

The Eagle Eye

Garden Oaks PTA Newsletter

December, 2007

ART SUPPLIES NEEDED

Dear Parents,

The 5th grade and Mrs. Carson's class will write their own plays for puppet shows, and we plan to make papier-mâché puppets. There are a few things you might have laying around the house that we could use. We would appreciate any of the following:

- Large Shopping bags with handles
- Balloons in various sizes
- Cloth/Material of any kind
- Poster board in any color- white is always nice because we can color it.
- Yarn in any color
- Sewing Thread
- Sewing Needles for both thread and yarn
- Threaders and thimbles
- Clean PAPER egg cartons
- Paper towel\ gift wrap tubes
- Cloth scissors
- Extra staplers and staples
- Small embroidery hoops
- Hot glue guns and sticks
- Thin Dowel Rods
- Wheat paste
- Glue
- Clear spray sealer
- Water base liquid paint
- Any extra fancy stuff like embroidery thread, lace, buttons, rick-rack trim, pipe cleaners, glitter, left over craft materials, felt, google eyes, left over Halloween items that might adapt well to a puppet.

We will invite the other grade levels to the plays in April or May, so everyone benefits. We will probably start in February. Anything you give is greatly appreciated. Anything left over will be saved for the next year.

If you would like to volunteer to help the children make their puppets, please let me know. The commitment would be for 50 mins 1, 2, or 3 times / week depending on which class(es) you would like to help. Volunteers must be cleared through the office. If you have already been cleared for fieldtrips, then I just need to verify your status.

Thank you so much,
Mrs. Oswald
Garden Oaks Art Teacher

The PTA President's corner:

2007 has been a great year. I am looking forward to 2008. I would like to thank my wonderful board for all their help and encouragement. I could not have asked for better people to help me out! Also thanks to everybody else who made this such a great year!

With that I would like to wish our teachers, staff, parents and students a wonderful holiday season. Let's start the next year with NO tardies and NO absences, let's go for PERFECT ATTENDANCE!

Happy Holidays!
Helle Johnson

TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is December 14th in the lounge starting at 10:10. The food will be catered. *Desserts are still needed!* To donate, contact Jennifer Moreno at jghunker@hotmail.com or 832-282-9163.

GEOGRAPHY BEE

Congratulations to the Geography Bee Champions!
1st Place – Luis Garcia from Ms. Carson's class.
2nd Place – Gloria Perez from Ms. Maples' class.

WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

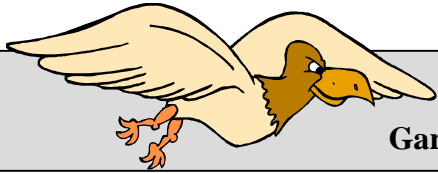
Students from the 4th and 5th grades will present a short Winter Holiday program with holiday songs, poems and Sing-a-long during the December PTA meeting, December 11th, at 7 pm. You will not want to miss this fun holiday event with your family and friends.

VEGETABLE GARDEN WORK DAY

When: Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007
Where: In front of the Science Lab
Time: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. & 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
(Rainday: December 15, 2007)

We need parents, teachers and children to build 2 raised vegetable beds. Work includes: putting down cardboard, laying a stone border and filling it up with dirt. *No experience required & tools provided!*

With this work done, our teachers and children will have it ready for planting and learning through observing plants, bugs and butterflies. Your contribution of time helps make it happen!!



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BLACK MIDDLE SCHOOL Check it Out!

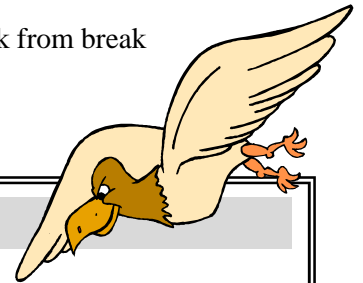
Many good things are in the works at our neighborhood middle school, including:

- Broadcast/Journalism elective classes.
- Increasing the Vanguard classes offered five-fold (in addition to the pre-A/P classes).
- Making Black Middle School a Fine Arts Magnet
- 6th Grade Academies
- Re-instituting the Aquatics program (yes, Black has a nice pool!)

Check out Black for yourself on Wednesday, December 19th at 9:00 a.m. Get a tour, meet the principal and check out some of the programs.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

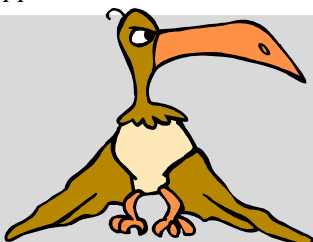
- Monday, December 3** Science Fair Exhibit in Multipurpose Room, all week
- Tuesday, December 4** 8:15 am *Poinsettias arrive for pick-up!*
PTA Board Meeting
- Saturday, December 8**
9:00 – 11:00 am Garden Work Day (1st Shift)
11:00 am – 1:00 pm Garden Work Day (2nd Shift)
- Tuesday, December 11** 7:00 pm PTA Meeting & Holiday Program
- Thursday, December 13** Holiday Feast, 3rd – 6th grade
- Friday, December 14** 10:10 am Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Tuesday, December 18** 6:00 – 8:00 pm Friends of Montessori Board Meeting
Teacher's Lounge
- Wednesday, Dec. 19** 9:00 am Black Middle School – parent tour
- December 21 – Jan. 4** Winter Break
- Monday, January 7** First Day Back from break



The Garden Oaks PTA Wants You!

PTA MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't joined, please do so—let's see which classes can win a Pizza Party for their Holiday Party! If you need an envelope, just pick one up from the office. *Thank you for your support!*



PTA BOARD MEETINGS OPEN TO ALL!

Did you know that everyone is welcome at the board meetings? Well, you are cordially invited! We are always interested in hearing from new people. Come see what PTA folks are doing and be part of supporting our school.

Board meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 8:15 am. They are approximately 1-hour long. Hope to see you there!

NEWSLETTER INFO

If you would like to contribute to future PTA newsletters, information can be dropped off in the PTA mailbox in the office.

To send information electronically, email it to Theresa Comstock at Theresa@TheComstocks.org.

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