

# COUNCIL TALKS

Garland ISD Council of PTAs Newsletter

• Summer 2011

## Dates To Remember

### August

- 22 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!
- 27 **LeadershiPalooza:**  
Officer & Chairman Training  
Leadership Orientation Training  
Fundraising Vendor Fair  
9 am - LCHS

### September

- 7 **GISD Council of PTAs**  
**First meeting of Year!**  
Dr. Culwell, guest speaker  
9 am - Harris Hill Annex
- 29 **Leadership Orientation Training**  
7 pm - Harris Hill Annex
- 30 **Leadership Orientation Training**  
9 am - Harris Hill Annex  
(childcare available)
- 30 PTA  
"Take Your Dad to School Day"

### October

- 1 **40 Assets Summit for**  
**GISD Families**  
9 am-1 pm - SEC
- 5 **GISD Council of PTAs meeting**  
9 am - Harris Hill Annex
- 15 **Deadline for State/National Dues**  
submission to Texas PTA  
**Deadline for Council Dues**  
(\$50.00/PTA)  
**International Fine Arts**  
**Celebration**  
6:00 pm - Special Events Center
- 22 **P.E.A.C.E.**  
**Parent Empowerment:**  
**A Community Experience**  
8:30 am - 2:30 pm  
Special Events Center

## The President's Pen

Juliana Holmes, Council President  
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The summer has gone by so fast! I have learned so much during my first term as Council President, and I hope the experience will help me do a better job during the 2011-12 school year.

There was a great turn-out at the Spring Luncheon, even with moving it to the end of May. Congratulations to all the winners that were announced at the luncheon. This edition of *Council Talks* is both our celebratory issue, honoring all of these outstanding members, as well as an introduction for the new school year.

### Summer does not mean PTA is on hiatus.

PTA is a year round organization. Your local should be making plans for your fall membership drive, and making plans to attend the **LeadershiPalooza** workshop we are planning.

Summer Seminar was in early July in Austin. I assume that many of you attended this learning opportunity. I was unable to attend, as I was on a wonderful, long-planned vacation, but from what I hear from my fellow Council Board members, it was a really positive experience for all who attended!

### LeadershiPalooza!

In lieu of the usual "during the school week" Officer/Chairman training we've hosted in the past, we will be offering a one-stop training opportunity on **Saturday, August 27th** at Lakeview Centennial High School.

Concurrent to the leadership workshops, we'll have a **Fundraising Vendor Fair** taking place in the school Commons Area from 8-11 am. Companies offering ideas for fundraising (items to market, events to sponsor, etc.) will be available for anyone seeking fundraising ideas for their organization(s). Attending the Vendor Fair is both free and open to ANYONE. If you have friends or neighbors who work with an organization that needs new fundraising ideas, invite them to drop by!

Please review the information sheet about **LeadershiPalooza** on page 5, and the registration information for **Leadership Orientation Training** on page 12-13.

### 2010-11 Service Project

I would like to thank everyone who contributed underwear and socks for their help with our service project for the Grandparent's Support Group. Sherion Stribling, Community Resource Specialist, has told me several times how much the grandparents appreciate the help we've been able to provide them this year. Thank you so much for your contributions.

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## The President's Pen

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I would like to thank all of the council board members for their hard work this year. Thank you for being there for me when I needed your help. You're the best ANGELS.

I look forward to seeing you all this fall!

*Juliana*

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## Local Board Information Due

Each year, local PTAs are asked to submit a copy of your Board Roster to Texas PTA and to the Council of PTAs. As of July 4th, there were a number of PTAs who had not yet sent in their list of officers to either the state or our Council. We promise we won't be sharing your contact information with everybody we meet. (We are actually more like a mama bear protecting her cubs, when it comes to sharing the information.)

Our new Directory Chairman plans to have the Directory published by October - but that will require your cooperation, if we want it to be useful...

