

# The Eagle Eye

Garden Oaks PTA Newsletter

April, 2008

## Upcoming Work Day & Garden Tour Volunteers Needed!

**Work Day:** Join us April 12<sup>th</sup> for a campus workday. Come anytime from 9 am to 1 pm. Even ½ hour helps! Learn something about gardening, meet other parents and help us make Garden Oaks shine for the upcoming neighborhood Home & Garden Tour.

**Garden Tour:** On April 20<sup>th</sup>, we are looking for volunteers to be docents, sell tickets and be greeters. We will have two shifts—from 12-3 and 3-6. Right after, at 6 pm, we will have a volunteer party at a home in section 1.

There will be 6 homes and 4 gardens on the tour, including Garden Oaks Elementary. This is a great opportunity to show off our school.

Questions, please contact Vena B. Golt, [crulun@yahoo.com](mailto:crulun@yahoo.com).



## 2008-2009 PTA BOARD POSITIONS

**President** - Helle Johnson

**1st Vice President & Yearbook** - Amy Earle

**2nd Vice President & Inside Publicity** - Theresa Comstock

**Treasurer** - Michael Dreiss

**Recording Secretary** - Amy Earle

**Parliamentarian** - Susan Stroud

**Historian** – OPEN

### Committee Chairpeople:

**Communications** - OPEN

**Website Chair** - Robert Johnson

**Teacher Liaison** - Nancy Newton

**Membership** - Torrance Earle

**Room Reps** - Kristi Anders

**Parent Education** – OPEN

**Beautification** - Vena Golt

**Cultural Arts and Enrichment** - Jennifer Moreno

**T-Shirt Chair** - Jaime Waller

**Copy Crew Chair** - Helle Johnson

**Hospitality Chair** – OPEN

**Black Middle School Liaison** – OPEN

If you are interested in any of the open positions, or in assisting any of the Chairmen with any of the positions, please contact Helle Johnson, [hellej@earthlink.net](mailto:hellej@earthlink.net). Please come to our Board meetings and check it out. We really need YOU, and we have so much fun. It's great to know what's going on at our school.

## The PTA President's Corner

Dear Parents:

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break. This school year is coming to an end, and before we know it, it will be summertime. Please consider joining the PTA Board next school year. We will meet once or twice over the summer to plan the events, so if you would like to join us, please contact Helle Johnson, [hellej@earthlink.net](mailto:hellej@earthlink.net).

If you have paid your PTA membership, and *did not* receive your membership card, please contact Isela Villarreal, [iselajv@msn.com](mailto:iselajv@msn.com). If you did not pay yet, please pick up an envelope at the office, and turn it in to your teacher, it is not too late for a pizza party for the classroom with 100% membership.

### Did you know?

Newsletters and photos from recent events are posted on our website:

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

The PTA will also soon send newsletters and reminders by email. Interested? Send your email address to: [Theresa@TheComstocks.org](mailto:Theresa@TheComstocks.org).

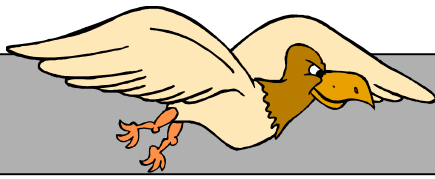
Thanks,  
Helle Johnson  
PTA President

## PTA MEETING/TEACHER TALENT SHOW

**DATE CHANGE:** Wednesday, April 9th, 7pm  
(Due to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Testing)

Don't miss our teachers great talents! This will be a great show. The class with the most attendance will receive a gift card for their classroom.





**MONTESSORI NEWS**

There is some great news to announce. Due to an overwhelming number of applications for the GOES Montessori program, the school will be opening a new Children's House, 3-6yr. olds' classroom this Fall. Having support from area businesses and friends in the neighborhood contributing to the Pancake Breakfast, help make this classroom a reality. A partnership between Friends of Montessori and HISD brings more families to Garden Oaks Elementary!

There is much to prepare for August and all those new smiling faces, so if you are handy with carpentry or can cut laminate, let us know. We need your help.



**YEARBOOK HELP!!!**

We have had some volunteer changes, and seriously need folks to step up and help with the yearbook! If you are interested, please contact Amy Earle ASAP at [Amy.Earle@aiminvestments.com](mailto:Amy.Earle@aiminvestments.com).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Tuesday, <b>April 1</b> , 8:15 am	PTA Board Meeting
Tuesday, <b>April 8</b>	Testing 5th grade math
Wednesday, <b>April 9</b> , 7:00 pm	PTA Meeting ( <i>Note date change.</i> )
Saturday, <b>April 12</b> , 9am – 1pm	Spring Workday
Thursday, <b>April 17</b> , 6:30 pm	Montessori Hands-On Night – Parents get a lesson from the students.
Sunday, <b>April 20</b> , 12 pm – 6 pm	Garden Oaks Home Tour
<b>April 22 – 24, 29, 30</b>	TAKS testing & retesting
Thursday, <b>April 24</b> , 6 – 8 pm	FOM GO Chapter Board Meeting, Teacher's Lounge. All are welcome.
Thursday, <b>May 1</b>	TAKS 5th grade Science
<b>May 4 – 9</b>	Teacher Appreciation Week!
Friday, <b>May 9</b>	4th Grade Austin fieldtrip
Tuesday, <b>May 13</b> , 7:00 pm	PTA Meeting, Cafeteria, 7 pm Re-test 5th Grade
Thursday, <b>May 15</b> , 6 – 8 pm	FOM GO Chapter Board Meeting, Teacher's Lounge. All are welcome.
Monday, <b>May 19</b>	History Fair: Celebrating Conflict & Compromise in History. <i>Parent and Teacher Judges needed – please see Ms. Carson.</i> <i>View projects all week in the multipurpose room.</i>
Monday, <b>May 26</b>	Memorial Day Holiday
Wednesday, <b>May 28</b>	5th Grade Party
Thursday, <b>May 29</b>	Early Dismissal, Last day of school, 5th grade ceremony



**PTA MEMBERSHIP**

Thank you to everybody who has joined the PTA!

If you haven't received your membership cards yet, please e-mail Isela Villarreal at [iselajv@msn.com](mailto:iselajv@msn.com) or call 713-688-3020 and leave your name, child's name and teacher's name so she can check and send you a new one.

**NEWSLETTER INFO**

Contributions to the Eagle Eye 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).

Garden Oaks Elementary School Administration has final editing privileges.

*Many thanks for translation by Isela Villarreal.*