

The Eagle Eye

Garden Oaks PTA Newsletter

May, 2008

Teacher Appreciation Week Begins May 5th

Please plan to bring Mexican foods (May 5th) and desserts (May 9th) to show your appreciation. Let Jennifer Moreno know what you plan to bring: jghunker@hotmail.com, 832-282-9163 (cell).

Tournament of Knowledge (TOK)

On March 27, 2008, 14 students from Garden Oaks participated in the Tournament of Knowledge competition held at the HISD administration building. TOK is a scholastic competition for smart, quick-thinking, problem solvers. Our 4 teams were:

Team Discovery

Captain: Emma Dreiss
Ben Johnson
Gloria Perez
Raymond Aguilar

Team RACE

Captain: Ryan Hoerner
Arturo Moreno
Cassidy Welch
Emanuel Gomez

Team Big Cheese

Dani Mengesha & Daniella Ramos

Team RACE won 6th place in Jeopardy.

Team Cheetahs won 5th place in Chess.

John Runge won 2nd place in individual Chess.

All 4 teams won 3rd place in the School Clue Hunt.

Even the adult chaperones won 5th place in the Adult Clue Hunt!

Everyone was a winner in this exciting competition. Mrs. Carson and Mrs. Morris want to thank all the participants and their parents for their great sportsmanship and performance.

Razzmatazz Competition

Garden Oaks was well-represented at HISD's Razzmatazz on March 31st. Students competed in reading, writing, speech, costume creation and characterization. Thanks to the participants and teacher sponsor, Mrs. Bruce!

2nd Grade (Dynamos)

Lenore Craig
Nadja Lazar
Rita Smith

4th Grade (Cubs)

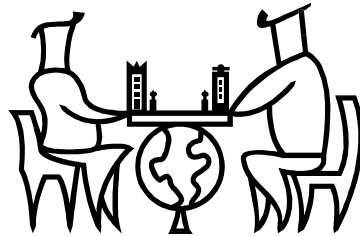
Mikah Daniel
Jacob Hoffart
James Lazard
Julissa Naranjo

3rd Grade (Great White Tigers)

Estefani Medina
Alex Rodriguez
Elvira Turcios

5th Grade (The G.O.E.S.)

Isabella Fullelove
Deion Living
Noemi Ramirez
Daisy Muniz



Team Cheetahs

Luis Garcia, John Runge
Seth Taylor & Wade Taylor

The PTA President's Corner

Wow, this school year is almost over, and summer vacation is right around the corner. I hope all of our students will have a wonderful summer and READ a lot. It will help your mind stay sharp.

PTA wishes all 5th & 6th graders good luck on their journey to Middle School. We know you are going to be fine, but we will really miss you here at Garden Oaks Elementary School. Listen and Learn and keep making wise decisions!

Also a big thanks to all the wonderful teachers who have taught these young boys and girls over the years.

This year's PTA Board has been awesome! I cannot thank you enough for all you have done. We will be even better and stronger next year, and with 9 new PTA board members! Thank you for signing up on the Board. I can't wait to get to know the newcomers better!

Thanks for a great school year, can't wait to see everyone after the summer vacation..... Thanks to all teachers, custodians, kitchen staff, crossing guards, office staff and last but not least our great PRINCIPAL, Ms. Emily Thomas.

Did you know?

We applaud the attendance of our staff!!! Leading the way with zero days absent: Bruce, Blanco, Dore, Rodriguez, Muraira, Trupti K., & Luna. With one day absent, Carson, Vaughn, Vivar, Johanson & Morris, and with 2 days absent, Kilmer, R. Williams and Maples.

Helle Johnson
PTA President

Bilingual Spelling Bee

The March 11th Bilingual Spelling Bee results are in!!

1st Place:

Andy López, 4th Grade, Mr. Muraira's class

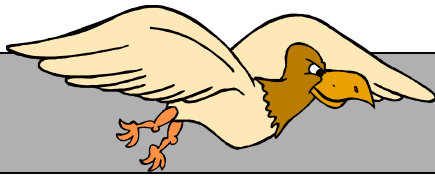
2nd Place

Stephanie Hernández, 4th Grade, Mr. Muraira's class

3rd Place

Carlos Luvian, 2nd Grade, Ms. Rodriguez' class.

Congratulations to the winners & to our Bilingual Coordinator, Ms. Garcia. She has been named Garden Oaks' Bilingual Teacher of the Year!!



Mark Your Calendars!

Thursday, May 1	TAKS 5th grade Science PTA Board Meeting, 8:15 am
May 5 – 9	Teacher Appreciation Week!
Wednesday, May 7, 6 pm	ASPIRE/EVAAS Community Presentation at Garden Oaks
Tuesday, May 13	PTA Meeting, Cafeteria, 7 pm Re-test 5th Grade
Thursday, May 15, 6 pm	FOM GO Chapter Board Meeting, Teacher's Lounge. All are welcome.
Saturday, May 17, 9 am	ART Expo – Central Region <i>Garden Oaks performs 10:30–10:40am.</i>
Monday, May 19	History Fair: Celebrating Conflict & Compromise in History. <i>Parent and Teacher Judges are needed – please see Ms. Carson. View projects all week in the multipurpose room.</i>
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day Holiday
Wednesday, May 28	5th Grade Party
Thursday, May 29	Early Dismissal, Last day of school,



Garden Oaks Launches



Perfect Attendance Award

Garden Oaks Elementary is launching an attendance incentive to encourage children to come to school every day until the end of the year.

Starting April 7 - May 28, all students that have perfect attendance during this time period will have their names entered in a drawing. The drawing will be held on the morning of May 28, and as many as 40 large prizes will be given out. Every child will receive something.

This has been made possible through a donation from Isela Villarreal and David Lorms of Farmer's Insurance.

2008-2009 PTA Board

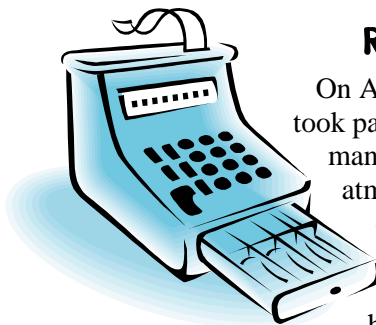
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We are proud to have 9 new Board members. Thanks to all who recently signed up and to all who signed up again for next year.

It would be great to fill the open positions: *Historian & Parent Education.* Let us know if you are interested!



Rice University Program

On April 16th, eight Garden Oaks students took part in a program focused on money-management issues. In a game-like atmosphere, student teams explored career opportunities, developed a business plan and implemented standard business practices. This yearly event is a great hands-on experience.

Participants were: Yanetzin Duran, Alejandra Ibarra, Benjamin Johnson, Lizette Lara, Deion Living, Lesly Lopez, Arturo Moreno, Daniela Muniz, Noemi Ramirez and Sandy Tapia... Ask them about their plans!

THANKS for the Newsletter!

On behalf of the PTA, we would like to thank our wonderful Eagle Eye newsperson, Theresa Comstock, for all her hard work and keeping the Eagle Eye coming every month. We are so pleased to have a newsletter and what a great way to communicate!

Isela Villareal is our WONDERFUL translator. She is working full time, but still finds time to help out. Thank you Isela!



PTA newsletters, pictures from events and other information is on-line at: www.orgsites.com/tx/gardenoakspta. Garden Oaks administration has final editing privileges.