### The "official" form is available in a number of places:

- The [www.TXPTA.org](http://www.TXPTA.org) website (an MSWord doc that you can download)
- The [www.GarlandISDCouncilPTA.org](http://www.GarlandISDCouncilPTA.org) website (a fillable PDF form)

### Please Email to:

- [membership@txpta.org](mailto:membership@txpta.org)
- and*
- [jholmes@garlandisd.net](mailto:jholmes@garlandisd.net)

### Or submit a printed copy to:

- Texas PTA  
408 W. 11th St  
Austin, TX 78701-2113
- and*
- GISD Council of PTAs  
c/o GISD Communications  
P.O. Box 469026  
Garland, TX 75046-9026

### A big thank you to the PTAs that have gotten their list submitted. They include:

- |                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Armstrong Elementary          | Garland HS                     |
| Austin Academy for Excellence | Giddens-Steadham               |
| Back Elementary               | Luna Elementary                |
| Carver Elementary             | North Garland HS               |
| Classical Center at Vial      | Parsons Prekindergarten School |
| Cooper Elementary             | Rowlett Elementary             |
| Daugherty Elementary          | Schrade MS                     |
| Davis Elementary              | Stephens Elementary            |
| Freeman Elementary            | Watson Technology Center       |

**GO PTA!**

### Council Talks

is the newsletter of the Garland ISD Council of PTAs and is published on a monthly basis during the regular school year.

[www.garlandiscouncilpta.org](http://www.garlandiscouncilpta.org)  
Look for us on Facebook!

# Outstanding PTA

Cari Murray, outstandingpta@gmail.com

We had many inspiring entries for “Outstanding PTA of the Year” this year. Following are the winners. We encourage you to use their winning ideas as inspiration for your local programming this year!

## Outstanding PTA: Pre-kindergarten

### Cisneros PTA

- *President: Vinita Fuller*
- *Principal: Celia Najera*

This PTA contributes not only monetarily, but with their time and talents. Not only did they sponsor a successful candy bar sale to raise funds for the campus, but the Cisneros board members are on campus daily, providing support for the school and students.

The PTA hosted four well-attended meetings and two family game nights. PTA helped sponsor both the fall and spring carnivals and assisted with a Parent Volunteer Reception in the spring. During parent-teacher conference nights, the PTA provided meals for the staff.

The PTA provided new red graduation gowns with matching hats & swinging tassels for the annual student promotion ceremonies. PTA members are planning to assist with the day's activities and planned reception.

Cisneros PTA is a supportive and consistent entity in the school. The PTA is instrumental in the creation of the campus yearbook. Members cooperate all year to capture the essence of all the many activities enjoyed by the students. The students of this school are the beneficiaries of the support from the PTA board officers & members.

## Outstanding PTA: Elementary School

### Armstrong Elementary

- *President: Michelle DiValerio*
- *Principal: Becky Ayers*

This PTA started planning their Goals and Objectives for the year in June. Five members attended Texas PTA's Summer Seminar in Austin.

They kicked the year off with a porch party, hosting a teacher dinner before the event. This helped them reach their 100% faculty membership goal. At the porch party, they sold school supplies, spirit wear and encouraged everyone to join PTA.

During the school year, this PTA began working to make Armstrong a “Green Ribbon School.” In addition to encouraging recycling, the environmental chair cleaned out the butterfly garden in the outdoor learning area with the help of a youth group.

### Some of their program topics included:

- *Meet the Teacher* night
- *Power of One* program which addressed bullying. Part of the program utilized volunteers to role play the parts of bully, bullying target and a bystander.
- *Parent University*, offered in both English and Spanish. Parents were given the opportunity to attend

multiple sessions covering a variety of topics including their Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students) program, Best Buy's geek squad, and helpful homework tips. During the sessions, teachers ran art stations guiding students to create entries for the Reflections program.

- *Fiesta of Cultures* honoring the family cultures and traditions within the school. In addition to an honor choir performance, students danced & read poems that were native to their heritage.

In addition to meetings, the Armstrong PTA actively supported the school and students. For instance, Each second grade student wrote & illustrated a book. The school room moms held an *Author's Tea* for the budding authors.

Volunteers were honored with a come & go breakfast.

At the end of the school year, all students received a book from the PTA that included a note reminding them to keep reading over the summer.

