

Garden Oaks Elementary

EAGLE'S NEST

November 2, 2009

Montessori Program Highlights!

The Public Montessori Educators' of Texas is holding its annual conference in Houston this week, November 6 and 7 at Wilson Elementary. Montessori teachers from across the state will be in town meeting and visiting Garden Oaks Elementary and other area programs. Please join me in welcoming our visitors to campus!

Enrollment applications for the

Montessori program will be available the week of November 16 – 20 when we will also be hosting tours of the school and Montessori classrooms! Tell your friends about this unique opportunity to enroll in a public Montessori program. Stop by the office to pick up an information packet!

Do you have friends interested in enrolling their children at GOE?

This Thursday, Nov. 5th at 6pm, teachers and parents of both the Montessori and traditional PK/Kinder programs will be on hand to meet and greet parents from the community who are interested in enrolling their child(ren) at Garden Oaks for the 2010-11 school year. Guest speakers will include, Garden Oaks Friends of Montessori Chapter President, Tonya Knauth, Montessori Children's House Teacher Rebecca Blanco and PK-Kinder Teacher Dana Gallegos.

Community Connections

Thank you to everyone who came out for Community Connections at Scarborough High School! Our students were a big hit with their recycling song. Many thanks to Ms. Bush for coordinating this effort!

After-School Tutorials and Clubs!

Many of the teachers are providing their personal time to stay after school for tutorials or after-school clubs. Please extend courtesy to the teachers and be on

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time to pick-up your child(ren). Thank you!

Cafeteria News

Join us for a Thanksgiving Meal Thursday, Nov 19th during your child's lunch. You must RSVP and purchase your ticket in advance in the front office. Cost is \$5/person - \$1 of each ticket goes to support Garden Oaks.

Security Upgrades!

You may have noticed workers on the walkways over the sidewalks and in the common areas of the campus. The district is installing security cameras on the campus to comply with district security. We will be able to monitor the campus from the front office in real time and review the video later should the need arise. Additionally, the SPARK PARK ad hoc committee has agreed on a fence plan for the school playground. This beautiful and detailed plan will enhance the campus' playground space. Many thanks to the countless hours of time and effort donated to this effort by the committed volunteers on the committee: Scott Easterly, GO Civic Club President; Sarah Heath, GO Kids President; Brenda DeAlba, GO Civic Club; Helle Johnson, PTA past president; Kori Catlin, PE teacher; Marie Pousson, Montessori Teacher; Jay Tatum, Montessori Parent and Architect; and Jenna Dhayer, former NW YMCA Executive Director. The proposed fence is estimated to cost \$26,000 according to the plans generated by the committee. Watch for upcoming fundraisers to support this effort!

Calendar Updates!

Wednesday, Nov 4 – Early Dismissal 1pm

Thursday, Nov. 5 – Cub Scouts 6pm

Thursday, Nov. 12th – Family Math Night

Thursday, Nov 19th – Thanksgiving Luncheon

Saturday, Nov 21st - PTA Fun Run!

from the desk of Ms. Pollock, Principal Garden Oaks Elementary
“Soaring to Exemplary!”