

The Eagle Eye

Garden Oaks PTA Newsletter

October, 2009

PTA Continues

Teacher Grant Program

The Garden Oaks PTA began a new program last year to help put more money directly into the hands of the teachers who need it for their students. Last year two grants were awarded; one to Ms. Pousson for a new art curriculum program, and one to Mrs. Morris for science materials. We are pleased to be able to continue this important program and hope to award many more grants this year. Teachers may apply for grant funds any time through May 15, 2010 for the 2009-2010 school year. Any money in the grant fund not used, will carry over to next year's awards. If you would like to serve on the grant fund committee for 2009-2010, please contact Susan Stroud at s.stroud@yahoo.com.

Gradespeed:What's This?

HISD now offers parents the opportunity to connect with teachers online through GradeSpeed. This is a district wide effort to help parents track students' progress on a weekly basis. Parents can view homework and test grades as well as deadlines for weekly and future assignments. Parents can sign up to receive alerts when a student falls below a certain average. Registration is available online at www.hisd.org For further information contact your teacher or the main office at 713-696-2930.

The PTA President's Corner

Dear GOE Parents & Children -

We are off to a great start this school year! Thanks to those who participated in the Entertainment book sale. **Remember** the Fall Festival Friday, Oct 23rd from 3-6pm. See you there!

Clarissa Lang

Garden Oaks PTA President

Friday Sales!

GOE PTA has started Friday sales again for the school year. Remember to bring your fifty cents every Friday. This year we are selling popcorn, juice pops, pickles and pickle juice pops!

Scarborough-Waltrip Feeder Patterns

Community Connections!

Join us for a fun evening at Scarborough High School with the twelve schools in the Scarborough-Waltrip Feeder Pattern (8 elementary schools, Black and Clifton Middle Schools, Scarborough and Waltrip High School).

Each school will do a 5 minute presentation, and there will be door prizes & a pizza dinner. Your family may ride the bus from Garden Oaks at 5:30pm – sign up in the front office to reserve your spot. Join other families and avoid parking. *Community Connectionst!* is Wednesday, October 28th. The fun begins at Scarborough at 6pm!

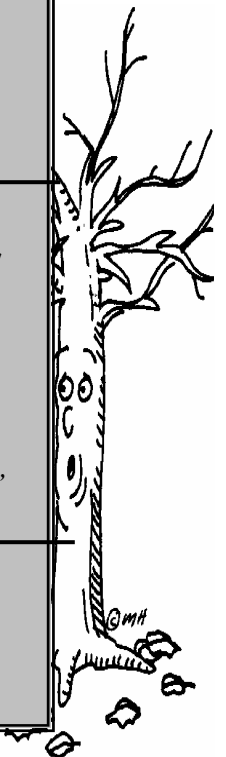
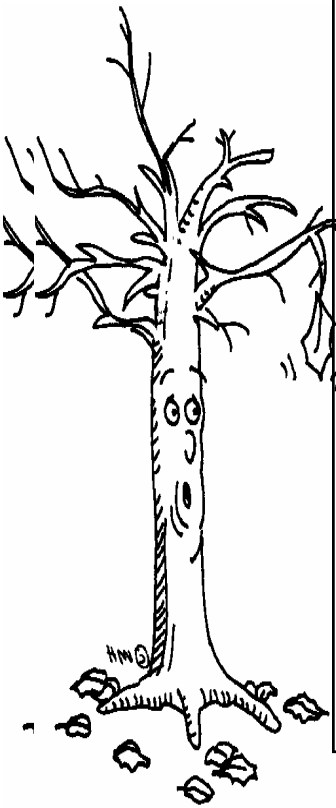
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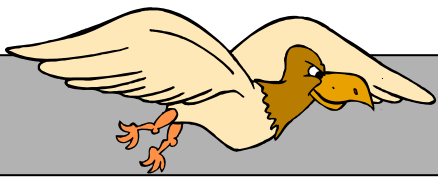
QUICK START TENNIS COURT DEDICATION 5PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD 3 PM - 6 PM

SAUSAGE ON A STICK, MACHOS, PIZZA, FRITO PIE, POPCORN, COTTON CANDY, PUMPKIN PAINTING, HAUNTED HOUSE, SACK RACES, PUMPKIN GOLF, JAIL, FACE/HAIR PAINTING, LOLLIBOT, CAKE WALK, TONS OF PRIZES & LOTS MORE!!!

Parents, we need your help! Donations of baked goods/cakes, candy/prize bags, drinks, set-up & clean-up! Contact Michael Dreiss – 713-254-7641 or mdreiss@aol.com. Do you make crafts or sell products that you would like to sell at the carnival? Table rental is \$25... come show off your stuff!





T-Shirt Design Contest

Would you like to see your design worn by hundreds of fellow students? Garden Oaks PTA is again holding a T-shirt design contest to find the perfect new design. Students are asked to submit their original artwork design by November 1. Watch for more details!

Shared Decision Making Committee

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 elected faculty and staff, plus invited community members and parents. Meetings are open to all, however voting is limited to formal committee members. Please join us the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the Teacher's Lounge.

Mark your Calendar

- Thursday, October 15 PTA Board Meeting, 6pm – Garden Oaks Elementary Teachers' Lounge
- Wednesday, October 14 SDMC Meeting, Library 3:30pm
- Thursday, October 22 Friends of Montessori Chapter Meeting, 6pm
- Friday, October 23 Fall Picture-Day (Individual pictures – students wear uniforms)
- Friday, October 23 Fall Festival, 3 – 6 pm (Character Parade)
- Friday, October 23 QuickStart Tennis Court dedication at 5pm in the SPARK PARK**
- Wednesday, October 28 Community Connections-Scarborough High School, 6pm
- Wednesday, November 4 Early Dismissal 1pm

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! Be sure to complete a membership envelope and return it to your child's classroom or to the PTA mail basket in the office. Membership is \$5/individual and supports ALL programs and classes on campus! Questions, please contact Helle Johnson, hellej@earthlink.net.

Thank you to all of our new members!

NEWSLETTER INFO

Submissions to the Eagle Eye may be dropped off in the PTA mail basket in the office. To send information electronically, email Erica Zamarripa at e_zam2@yahoo.com.
Garden Oaks Elementary School Administration has final editing privileges.

**Many thanks to translator
Ariana Diaz de Leon**