The PTA also donated a *5th Grade Memory Tree* to the school. 5th graders wrote a school memory on biodegradable paper, and the memory notes were planted along with the tree.

See “Outstanding PTA,” page 4



## Take Your Dad to School Day September 30, 2011

### PTA presidents:

Please work with your principal for support for the Texas PTA “Take your Dad to School Day” on September 30th.

**More information will be coming from State PTA.**

# Dues Increase:

Over the past ten years, National PTA has wrestled with continuing to leverage our collective power while still providing the services that are needed at the local level. The past ten years have been marked by increasing costs and further demand on all of National PTA's services and resources. National PTA has established various cost cutting measures to attempt to keep pace with these rising costs. However, considering the rising costs and increased need for services and resources, the National PTA Board of

Directors recommended the first dues increase in ten years.

At the 2011 National PTA Convention, delegates vigorously discussed the issues facing our association. After much debate, the delegates voted to raise National PTA's portion of the member fees from \$1.75 to \$2.25. **With this change, the combined Texas PTA and National PTA per member dues amount increased from \$4.00 to \$4.50 effective July 1, 2011.** Although we all know that this is a

difficult time to implement a fee increase, PTA remains an incredible value, at only 37.5 cents a month!

Due to the changes to local By-Laws made unilaterally by Texas PTA, local PTAs may NOT absorb dues increases at either the State or National levels. PTAs *must* increase the amount of the dues collected.

If you have any questions please contact Suellen Atteberry, 1st VP Aide or Cari Murray, Parliamentarian.

## Outstanding PTA of the Year

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### Outstanding PTA: Middle School

#### Coyle Middle School PTA

- *PTA President: Shellie Terrazas*
- *School Principal: Ray Merrill*

This is a small, but busy & effective PTA. Their Membership drive was kicked off at *6th Grade Locker Night*. The first day of school, PTA members are on hand to help some of the "overwhelmed" 6th graders find their way around their new (to them) school.

Throughout the school year, this PTA was active in supporting different activities on their campus, including the following:

- Promoted a Bully Free Program, held at one of the high school auditoriums.
- Pizza slices were sold afterschool throughout the year. The last week, the profits were used to purchase pizza to kick off the TAKS tutorials.
- Promoted environmental issues and supported the Environmental Club.
- Increased participation in the *Reflections* program last fall.
- They received a golden apple award from Texas PTA for 100% faculty memberships.
- Hosted multiple teacher luncheons

during the year with different themes, including You are "Souper" and "Crazy Christmas Casseroles."

- Encouraged 8th grade students to attend the *8th grade EXPO* sponsored by the district Guidance and Counseling department. All students that attended this event received a ticket to attend a lunch time porch party! They brought their lunches and we provided music!
- Their *Teen2Teen Gift Drive* collected gifts for 12-17 year olds for the Rowlett Needy Children.
- Newsletters were posted around the school, emailed to each PTA member and a link was posted on the school website.
- This PTA assisted the FCA with transportation costs. The group worked hard all year and managed to raise enough money to send ALL the FCA students to camp for free. The PTA was able to cover the transportation expense for not only the FCA members from our campus but also from another underfunded campus.
- Finally, this PTA provided support for the ESL department, providing snacks and drinks for a program.

### Outstanding PTA: High School

#### Garland HS

- *President: Debbie Hard*
- *Principal: John Morris*

The GHS PTSA communicated through monthly newsletters and maintaining an informative website.

- Two board members attended Summer Seminar and the PTSA attended all monthly Council meetings.
- PTSA Members helped freshmen navigate the many buildings on campus, and gave tips to make those first days of school manageable. They also sponsored a Freshman Parent Brunch to share information about their school and traditions. Attendees were encouraged to join PTSA.
- An annual parking space auction was held for the Senior Class. Designated parking spaces were auctioned off to eligible seniors and proceeds were divided equally with the senior class. Auction winners were allowed to paint and personalize their parking spaces.

