

The Eagle Eye

Garden Oaks PTA Newsletter

August/September, 2008

Welcome Our New Principal!

Ms. Pollock comes to Garden Oaks after spending the last four years as the Assistant Principal at Park Place Elementary in HISD where she worked as an Assistant Principal. While there, she led the choir, the Boy Scout Troop, the Cub Scout Pack and coached the students in Theater Arts and Debate competitions. She also tutored students in Math, Reading and Science and was instrumental in developing the school garden. She was active in the area civic clubs and the East End Chamber of Commerce.

Her 24 years of experience in education include serving as a private school principal, a classroom teacher, a social worker for students with emotional disturbances and travel as a national consultant.



Ms. Pollock's husband is also a principal in HISD. They both share a passion for serving the students and families of HISD to ensure equity and excellence in education.

They have a blended family and together, share 5 grown children ages 29, 27, 25, 22, and 21. Jessica (the oldest) and her husband Steve gave them their first grandbaby on Sept 1, 2007.

The only "kids" at home are dogs, Jack and Coby (both rescue animals)!

In her "free" time (every Monday night from 6 - 10pm) Ms. Pollock sings with the Houston Choral Showcase. It is Houston's longest running show choir. In her younger days, she sang and traveled with Up With People and sang with the Norwegian National Opera Company.

Waltrip Feeder Pattern Back to School Bash!

Join us for a fun evening with the seven schools in the Waltrip Feeder Pattern (5 elementary schools, Black Middle School and Waltrip High School).

Each school will do a 5 minute presentation, and there will be prizes & a pizza dinner. The bash is Tuesday, September 16th. It begins at 5:30 p.m. at Waltrip High School.

The PTA President's Corner

Dear Parents:

Welcome back to school. For those who don't know me, my name is Helle Johnson. I was born and raised in Copenhagen, Denmark, but have lived in Houston for almost 21 years. I have 3 children – two boys and a girl. My oldest is Benjamin. He is now 12 and attends Clifton Middle School. I also have a 4th grader, Emma and a 2nd grader, Jacob.

I am very excited about this school year. PTA has lots of fun events in store and we are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to know more about the PTA or how you can help out, feel free to email or call me. hellej@earthlink.net or 713 692 8229.

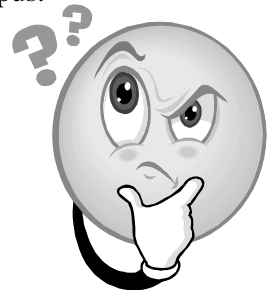
I hope you will have a great school year, and remember to have your child(ren) at school at 8.00 AM everyday. PTA will have a NO TARDY AND NO ABSENCE treat the last Friday of every month. Make sure your child(ren) will be part of that!

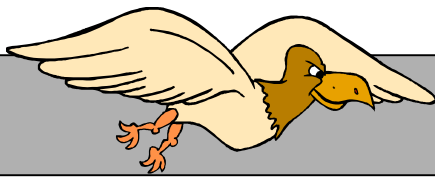
Thanks,
Helle Johnson
Garden Oaks PTA President

Shared Decision Making Committee

Want to be part of making decisions concerning Garden Oaks Elementary? You are welcome to participate in discussing issues such as curriculum, grading policies and uniforms – anything pertaining to this campus.

This committee is made up of faculty, staff, community members and parents. Meetings are open to all, and more committee members are needed. Please join us the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.





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2007-2008 Yearbooks

There are many yearbooks still available. Please contact Amy Earle, amy.earle@invesco.com to get your copy.

Donations of \$5 are welcome.



T-Shirt Design Contest

Would you like to see your design worn by hundreds of fellow students? Garden Oaks PTA is looking for the perfect new T-Shirt design. Students are asked to submit their designs by October 1st. Watch for more details!

Mark your Calendar

Thursday, August 28	Meet and Greet, 6 – 7 PM
Monday, September 1	Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, September 2	PTA Board Meeting, 8:15 AM
Tuesday, September 2	Civic Club Meeting, 7:00 PM
Saturday, September 6	Friends of Montessori – Ice Cream Social, Spark Park, 1 – 3 PM
Saturday, September 6	Beautification (Weeding & Mulching) Workday at Garden Oaks, 9am – 1 pm
Monday, September 8	Grandparents Day
Tuesday, September 9	First PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, September 10	Shared Decision Making Committee Meeting, 3:30 PM
Tuesday, September 16	Waltrip Feeder Pattern <i>Back to School Bash</i> , 5:30 – 7PM at Waltrip High School
Thursday, September 18	Friends of Montessori – Chapter Meeting
Friday, September 19	Fundraiser begins (Cherrydale), 1:30 PM
Friday, September 26	Attendance Awards

BOX TOP REMINDER:

Save your box tops and bring them to the office. We receive 10¢ for each box top. It adds up!!



PTA MEMBERSHIP

It's time to join the PTA!

Please watch for the PTA membership packets, complete and return them to your child's classroom or to the PTA mailslot in the office. Questions, please contact Torrance Earle, t_earle@yahoo.com.

NEWSLETTER INFO

Contributions to the Eagle Eye can be dropped off in the PTA mailslot in the office. To send information electronically, email it to Theresa Comstock at Theresa@TheComstocks.org.

Garden Oaks Elementary School Administration has final editing privileges.

Many thanks for translation by Isela Villarreal.