

# The Eagle Eye

Garden Oaks PTA Newsletter

November, 2008

## A Successful Fundraiser!

Our students are awesome! Over 125 students participated in this year's PTA fall fundraiser. You all raised over \$5500 for our school, teachers and students!! Way to go!!

Those who turned in their orders on time had their names put into a drawing. The winners were announced Monday morning. Congratulations to our winners:

Joseph Flores - \$20  
Charnea Green - \$10  
Camdyn Schwab - \$5

## Eagle Service Projects The First of Two is Complete!

If you haven't had a chance to wander to the back of the school and see first hand the changes being made, you must make the trip. Daniel Norton along with the community and Boy Scout Troop 20 spent Saturday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup> digging a dry creek to solve a big drainage problem. The project included a magnificent bridge and beautiful landscaping. The overall project was designed by Ms. Golt, and our own Ms. Morris and Mr. Johanson came out to help. Mr. Tatum designed and helped build the bridge. A huge thanks goes out to these people along with the scouts, friends, students, parents and community members for donating their time, money, and labor to the project. An especially big thank you goes to Daniel for giving back to the school he once attended.

The next Eagle Service Project will be held Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> in the same area. Steven Roberts, also a former student, will supervise the installation of a labyrinth surrounded by a hedge with a live oak in the center. Steve has secured the donation of the plants but still needs the rocks, pavers and crushed granite to make it possible. He would appreciate any donations whether it be money, material and/or time. There is a donation box located in the school office.

Exciting things are happening on this campus for our students!!

## The PTA President's Corner

Dear Parents:

Thank you for a phenomenal Fall Festival!!! The hard work of parents, teachers and staff resulted in raising about \$1800 for the school. Everyone worked together and the children had a great time! This was good for our school, our neighborhood and our PTA budget! Thanks!

If you took pictures, please submit them for the yearbook – place them in the PTA mailslot or email them to: [earle.amy@invesco.com](mailto:earle.amy@invesco.com).

*Helle Johnson*  
Garden Oaks PTA President

## VIPS Sign-In

Did you know that if you forget to log in your volunteer hours in the school office, you can also do it from home? Go to [HISD.org](http://HISD.org), click on VIPS Log-in (look for the red apple in the lower right corner of the web page.)

Remember to log your hours – show HISD how much Garden Oaks parents are involved in this school!



## Student Restrooms

Please remember that school rules restrict use of student restrooms to students only. Let's ensure the safety of our children – parents are asked to stay out of the student restrooms. Thank you!

## Room Parents Needed

If you have not already signed up to be a Room Parent for your child's classroom, now is your chance. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the other families in your classroom and to help your child's teacher with party planning needs for the year. We still have a few openings we need to fill so please contact the Garden Oaks PTA if you can help – [hellej@earthlink.net](mailto:hellej@earthlink.net) or 713-692-8229.

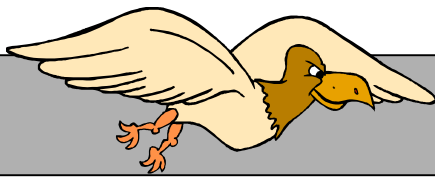
## Use your Kroger Card to benefit Garden Oaks PTA.

Kroger allows you to give to our school every time you shop. Present this barcode to the cashier along with your KrogerPlus Card. The barcode needs to be scanned only once and it will be active through April 30<sup>th</sup>. Kroger will contribute a percentage of your eligible purchases to the Neighbor to Neighbor Donation fund.

**Kroger cashier:** please scan customer's KrogerPlus Card at the beginning of the order, and then scan the above barcode. The customer's KrogerPlus Card is now enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program.

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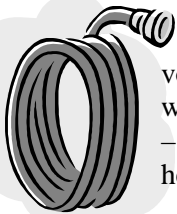
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### Missing Textbooks

Over the years, the number of textbooks that were left at home adds up to a lot! The inventory done this summer showed so many books missing that our 2008-2009 school budget will be impacted by several thousand dollars if they are not returned. If you have any textbooks at home, please return them to the office. Thank you!

### Watering Volunteers

Our gardens are beautiful thanks to volunteers who help with gardening and watering. Please help us keep them that way – we need more volunteers. Contact Vena to help: [crulun@yahoo.com](mailto:crulun@yahoo.com) or 713-498-3418.



### Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

It's important for parents to get involved, expressing their ideas & giving their opinions regarding their interests, needs and concerns. Maybe we need parenting classes or ESL classes for parents? Parents – please let us know!

There are four Parent Advisory Committee meetings during the school year. Held at 8 – 8:45 in the morning, representatives of Bilingual, Conventional and Montessori classrooms are needed at the PAC meetings: November 12, December 17, February 11 and March 25<sup>th</sup>.



#### BOX TOP REMINDER:

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

### Mark your Calendar

Tuesday, November 4	Election Day ( <i>Since Garden Oaks Elementary is a polling place, we expect heavy traffic— plan accordingly. Ms. Pollock has arranged for security to be present 12 hours that day.</i> )
Tuesday, November 4	PTA Board Meeting 8:15 am / Civic Club meeting 7 pm / Election Day
Wednesday, November 5	Report Cards
Friday, November 7	Early Dismissal, 1 pm
November 10 – 14	Montessori Awareness Week
Wednesday, November 12	Parental Advisory Committee Meeting, 8 am, Teachers' Lounge (the room behind the office)
Wednesday, November 12	Shared Decision Making Committee, 3:30 pm in the Teachers' Lounge
Thursday, November 13	Family Math Night
Thursday, November 13	Friends of Montessori Curriculum Night
Sunday, November 16	Labyrinth and Landscaping Eagle Scout Service Project
Wednesday, November 19	Fundraiser Prizes, 1:30 – 2:30 pm in Multipurpose Room
Thursday, November 20	Family Feast / PK – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Thursday, November 20	Friends of Montessori Board Meeting, 6 – 8 pm
Friday, November 21	Attendance Awards
Tuesday, November 25	Geography Bee
November 26 – 28	Holiday/Thanksgiving
December 1 – 5	Science Fair
Tuesday, December 2	PTA Board Meeting, 8:15 am / Civic Club Meeting, 7pm
Saturday, December 6	Magnet Open House, 9 – noon at Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, 4400 W. 18 <sup>th</sup>
December 8 – 12	Magnet Awareness Week. Tours available at each Magnet program daily beginning at 1 pm

### PTA MEMBERSHIP

**We are looking for more members!** If you have not yet joined, please complete a membership envelope and return it to your child's classroom or to the PTA mailslot in the office. Questions, please contact Torrance Earle, [t\\_earle@yahoo.com](mailto:t_earle@yahoo.com).

Thank you to all of our new members!

### NEWSLETTER INFO

Contributions to the Eagle Eye can be dropped off in the PTA mailslot in the office or emailed to [Theresa@TheComstocks.org](mailto:Theresa@TheComstocks.org).

Garden Oaks Elementary School Administration has final editing privileges.

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