*See Outstanding PTA, page 8*

# Leadership Palooza

**When:**

**Saturday, August 27, 2011**  
8:00 am - 12:30 pm

**Where:**

**Lakeview Centennial High School**  
3505 Hayman Drive  
Garland, TX 75043-1920  
(near I-30 & Roan Road)

**What:**

**Officer & Chairman Training** workshops (OCT)  
**Leadership Orientation Training** workshop (LOT)  
**Fundraiser Vendor Fair** (opportunity to scope out a variety of fundraising ideas.)

**Who Should Attend:**

**Current PTA Board Members**  
**Prospective Board Members**  
**Anyone seeking fundraiser ideas** (Not limited to PTA groups)

**Tell Me More!**

Your Council Board wants to help you start your term of office armed with knowledge and confidence! This year, instead of asking you to give up two chunks of of valuable "family time" to participate in both Officer/Chairman Training and take the Leadership Orientation Training, we are combining both for one-stop training on a Saturday morning.

**Officer/Chairman Training (OCT):**

8-8:30 am check-in; OCT workshops 8:30-10 a.m. (no charge)

Workshops for specific offices and chairmanships.

- Arts in Education
- Awards/Outstanding PTA
- Historian
- Membership
- Money Matters
- Parliamentarian/Bylaws
- President
- Programs
- Secretary
- Volunteers/Parent Ed
- Youth Protection

**Leadership Orientation Training (LOT):**

10:15-10:30 check in; then LOT from 10:30-12:30 (\$6.00/person)

All first-time Board Members are required to complete this training. It is a condensed introduction to parliamentary procedure, the structure of the PTA organization, and more!

LOT training will also be offered on Thursday, September 29 & Friday, September 30.

Please register in advance (*no later than Wednesday, August 24th*) so we know how many books to order. A registration form follows this information page.

## Fundraising Vendor Fair

**8:00 am - 11:00 am**

**LCHS Commons Area**

Come browse the wares offered by a number of vendors offering products appropriate for fundraisers. EVERYONE is welcome - not just PTAs. Youth groups, booster clubs, organizations, etc.!

## 2011 Secondary Principal of the Year

“Our principal has worked hard to keep our school one of the recognized campuses in GISD. He is open and honest with students, parents, and faculty, with an infectious sense of humor.



- He realizes the importance of a strong and vibrant PTA on campus.
- He frequently meets with students and encourages them to speak their minds about what is going well and what they feel could improve at school.
- You see him walking the halls, talking with students and faculty.
- He has a long history within GISD. He has been a high school teacher and assistant principal and a middle school principal.
- His hard work and dedication to his students, faculty and parents make him deserving of this award.”
- His board hopes he will slow down for a minute and enjoy it.

Congratulations  
**Steve Hammerle**  
Sachse High School

## 2011 Elementary Principal of the Year

“Our principal has helped build up our PTA and support our school. We know that her support, along with that of our PTA, was a strong part of bridging parents, teachers and students to achieve Exemplary status.

- Her support for PTA goals leads directly to 100% faculty collaboration. She promotes attendance and participation in PTA meetings. Her lively attitude encourages others to take an active role in our local PTA. Every month she is there with us, working together on some project to better our school.
- Her attitude of “yes, we can help” is awesome when any concern is brought to her.”

Congratulations  
**Dr. Patricia Tremmel**  
Shorehaven Elementary



# GISD Administrative Appointments

## Secondary Appointments

- **Atticus Wisener** has been named Principal of Garland High School. Previously, Mr. Wisener served as an Assistant Principal at that campus. **Sean Haskins**, an administrative intern at GHS during the past year, is now an Assistant Principal.
- **Tony Gonzales** has been named Principal of South Garland High School. Previously, Mr. Gonzales was an Assistant Principal at the campus, and he has been serving as Interim Principal for much of the spring semester. The new Assistant Principals for the school include: **Rene Pentecost**, formerly one of the Assistant Principals at Sam Houston Middle School, **Hugo Martinez**, formerly an Assistant Principal at Jackson Technology Center, and **Kim Thomas**, who has been an administrative intern at that campus.
- **David Benson** has been named Principal of the Alternative Education Center. Previously, he has served as Principal of the GISD Evening School, and has been serving as Interim Principal at the AEC campus since the retirement of the previous principal. **Kristie Catchings**, is the new Assistant Principal.
- **Mary Garcia** has been named Principal of Bussey Middle School. She has been Principal at Weaver Elementary School. Her new Assistant Principals include **Gwen Gambulos**, formerly an administrative intern at Lakeview Centennial High School, and **Richard Alvarado**, formerly a Bilingual/ESL Instructional Support Teacher.
- **Jason Jetton**, an administrative Intern at North Garland High School is now an Assistant Principal at that school.
- **Adrian Leday** is now an Assistant Principal at Rowlett High School,

after a year as an administrative intern at that school.

