

September 20, 2011

## What's Happening @Council

### Upcoming Events:

9/28	Take Our Dads To School Day
9/28	LOT RSVP Deadline
10/4	LOT (6pm)
10/5	LOT (9am)
10/11	Exec. Board Meeting
11/15	President's Roundtable & Council Mtg.
11/19	HeartChase

We at council are off to an incredible start for this school year. Over the summer we received an award for Outstanding Council from Texas PTA. It is wonderful to be recognized for what we do. Last week was our annual PTA Round Up where we were able to hear some exciting changes within Texas PTA as well as exciting changes in GISD. Last week PTA members across our district were volunteering with the Texas Fire Relief center at the old Albertsons. We as PTAs have always been counted on to donate and support others in need, but it was especially nice to see us all pitching in with man hours as well. Coming up on September 28th, we will be supporting Texas PTA's first ever "Take Your Dad to School Day".

LOT (Leadership Orientation Training) is also coming up in October. With the changes to our bylaws template from State, every voting member from our board is required to attend this important training at least once in their PTA career. We are also busy preparing for Georgetown's first ever HeartChase which will be November 19<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars now. We will need teams to participate as well as corporate sponsorships. More information will come from your local presidents. That is just a little of what is happening at council.

Thank you,  
 Stacie Campbell, President  
 GISD Council of PTAs



## Leadership Orientation Training: LOT

### LOT Session 1:

October 4, 2011  
 6:00 to 8:30 pm  
 GISD Admin Bldg.  
 Class Limit: 50

### LOT Session 2:

October 5, 2011  
 9:00 to 11:30 am  
 EVHS Lecture Hall  
 Class Limit: 120

The purpose of LOT is to increase a Member's knowledge of PTA and their leadership skills. It is mandatory that all elected officers and Board members take LOT at least once in their PTA career. It is recommended that all Chair Persons also take LOT to be informed of the many standards of PTA.

To ensure we will have enough LOT books for everyone, reservations

**must** be received by September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

The cost for the LOT is \$6 per person. Checks can be written to Texas PTA. Your PTA Unit should have a training budget to reimburse you.

Classes start promptly!! Per Texas PTA LOT standards, anyone later than 15 minutes will not be admitted. There is no childcare available for

these sessions. No children are allowed in the sessions.

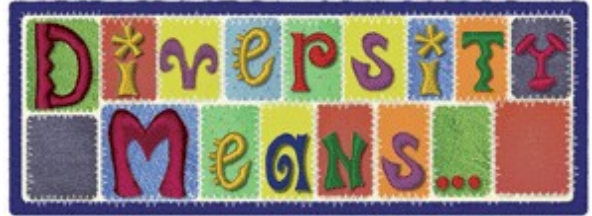
To make your Reservations please e-mail Karen Smith at [snrasmith@msn.com](mailto:snrasmith@msn.com)

If you have any questions, you may call her at 512-863-0617

## The 2011-12 PTA Reflections

Reflections is a program where students are encouraged to "Reflect" on the theme "Diversity Means" and then express themselves through their artistic talents. All GISD students may enter in several categories including Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Musical Composition, Photography and Visual Arts. All entries must be original work. Students may submit as many entries in as many categories as they wish.

Each campus will have their own deadline for entries to be submitted and all advancing entries will be due to the PTA Council by December 5th. The PTA Council Reflections Ceremony will be held at the Georgetown High School Performing Arts Center on February 7, 2012. More information and entry forms can be found at local campuses, on the Texas PTA website



<http://www.txpta.org/programs/reflections>  
or by contacting Michelle Jones at [michellejonespta@gmail.com](mailto:michellejonespta@gmail.com) or (512)869-6707.



The GISD Council of PTAs is leading the charge for Academic UIL on GISD elementary and middle school campuses for the 6th consecutive year! Students participate in number sense, oral reading, ready writing, spelling, dictionary skills, art, and music memory. Our district meet will be in January. Last year over 350 students participated in this academic enrichment! Thanks to all of the parents, teachers, and friends who continue to encourage student participation!

## HeartChase

The American Heart Association Capital Area Division is teaming up with our local Georgetown community to hold one of the most fun and educational fundraising events of its kind! Think "Amazing Race" meets "Minute To Win It" in a community-wide competition to solve challenges and complete activities that engage friends and families of all ages, while increasing awareness of a healthy lifestyle. The event will take place in Georgetown's San Gabriel Park and surrounding area on Saturday, November 19, 2011.

GISD Council of PTAs is heading up the fundraising! If you know of potential sponsors, want to sign up a team to participate or if you can help with volunteer activities, please contact our HeartChase Fundraising Chairperson, Marilyn Simkin ([masimkin@hotmail.com](mailto:masimkin@hotmail.com)). Lots of opportunities available!!

### UNDER THE DOME



For Texas PTA legislative news visit:  
<http://www.txpta.org/legislative/>

***SAVE THE DATE:***  
***November 19, 2011***  
***HeartChase***



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## Web PTN

If you have been thinking of setting up a new website for your PTA, now is the time to check out the Web PTN sites through Texas PTA! You can now get a one-month free trial to review and test the features, and see how easy it is to use! If you have any questions, contact Stacy Glover, Texas PTA Director of Communications, at [sglover@txpta.org](mailto:sglover@txpta.org) or call 800-TALK-PTA. You can sign up at <http://ptanetwork.txpta.org/>. After you sign up, email [sglover@txpta.org](mailto:sglover@txpta.org) and request the free trial.



