

The Eagle Eye

Garden Oaks PTA Newsletter

November, 2009

Garden Oaks PTA By-laws Replacement!

The Garden Oaks PTA By-Laws are being replaced in order to comply with state requirements. A copy of the new by-laws are available for review in the office and a summary of the changes is posted on the PTA bulletin board in the front of the school. The new by-laws will be voted on at the next PTA association meeting on December 10, 2009. If you have any questions or comments about the by-laws replacement, please feel free to contact Susan Stroud at s.stroud@yahoo.com.

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 or email Clarissa Lang Clang@mlncompany.com.

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 19, February 18 and April 22nd.

The PTA President's Corner

Dear Parents and Children:

The Holidays are around the corner. Come join us and the community for a Turkey Run/Walk! Let's stay Fit for the Holidays. Thank you for all the help with the Fall Festival, it was *fantastic*! The hard work of parents, teachers and staff resulted in raising funds of over \$3000 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!

Clarrisa Lang
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, click on VIPS Log-in (look for the related links section in the lower right hand corner web page.)

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

Year Book Committee

We still need a chairman for the yearbook committee. Anyone can help, parents, grandparents. Please contact the PTA if you are interested. If anyone has taken pictures that would like to submit please

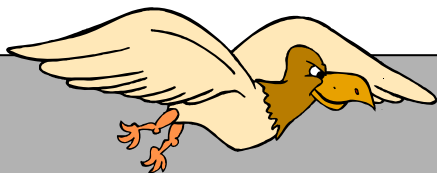
Use your Kroger Card to benefit Garden Oaks PTA.

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 30th. Kroger will contribute a percentage of your eligible purchases to the Neighbor to Neighbor Donation fund.

GARDEN OAKS ELEMENTARY PTA



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.



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!

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 3	Election Day
Wednesday, November 4	Early Dismissal, 1 pm
Wednesday, November 4	Report Cards
Thursday, November 5	First Grading Period Attendance Awards
Wednesday, November 11	Shared Decision Making Committee, 3:30 pm in the teachers' lounge
Thursday, November 12	PTA Meeting and Family Math Night/Montessori Curriculum Night, 6pm
Saturday, November 14	Magnet Open House, 9-12pm at Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, 4400 W.18 th St.
November 16-20	Magnet Awareness Week, Tours available at each Magnet program daily beginning at 1 pm
November 16-20	Montessori Awareness Week, tours available at Garden Oaks!
Thursday, November 19	Parental Advisory Committee Meeting, held after morning announcements
Thursday, November 19	Family Feast / PK – 2nd
Thursday, November 19	PTA Board Meeting, Friends of Montessori Chapter Meeting, 6 – 8 pm
Monday, November 23	Geography Bee, 8am
Saturday, November 21	Turkey Fun Run, 8am-10am
November 25 – 27	Holiday/Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 10	PTA Meeting, potluck 6pm
Thursday, December 17	PTA Board Meeting, 6pm

PTA MEMBERSHIP

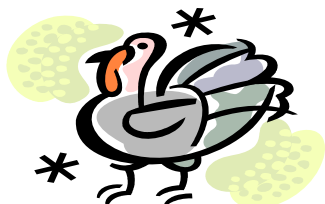
We are looking for more members! If you have not yet joined, please complete a membership envelope and return it to your child's classroom or to the PTA mail slot in the office. Membership is \$5/individual and supports ALL programs and classes on campus! Questions, please contact—hellej@earthlink.net.

Thank you to all of our new members!

NEWSLETTER INFO

Contributions to the Eagle Eye can be dropped off in the PTA mail slot in the office or emailed to e_zam2@yahoo.com.

Garden Oaks Elementary School Administration has final editing privileges.
Many thanks to translator Ariana Diaz de Leon.



Turkey Fun Run/Walk
 Saturday November 21st
 @ Spark Park 8am-10am