- **Kelly Garcia**, an administrative intern at Sachse High School, has been named Assistant Principal for Sam Houston Middle School
- **Lester Hampton**, an administrative intern at Naaman Forest High School, is now an Assistant Principal at Jackson Technology Center.

## Elementary Appointments

- **Zabdi Segura** has been named Principal of Caldwell Elementary School. She has been the Assistant Principal at that campus. **Aurora Trichell** joins her as Assistant Principal.
- **Becky Cook** has been named Principal of Club Hill Elementary School. Ms. Cook has been the Assistant Principal at that school for several years. Becky's new Assistant Principal is **Spencer Hughes**.
- **Janine Fields** has been named

Principal of Hillside Academy for Excellence. Previously, she was Assistant Principal at Southgate Elementary School.

- **Alex Rivera** has been named Principal of Walnut Glen Academy for Excellence. He has been Principal at Caldwell Elementary School for the past year.
- **Jennifer Miley** has been named Principal of Weaver Elementary School. She has been the Assistant Principal at Stephens Elementary
- **Andrea Kleckner** is now the new Assistant Principal at Kimberlin Academy
- **Ellen Kimbrough** is the Assistant Principal at Heather Glen Elementary
- **Kristin Wolfkill** is now an Assistant Principal for Southgate Elementary

*See Appointments, page 11*



**PARENT EMPOWERMENT:  
A COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE**

Saturday, October 22, 2011 • 8:30 am - 2:30 pm • Special Events Center

**This Parent Forum is designed to:**

- Inform parents of legislation that will influence their child's education
- Empower parents with training, enabling them to become advocates and informed voters
- Equip parents to become informed leaders and decision makers within their community
- Open the lines of communication between parents and educators, so that barriers caused by miscommunication and misunderstandings will be alleviated

**Free online registration:**  
[www.surveymonkey.com/s/ParentEmpowerment\\_ACommunityExperience\\_2011](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ParentEmpowerment_ACommunityExperience_2011)

For more information, contact Mary Whitt, African-American Community Liaison at [mawhitt@garlandisd.net](mailto:mawhitt@garlandisd.net)

# 2010-11 Outstanding Volunteers and Outstanding Parent Education Program

Alan Smith, Parent Ed/Volunteer Chairman

## PTA Outstanding Individual Volunteer Award

### Early Childhood

- Winner  
**Eliazar Herrera**  
Florence Parsons Pre-School PTA
- Honorable Mention  
**Vinita Fuller**  
Gloria Cisneros Pre-K School PTA

### Elementary

- Winner  
**Marina Gelling**  
Back Elementary PTA
- Honorable Mention  
**Gina Dale**  
Keeley Elementary PTA

## Outstanding PTA of the Year

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- This PTSA had 587 members by the end of the Fall membership drive, and grew to 660 members. They received several membership awards, including the *Men are Really Super* award from Texas PTA for having more than 50 male members.
- A Faculty Appreciation Day was held, giving parents an opportunity to show their appreciation to teachers and staff.
- A College Preparedness Forum was hosted. Families were notified about the event via daily announcements, PowerPoint slides, and the school call system about the event geared to prepare juniors and seniors for college. Over 160 parents and students attended.
- Six Reflections entries from GHS advanced from Council to State.
- They worked with their Student Council in the CANstruction program to help feed the hungry.
- In a February association meeting, a

### Secondary School

- **Jocelyn Jackson**  
North Garland High School PTSA

## Outstanding PTA Volunteer Program Award

### Elementary

- **Armstrong Elementary PTA**

### Secondary School

- **Coyle Middle School PTA**

## PTA Outstanding Parent Educator

### Individual Award

- **Candida (Candi) Arredondo**  
Florence Parsons Pre-K PTA

## Outstanding PTA Parent Educator Program Award

### Elementary

- Winner  
**Keeley Elementary PTA**
- Honorable Mention  
**Armstrong Elementary PTA**

### Secondary School

- Winner  
**Jackson Technology Center for Math & Science PTA**
- Honorable Mention  
**North Garland High School PTSA**

Nominating Committee was elected during a “Dessert with the Principal.”

