

November 15, 2011

Upcoming Events:

- 11/19 HeartChase
- 11/30 SHAC meeting
- 12/5 District Reflections Deadline
- 12/6 Watch D.O.G.S. @ Austin Toros
- 1/18 UIL Ready Writing Comp.
- 1/21 Watch D.O.G.S. @ Texas Stars
- 1/27 UIL Competition & Awards

What's Happening @Council

Your GISD Council of PTA's has been very busy the past few weeks. We hosted our first Dyslexia Forum which was attended by 60 wonderful parents eager to hear updates with the new STARR test and other issues.

We have offered three Leadership Orientation Training classes to our local PTA boards, not only here in Georgetown but for other PTAs in Williamson County.

Our first ever pilot program with the American Heart Association is coming up called HeartChase. There is still time to sign up! The cost is \$10.00 per person. This event will take place on November 19th at 8:00am in San Gabriel Park under the gazebo. This is going to be a great time to compete in 10 checkpoints doing fun activities and raising money for the American Heart Association at the same time.

GISD Council of PTAs are really excited about SHAC (Student Health Advisory Council) this year. Every independent school district in Texas is required to have a SHAC organization in which the majority of its members must be parents. I am encouraging all parents to attend the next meeting as we will be making a recommendation to the school board. The next meeting is November 30th at 8:30am at EVHS lecture hall or 6:00pm at the GISD Admin. Bldg. Please try to attend one of the meetings.

As our calendar year nears a close, I encourage all of you to be thankful for what our kids have in GISD - wonderful teachers who care about them, staff who work hard to make their school run smoothly and provide the best environment possible for the students in GISD.

Stacie Campbell - President, GISD Council of PTAs

SAVE THE DATE:

March 27th
Summer
Info Fair

GISD Academic UIL Still Going STRONG!

A big thank you to our principals and faculty members who continue to be active PTA members.

We appreciate your support!

For the 6th straight year, the GISD Council of PTAs has facilitated the Academic UIL competition at GISD Elementary and Middle Schools. We are excited to have so many interested scholars participating again this year at 10 of our GISD schools.

Events offered include: Art, Dictionary Skills, Music Memory, Number Sense, Oral Reading,

Ready Writing, and Spelling. Students in grades 3-8 may tryout to members of their campus competition team. Each campus is allowed 3 student participants per grade level.

Benold Middle School will play host for our District Ready Writing competition on Jan. 18th and EVHS will play host for the remaining events

on Jan. 27th. We anticipate over 350 entries district wide.

If you'd like to volunteer your time or talent or both to help us pull off this endeavor, please email Beth Purcell pucellbeth16@gmail.com.



Local PTA Updates

Ford Elementary

Ford Elementary completed a successful Fall Fundraiser Kick off in October.

We were able to purchase three Smart Boards with the funds raised.

Our hospitality committee is busy preparing for the annual Thanksgiving pie distribution to very appreciative teachers. It is a fun event and takes many volunteers to make it successful.

Also, the second Tuesday of each month is Ford Family PTA night at a local restaurant. The November fundraiser took place at Catfish Parlour.

Ford encourages all to recycle. We had a great Paper Drive in October with many parents bringing in their recycled papers. Ford Elementary wishes everyone a very enjoyable Thanksgiving!

Village Elementary

Exciting things are happening at Village! We had a Family Dodgeball Night that proved to be super-fun, especially for the moms and dads who came. Run for Life is well underway, and this year we have added a charitable component. Thanks to the work of our Healthy Schools Co-Chairs, Mandy Vickers and April Seaback, local businesses will match the number of laps run by the children with monetary donations to both the Georgetown Animal Shelter and the Caring Place. Our program is called "Run for Life - Kids Giving Back". These businesses are Star Smiles Pediatric Dentistry, Goldenberg Orthodontics, Century 21, Kidsport, and Mel's Lonestar Lanes. Please give them a big "thank you" for contributing to our program and community. Another thing we have to look forward to is McTeacher Night at McDonald's. We ask everyone to join us December 12, 5:00-8:00, at our local McDonald's. Village teachers will be there to greet, take orders, and serve your food. Take a night off from cooking and enjoy a great meal in great company.

Frost Elementary

Another month of school has come and gone, but not without making a mark on Frost Elementary. Last month, the PTA held a VERY successful fundraiser. I am pleased to say that we more than tripled our goal in the amount of money we raised for our scholars. Many, many thanks to our Fundraising Chairs: Chelle Harrison and Julie Zenisek. Frost Elementary PTA also set up our own, fully functioning website in October. You can now find us at <http://frostpta.txpta.org>. A HUGE thank you to our Communications Chair, Elysia Davis, for all of her hard work on this endeavor. Looking into November, Frost PTA will host a WATCH D.O.G.S pizza party on Tuesday, November 15 for our scholars and their dads/father-figures. We hope to see everyone there! In closing, Frost PTA would like to acknowledge how thankful we are, to be a part of such a wonderful school.

Eastview HS PTSA

East View PTSA's website, www.evhsptsa.org is up and running. You can follow us on Twitter: @evhsptsa and LIKE us on our EVHS PTSA Facebook page.

We will be selecting 9th and 10th Grade Representatives to serve as PTSA Board Members in the next few weeks. EVHS students can apply online, on our website.

EVHS PTSA is initiating an anti-underage drinking and anti-driving campaign, with various educational programs for both students and parents available throughout the year. Mothers Against Drunk Driving will present the program, The Power of Parents: It's Your Influence, during our February 7th Regular Meeting at 6:15pm.

We want to let Karen Smith, organizer of the EVHS PTSA and PTAer extraordinaire, know how proud EVHS PTSA is that she has been slated for Region IV Vice President of the Texas PTA! The 2012-2014 Texas PTA Officer Elections will be held at the 103rd Annual Convention Feb 24-26 in Houston. Send Karen your best wishes!

Go Patriots!

Purl Elementary

The big reveal of our new mascot is coming soon! We are all excited to find out who the students and staff picked. Our kids have been really excited about recording RAH minutes and are looking forward to seeing who the top readers will be. November always brings wonderful things at our school like the Turkey Trot and our Thanksgiving Fest. Annie Purl is looking forward to the rest of the month and the holidays that are on the way!

Benold MS

Benold PTA is staying BUSY! Membership is up, Reflections entries are up, the last Box Tops contest was great, Book Fair was right on track (thank you Volunteers!), Spirit Wear and Barn Sales are soaring, UIL is in full swing with Benold teachers as event coaches (thank you Mr. Murray, Mr. Risko, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Loera, and Ms. Radmall!), Our 6th Grade Fall Party was a hit and the ever-popular Thanksgiving Pie Day for Benold staff is just around the corner!

<http://benold.txpta.org>

Georgetown HS PTSA

We are thankful for our teachers! We are providing pies for GHS staff members to say "Thank You" on Tuesday, November 22nd. Also, a big thanks to all PTSA members for 2011-2012. We have a record breaking 301 members! We are launching a Safety Committee which will focus on a Crime Prevention Initiative on campus. Reflections is helping to promote the arts at GHS. Deadline for entries is November 21st.

For more information and upcoming events, check out our website at ghsptsa.txpta.org. Follow us on Twitter @GHSEagleNews. Have Eagle news to share? Post it on our Facebook page and LIKE US at www.facebook.com/GHSPTSA. If you are interested in being part of the action at GHS, contact Ronna Johnson at ronnajohnson@gmail.com. To join our community and become a PTSA Member, contact Dana O'Neal at txoneals@gmail.com.

Go Eagles!