



The Eagle Eye

Garden Oaks PTA Newsletter

January, 2009

Geography Bee Results

We had 20 participants from 2nd through 5th grade. Students were asked difficult questions based on state, U.S., and world geography. The following children "placed":

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| Austin Finn (3 rd grader from Torres) | 4 th place |
| Troy Saltzmann-Barrera (4 th grader from Carson) | 3 rd place |
| Garrett Holmes (3 rd grader from Hall) | 2 nd place |
| Alex DeVelasco (4 th grader from Carfello) | 1 st place |

Alex will take a geography test sponsored by National Geographic. If he qualifies, he will go to the state Geography Bee. The winner of the National Geography Bee receives a \$30,000 scholarship to the college of his/her choice.

Congratulations to all participants! Practice questions are at: www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee – have an atlas handy!

Green Team - Recycling Box Winners

The Green Team is happy to announce the winners of our recycling box contest.

- 1st place – Mr. Muraira's Class
- 2nd Place – Ms. Dore's Class
- 3rd Place – Ms. Moyer's Class
- 4th Place – Ms. Nguyen's Class

Honorable Mentions are Ms. Hall, Ms. Straker, Ms. Morris, Ms. Pousson, Ms. Hayat, and a Mystery Box with brown paper that says "recycling stuff". We'd like to know who you are.

It's not too late to join the recycling fun. Make your box and set it outside your door on Fridays. The Green Team will pick it up and empty it for you. Then come by the Science lab on Monday mornings to pick up your box.

Many thanks from your Garden Oaks Green Team!

The PTA President's Corner

Welcome back to school. We hope you had a wonderful Holiday and enjoyed the time off with friends and family!

On behalf of the PTA, we would like to wish Ms. Forte the best on her retirement. She has been a dedicated teacher at GO for 42 years. We will miss her. Good luck and thank you for all you have done for our children, our school, parents and staff.

Helle Johnson

Friends of Montessori Grocery Bags



Support Garden Oaks' Montessori Program by ordering reusable grocery tote bags. Please complete this form, enclosing payment (see below for options.) Return this form to your child's teacher or place in the FOM box in the office. Tote bags will be delivered to your child's classroom.

Name _____

Child's Teacher _____

of Sets (1 Insulated + 4 Regular) _____ x \$20 = _____

of Insulated Totes: _____ x \$10 = _____

of Regular Totes: _____ x \$5 = _____

TOTAL = _____

Check Enclosed (payable to FOM)

Cash Enclosed

I paid on-line at FOMHouston.org (Visa, MC or Discover)

Save the date! February 7, 2009!

**Garden Oaks Elementary and The Friends of Montessori
are excited to host**

The 15th Annual Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction!



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

- ✓ Baskets, ribbon, tissue paper
- ✓ Donated items for the Auction can be delivered into the plastic tub in the office or given to Amye Webster, amy_e_webster@yahoo.com.
- ✓ And a lot of VOLUNTEERS!!

Volunteers are needed to help with: follow-up calls, donation collection, procurement of underwriters, classroom silent auction craft, decorations, making copies of fliers, posting fliers in local businesses, set up, break down, crafts during the event AND entertainment!

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

If you would like to help, please contact Breakfast Co-chairs, Tonya Knauth, tknauth@comcast.net or (713) 628-8243 or Elizabeth Klein, eklein@fkmagency.com.

For more information on the Friends of Montessori, check out our website: www.fomhouston.org or email friendsofmontessori@yahoo.com.