- An annual Donkey Ball fundraising event generated money that was split between the campus March of Dimes campaign and scholarships.
- The PTSA promoted scholarship opportunities at the Senior Information Fair. Scholarships were presented during the Awards Assembly in May.
- PTSA participated in Share Night, which brought eighth graders and their parents from all over Garland into our school for a preview of the different clubs and activities that are available to them.
- The PTSA won “Highest Honors” Certificates for both its Historian Scrapbook and Directory entries from Area 14.



As you can see above, this year’s state theme is:

### **TEAM UP! Join PTA**

You can find “ready to print” promotional posters on the Texas PTA website at <http://www.txpta.org/intranet/members/membership-theme/> “Team Up” with your fellow board members to brainstorm ways to increase your membership!

# Money Matters

Kathy Parks, Council Treasurer  
kparks1105@verizon.net

First of all, thank you for re-electing me to be Treasurer for the Council. I've enjoyed serving you in this position for the past year, and look forward to providing assistance to local treasurers again this year.

If you are a local unit president or treasurer and would like to be placed on my emailing list, please send me an email at kparks1105@verizon.net with the following:

- Your name
- Email address
- School/Campus

I send out reminders, news and other information that is helpful for PTA treasurers when it is appropriate. (I promise I won't be filling your email box with unneeded "fluff.")

I hope you'll be joining us at the OCT/LOT training session we have scheduled for Saturday, August 27th. In my session for treasurers and budget/finance chairmen, I'll be providing the basic information, and also be available to answer any specific questions you may have.

Don't forget! Not only will your local need to be sending national/state dues for individual members to Texas

PTA, but you need to send a single \$50.00 dues payment to Council in order to have your local to be considered "in good standing." Only PTAs who are in good standing are eligible to participate in recognition programs like Reflections or our monthly "Outstanding PTA awards."

When planning fundraisers for your PTA, you have TWO (2) tax-exempt 24-hour days or events within a single calendar year. Events conducted outside those two days are subject to regular sales tax. When giving prizes for a fundraiser or for memberships, please remember Texas PTA policy is *no gift cards*.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

The following individuals were honored with special membership awards from the GISD Council of PTAs during the 2011 PTA Spring Luncheon:

