickle cell anemia and leukemia, as well as those who need blood during trauma situations.

Their stories are very real and their need for blood is ongoing. Please take a few minutes to visit the SDBB website and read about patients whose lives have been directly affected by volunteer blood donors - [www.sandiegobloodbank.org](http://www.sandiegobloodbank.org).



## Help Wanted: Parents Protecting Playgrounds!



You can help ensure that the playground is safe and engaging by volunteering to supervise students at play. Duties are **40 minutes** long and supervision start times vary: Kindergarten - 11:45 a.m. and grades 1-4 - 11:55 a.m.. **Volunteers must be TB tested and cleared by the SDUSD.**

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Principal McClure will give a presentation to review student behavioral expectations, Silver Gate Elementary School discipline policy, and to give guidelines for appropriate interventions. Playground Volunteers will also help to distribute play equipment and supervise new games. Please email your full name, child's grade, and availability to:

Erika Olsen at [ejoyolsen@cox.net](mailto:ejoyolsen@cox.net) to be scheduled to Supervise SilverGators!

**This is my last year at Silver Gate so I am looking for someone to takeover the newsletter next school year. If you would like a volunteer job this year consider helping me out this year and then taking over next year. There are a lot of things to do: layout, graphics, communication, proofing, copying. Your help is needed. Please email me if you are interested.**

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**Contact Sherri Teague by email with questions or comments, [sherriteague@gmail.com](mailto:sherriteague@gmail.com)**





