

# The Eagle Eye

Garden Oaks PTA Newsletter

February, 2008



**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!**



The Teacher and Staff Holiday Luncheon was a huge success! Spaghetti Western catered some delicious Italian dishes. There were so many yummy desserts to choose from.

Our teachers and staff were very thankful. They loved the food and massive variety of desserts. It brought smiles to their faces.

Big thanks go out to all who helped out by bringing desserts, drinks, decorations, and volunteering your time. You are what make events like this possible.

## GARDEN OAKS SHIRTS FOR SALE

We have red and blue Garden Oaks Elementary Eagle shirts that can be worn any day of the week and are great for field trips. The standard sizes are Children XS (2-4), S (4-6), M (8-10), L (12-14), Adult S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL.

Short sleeve shirts are \$10

Long sleeve shirts are \$12

Sweat shirts are \$15

You can buy the shirts in the office, place an order on the order form available in the office and give it to your teacher, or call Jaime Waller 713-628-2426. We take cash or checks made payable to Garden Oaks PTA.

## BIRDSEED

The birds at Garden Oaks eat a lot!! Birdseed contributions are welcome and can be dropped off in Mrs. Morris' science class room (caddy-corner to the Library).

## BOX-TOPS FOR EDUCATION

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



## The PTA President's corner:

Dear Parents:

Every time I attend a district-wide PTA presidents' meeting, I want to share so much information with you!

Our last meeting focused on what can be done in elementary school to increase success in high school and beyond. Keys to success include:

- Attendance, attendance, attendance!  
*This includes punctuality!*
- High academic expectations from parents.
- It is very important to talk with your children. Know what happens during their day. Let them know school is important and that you care.

Also discussed was the importance of looking at colleges, even now. It's never too early to take your children to college!

Thanks,  
Helle Johnson  
PTA President

Check out our website:

[www.orgsites.com/tx/gardenoakspta](http://www.orgsites.com/tx/gardenoakspta)

## PTA Fundraiser: Balloon-O-Grams

Send a Balloon-O-Gram to the child you love, to a friend, or teacher you admire.

**When:** Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

**Cost:** \$1 per each lovely handmade card.

Your child will receive a balloon with all his or her messages on Valentine's Day, delivered right to their classroom.

### How does it work?

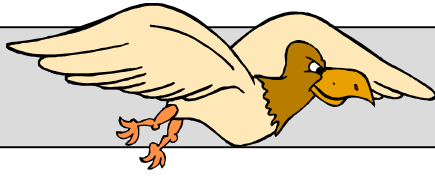
Cards will be available from February 8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> at a PTA table before or after school or in the front office.

You write your message and put it into the Valentine box located in the office. Don't forget to include the child's name and classroom on the back!

Your Valentine will then be delivered on Valentine's Day on a balloon to your child, friend or teacher.

*It's that easy! What a fun way to show you care and support your PTA program!*





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### GRANT WRITERS NEEDED!

There are many grants available that can be applied to our children's fieldtrips, recycling programs and more! If you are interested in helping our school by writing grant applications, please contact Helle Johnson to get a list of grants - [hellej@earthlink.net](mailto:hellej@earthlink.net), (713) 703-1694

### SPELLING BEE WINNERS!!!

Congratulations to the best spellers at Garden Oaks Elementary! Class finalists include:

**Kilmer** - Noemi Ramirez, Lizette Lara and Alejandra Ibarra

**Carson** - Daniella Ramos, John Runge, Seth Taylor, Daniela Mengesha  
**Moyer** - Estefani Medina, Katie Taylor,  
**Vaughn** - Haley Fairman, Patrick Flores  
**Carfello** - Taylor McAnulty, Leslie Ortiz, Dylan Cardenas, Jacob Hoffart, Mikah Daniel, Rachel Maldonado  
**Maples** - Rosa Ramos, Ryan Hoerner, Daisy Muniz, Deion Living, Gloria Perez

### Garden Oaks' new spelling champion is:

**Rosa Ramos**, from Ms. Maples' class.

*Thank you to Ms. Evans for running this event!*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### Tuesday, February 5

8:15 am

PTA Board Meeting – All Welcome!

#### Saturday, February 9

8 – 10 am

Friends of Montessori Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction

#### Tuesday, February 12

7:00 pm

PTA Meeting with special performance

#### Thursday, February 14 – Valentine's Day

Balloon–O–Gram delivery

#### Friday, February 15

1:00 pm

Early Dismissal

#### Thursday, February 21

6 – 8 pm

FOM GO Chapter Board Meeting, Teacher's Lounge

#### Monday, March 2

Spring School Fundraiser begins

#### Tuesday, March 4

8:15 am

PTA Board Meeting – All Welcome!

#### Wednesday, March 5

TAKS testing (changed from March 4<sup>th</sup>)

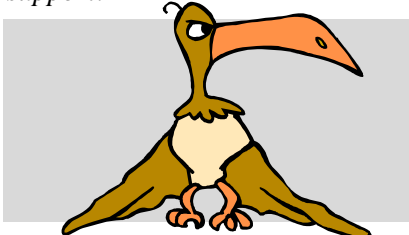
#### Thursday, March 13

Field Day

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Theresa@TheComstocks.org).

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