### *Texas Life Membership:*

**Vikki Yeatts, RN**

Public Health Administrator  
Garland Health Department

### *Extended Service Award*

**Pat Mullins, Ph.D.**

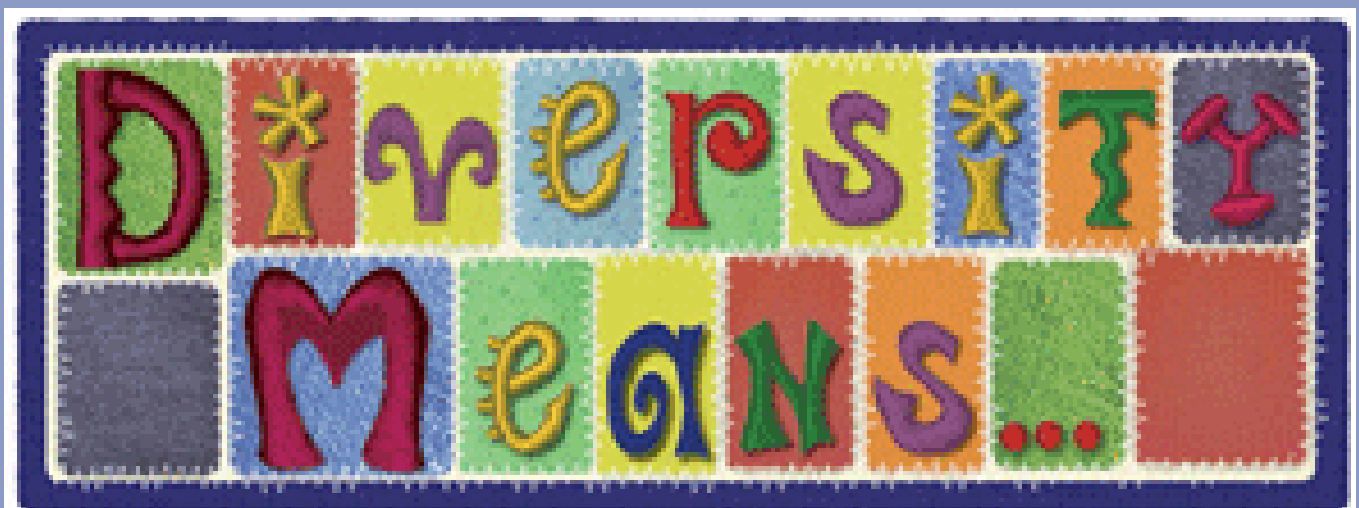
Family Engagement  
Facilitator  
Garland ISD

### *National PTA Life Membership*

**Phyllis Parker, Ph.D.**

Assistant Superintendent  
Garland ISD

## 2011-12 Theme for Reflections



# Dues And Donation Reminder

## Garland ISD Council of PTAs Dues:

**Garland ISD Council** dues are **\$50 for each unit**, payable no later than October 15 as stated in Council By-laws. These dues help provide services for all the locals. These services include (but are not limited to) training, awards and recognitions, newsletter, and other services as may be needed. Since all GISD locals are located within a council area it is required to pay dues to be eligible for participation in any Council, Area, or National PTA programs.

### Donations to Dedicated Fund Accounts

• **SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** Through local scholarship donations, the Council is able to award college scholarships to deserving seniors at each GISD high school who plan to enter the teaching profession.

We ask that each local include a donation of at least \$25 for the scholarship fund.

• **SCHOOL SUPPLY FUND:** Each year there are many students in Garland ISD who start school without the necessary supplies to perform their required tasks. The school Supply Fund was established to help purchase school supplies for these students. A box of supplies is delivered to as many GISD campuses as funds allow before the school year begins. Title I campuses are our priority. Only necessary supplies such as crayons, glue, notebook paper, pens, pencils, rulers, scissors, spiral notebooks and folders are purchased. After the first day of school, supplies are delivered to individual schools that make requests.

We ask that each local include a donation of at least \$25 for the school Supply Fund.

• **MEDICAL EMERGENCY FUND:** The Medical Emergency Fund was established to assist students whose parents of guardians cannot provide professional health care. All medical referrals are made through the school nurse and approved by the Garland ISD Coordinator of Health Services. Examples of the needs for which the fund is designated are prescriptions, doctor's visits and prescription eyeglasses. We continue to have a healthy balance in this fund, and as a result, ask that your PTA redirect the money you would have contributed to this fund in 2011-12 into larger contributions to one or both of the other two funds.

**Please send TWO (2) separate checks; one for dues and one for total donations.**

If you have any questions regarding dues and/or donations, please contact Kathy Parks at [kparks1105@verizon.net](mailto:kparks1105@verizon.net).

## Dues & Donations Form

Make each check payable to: **Garland ISD Council of PTAs**

Mail this form and BOTH checks to:

**Garland ISD Council of PTAs**  
c/o Kathy Parks  
1105 High Hill Pl  
Garland TX 75041

PTA Name: .....

Date: .....

Check #1    **COUNCIL DUES:**    \$50.00    Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Check #2    **DONATIONS:**    Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_    Check # \_\_\_\_\_

*Please distribute our donations as follows:*

Scholarship Fund:    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

School Supply Fund:    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Appointments

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### Elementary Appointments (continued)

- **Vicki Jackson-High** is the new Assistant Principal at Back Elementary.
- **Pamela Edwards** moves to Cisneros Prekindergarten School as the Assistant Principal.
- **Roderick King** is the new Assistant Principal at Rowlett Elementary.
- **Sheri Flinn** is now Assistant Principal at Handley Elementary.
- **Yvette McClard** moves to Parsons Prekindergarten School as the Assistant Principal.
- **Dr. Barry Horn** is the new Assistant Principal at Liberty Grove Elementary.
- **Candi Coleman** is the new Assistant Principal for Bullock Elementary.