## Local PTA Updates

### Ford Elementary

We are having a very busy Sept. at Ford! Members of our PTA board have been hard-at-work making sure all of the activities for this month get off to a great start. Our membership drive is underway and we are excited about how many parents have already joined. Also, Ford is taking donations the week of Sept 12-16 to help those families who lost so much in the Central TX fires. Our Fall Fundraiser is scheduled for Sept 21st - Oct 6th. We are fortunate to have Mike Watson on our board who is busy preparing for "Take Your Dad to School Day" on Sept 28th and our annual "Watch Dog Pizza night" on Sept 22nd. Our monthly Ford Family night will be at Schlotzky's on Sept 13th. We are looking forward to a productive, fun year.

### McCoy Elementary

McCoy Elementary PTA has kicked off the year in full speed. This will be the last year at the "original" McCoy. It is exciting to plan for our move to the "new" McCoy, yet emotional as we remember the great times that have been shared by so many over the years. We plan to make this year...the best yet at McCoy! We have already had our open house, where we "plugged in" to all the opportunities students can be involved in after school. Thanks to our wonderful staff and volunteers for allowing us to do this. Our cookie dough fundraiser will wrap up this week and we look forward to "Take Your Dad to School Day" and our Fall Cookout!

### Village Elementary

- ◆ We almost have 100% of teachers and staff who have joined the PTA!
- ◆ Our Parent Membership is currently at 219 members.
- ◆ T-shirt sales are going well
- ◆ We had a very successful Grandparents Day Breakfast with almost 200 adults in attendance.
- ◆ Planning our first annual "Take Your Dad to School Day" in Sept.
- ◆ A new website is in the works
- ◆ We are also planning a family dodgeball night for October.

### Carver Elementary

Things are off to a great start at Carver this year! We have already wrapped up our cookie dough fundraiser, and we will be delivering the product this Thursday. We are very pleased with the amount of cookie dough sold this year! Our membership drive kicked off the first week of school, and we have had a great response from parents and staff! We are also looking forward to next weeks Donuts with Dads combined with "Bring your Dad to School Day!" It's going to be another successful year at Carver.

### Benold MS

It's not too late to join the Benold MS PTA. We are excited to have so many returning faculty members and new 6th grade families too! Thanks to everyone who supports the students of Benold MS by joining the PTA! Benold hoodies will go on sale soon. Order forms available at the "barn".

Go Benold Eagles!

New website: <http://benold.txpta.org>

### Frost Elementary

The Frost Elementary Polar Bears have been off to a *ROARING* start! The PTA has ramped up our membership, and we have some very eager Kindergarten parents. PTA is looking forward to kicking off our Catalogue Gift Item fundraiser in a few weeks. Another item to look forward to this semester is our "Build Frost-y" fundraiser where scholars bring in quarters to buy cotton balls to fill in our snowman. Grade levels compete against one another, and the grade level with the best built snowman wins a surprise! Lastly, Frost Elementary has taken to Social Media. Our parents can follow us on Twitter and/or "like" us on Facebook. It is a great way to keep our parents apprised of what is going on up at our school. We are happy to be back at school and are looking forward to a very successful year under the great leadership of our principal, Mrs. Janet Morman!

### Purl Elementary

The Annie Purl Elementary PTA has an exciting year ahead of us. We are beyond amazed at the response from our wonderful volunteers. There is no way to serve our kids the way they deserve without great help. A new T-shirt design will be the center of our "Show your Purl Pride" t-shirt contest. The old favorites like Friday Ice Cream sales and CiCi's Pizza fundraisers are making a come-back at Annie Purl. We look forward to a year of excellence and fun for all of our teachers, students and families. After all, "Laughing and Learning go Hand in Hand."

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### Eastview HS

We have a new PTSA in our midst!

New website coming soon:

[www.evhsptsa.org](http://www.evhsptsa.org)

**Go Patriots!**



### Georgetown HS

*"Good Schools Happen, But Great Schools Are Made"*

GHS PTSA is gaining speed! We are working together to make GHS the best it can be. All are welcome to attend the September **Regular Meeting** which will be on Wed., 9/21 at 7pm in the GHS Annex Library.

Michelle Jones ([michellejonespta@gmail.com](mailto:michellejonespta@gmail.com)) is coordinating **volunteers** for both GHS and the Annex every day. Our teachers and staff total 124 PTSA members so far! To celebrate their commitment, the first **Staff Luncheon** will be a Mexican Fiesta on Thursday, 9/29 in the GHS and Annex Libraries.

Look out for upcoming programs including **WatchDog Dads Tailgate** at GHS Homecoming on Friday, 9/30, from 6-7pm at Birkelbach Field. We are also launching a **Safety Committee** which will focus on a Crime Prevention Initiative, sidewalks on Austin Ave, and construction issues.

Our Communications team has been hard at work to bring you the news. Check out our brand new website at [www.ghsptsa.txpta.org](http://www.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](http://www.facebook.com/GHSPTSA).

If you are interested in being part of the action at GHS, contact Ronna Johnson at [ronnajohnson@gmail.com](mailto:ronnajohnson@gmail.com). To join our community and become a PTSA Member, contact Dana O'Neal at [txoneals@gmail.com](mailto:txoneals@gmail.com).

**Go Eagles!**

### Important Reminders:

⇒ Tax Deadlines (990s) are coming up

⇒ \$75 Council Dues deadline coming up

Please contact Keri Rudasill, GISD Council of PTA Treasurer ([keri.rudasill@yahoo.com](mailto:keri.rudasill@yahoo.com)) if you have questions about these important deadlines!