

The Eagle Eye

Garden Oaks PTA Newsletter

January, 2008

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS!!!

We had over 80 projects entered in our Garden Oaks Science Fair. Mrs. Morris would like to thank every student who entered a project and every teacher who helped their students in the Science Fair process.

Many students visited the projects and voted on their favorite. We had a tie for the **Student Choice Award**. The winners are:

Isabella Fullelove

from Ms. Maples class with *Light or No Light*
&

Richard Medina and Daniel Rivas

from Mr. Muraira's class with *The Water's Density*.

The judges scored each project. Top projects in each category were evaluated one more time to choose the winners. These projects will be eligible to move on to the **Regional Science Fair** in May.

Group Projects:

3rd place: *Sugar Crystals* by Read Tatum and Cole Daly
from Ms. Hall's class

2nd place: *Plop, Plop, Fizz, Fizz* by Seth and Wade Taylor
from Ms. Carson's class

1st place: *Freezing Liquids* by Luis Garcia and John Runge
from Ms. Carson's class

3rd Grade Projects:

3rd place: *Evaporation* by Emma Johnson in Ms. Carfello's class

2nd place: *Hot Colors* by Rea Golt in Ms. Hall's class

1st place: *Eggs Can Float* by Sean Walsh in Ms. Carfello's class

4th Grade Projects:

3rd place: *Corrosion of Metals* by Mikah Daniel
in Ms. Carfello's class

2nd place: *Plants Lighted* by Stephanie Hernandez
in Mr. Muraira's class

1st Place: *Chewing Light* by Daniella Ramos in Ms. Carson's class

5th Grade Projects:

Tie for 3rd place: *Do Plants Like Different Drinks*
by Matthew Hoffart in Ms. Kilmer's class and *Is it a Miracle or Not?*
by Deion Living in Ms. Maples' class.

2nd place: *Erosion* by Lizette Lara in Ms. Kilmer's class

1st place: *To the Beat of my Heart* by Arturo Moreno
in Ms. Maples' class

Thanks again to all who participated and to our guest judges from Exxon: Joy Gray, Robert Graham, Max Gray, Brian Rankosky, Kris Broderick, Jesse Yoburn and Brin Graham.

The PTA President's corner:

Welcome back!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.

Let's start 2008 with a class pizza party by paying your \$5.00 membership! When the class has 100% participation, the PTA will give the class a pizza party. The membership money helps with Festivals, Ice Cream Socials, Balloon O-Grams, campus beautification and much more.

So far, Ms. Dore's class is the only class with 100% and they enjoyed their pizza party on Halloween. (Check with your child's teacher if you are not sure if you paid already or if you have any questions.)

Did you know?

Every time your child is absent, the school loses \$25.00? It is very important to come to school every day and be on time. If you need to schedule a doctor or dentist appointment, please try to do so after the attendance is checked at 9.30 AM. Also, please bring your child back to school, so he/she will be counted for the whole day!

Thanks,
Helle Johnson
PTA President

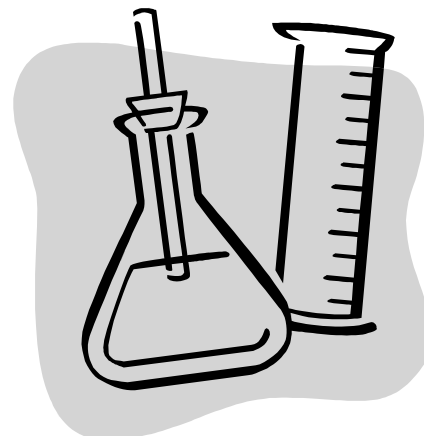
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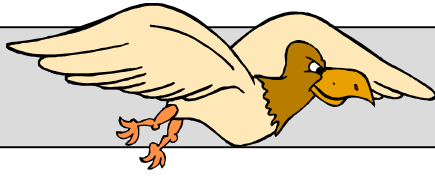
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BOX-TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Remember to save box tops and bring them to the office. We receive 10¢ for each box top.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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| Tuesday, January 8 8:15 am | PTA Board Meeting |
| Thursday, January 10 7:00 pm | Montessori Parent Meeting |
| Thursday, January 17 6:00 – 8:00 pm | Friends of Montessori GO Chapter Board Meeting, Teacher's Lounge |
| Monday, January 21 | Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, Observed |
| Friday, January 25 | Spelling Bee |
| Thursday, January 31 | Science night with the Mad Scientist |
| Saturday, February 9 | Friends of Montessori Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction |

Save the date! February 9, 2008!

**Garden Oaks Elementary and The Friends of Montessori
 are excited to be hosting
 The 14th Annual Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction!**



We need your help to make this year a success! We are in need of:

- ✓ Baskets
- ✓ Donated items for the Auction
- ✓ And a lot of VOLUNTEERS!!

Volunteers are needed to help with: follow-up calls, donation collection, and procurement of underwriters, decorations, set up, break down, child-care, crafts during the event AND entertainment!

If you have any connections with marching bands, drum lines, bagpipe blowers, art cars, petting zoos, fire men, etc we would love to contact them for entertainment during our event!

If you would like to help, please contact Stephanie Acosta, Breakfast and Auction Chair at mamasez@comcast.net or 713-742-6424!

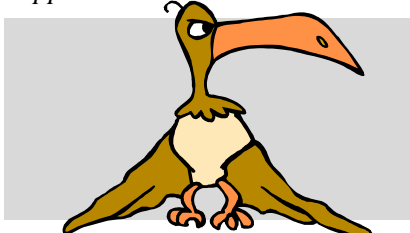
Also, many thanks to all of the families who donated to the Montessori Teachers Wish Lists! They are well on their way to being fulfilled!

For more information on the Friends of Montessori, check out our new website: www.fomhouston.org.

The Garden Oaks PTA Wants You!

**PTA
MEMBERSHIP**

If you haven't joined, please do so—treat your children's class to a pizza party! If you need an envelope, just pick one up from the office. *Thank you for your support!*



**PTA BOARD MEETINGS
OPEN TO ALL!**

Did you know that everyone is welcome at the board meetings? We are always interested in hearing from new people. Come see what PTA folks are doing and be part of supporting our school.

Board meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 8:15 am. They are approximately 1-hour long. Hope to see you there!

NEWSLETTER INFO

If you would like to contribute to future PTA newsletters, information can be dropped off in the PTA mailbox in the office.

To send information electronically, email it to Theresa Comstock at Theresa@TheComstocks.org.

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