### Unassigned Appointments

- **Dr. Marlene Gardner** will be an Assistant Principal at a campus yet to be determined.

### National & State Dues

are due to the Texas PTA Office no later than **October 15th** for locals to be eligible to for statewide events like Reflections.

Your **\$50.00 Council Dues** are likewise due to Council Treasurer Kathy Parks on this date as well. (see page 9)

# SAVE THE DATE!



THE 40 ASSETS SUMMIT FOR  
**GISD FAMILIES**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011**

9 AM-1 PM • GISD SPECIAL EVENTS CENTER  
4999 NAAMAN FOREST BLVD • GARLAND, TX 75040

## Point of Order!

Cari Murray, Council PTA Parliamentarian, 469-441-1488

The Texas PTA has standardized all organization Bylaws across the board – local PTAs, Council PTAs, etc. As a result, all local PTAs will need to check their bylaws to be sure they have been updated. This is an process that can be easily done online.

It also means that PTAs will need to compare their old bylaws with the newly adopted version, to determine changes to their Standing Rules. (The new standardized bylaws allow very few changes, other than the amount of local dues. Therefore, any procedural items that are unique to your PTA must become part of your Standing Rules.)

The National PTA has increased their dues 50 cents/person for membership, effective July 1, 2011. At present, local PTAs must submit \$4.50/person to Texas PTA to cover state and national dues. Of that sum, 2.25 is the state dues and 2.25 is the national dues.

Questions about the Bylaw revisions can be directed to me or to Vice President-Aide, Suellen Atteberry.

I would like to request that **ALL PARLIAMENTARIANS** attend the Parliamentary OCT workshop at LeadershiPalooza on August 27th at LCHS. I will be able to explain the changes in more detail, as well as respond to other questions that your PTA may have about Bylaws or parliamentary procedure.

Please submit a separate form for each session.

Circle the session you are submitting registrants for:

► **SESSION 1**  
Saturday, August 27, 2011  
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
*NO Childcare*

► **SESSION 2**  
Thursday, September 29, 2011  
7:00 - 9:00 PM  
*No Childcare*

► **SESSION 3**  
Friday, September 30, 2011  
9:00 - 11:00 AM  
*Childcare PROVIDED, however, NO infants (we have no facilities for crib babies)*

**YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER AND PRE-PAY FOR THIS TRAINING!**

LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!

## What is Leader Orientation Training (LOT)?

LOT is an overview of information that all PTA leaders should know, including:

- The varying levels of PTA (national, state, area, council, local) and how each level relates to the others
- Parliamentary procedures such as the ranking of motions.

## Where Will LOT Training be Held?

*Session 1*  
**Lakeview Centennial High School**  
3505 Hayman Drive  
Garland, TX 75043-1920

*Sessions 2 and 3*  
**GISD Harris Hill Administration Building**  
Team GISD Room on the second floor of the south Annex building  
501 S. Jupiter Rd.  
Garland, TX 75042  
(SW corner of Jupiter Rd and Forest Ln)

## What Does it Cost?

**\$6.00 per person** (each person will attend only ONE session)  
NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN!! However, if one of your registrants is unable to attend, you are welcome to find another PTA member to take their place.

## Is Childcare Available?

We only offer childcare at ONE of the three sessions offered; **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**. However, we do *NOT* have facilities to accommodate infants. *Please do not bring crib babies.*

If any of your registrants attending the Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> training session will need childcare, please complete the **Childcare Reservation Form** in addition to the LOT Registration Form.

## Is there a Registration Deadline?

Yes! Registration forms – including payment – must be postmarked

- **For Session 1, NO LATER than Wednesday, August 24, 2011.**
- **For Sessions 2 & 3, NO LATER than Saturday, September 24, 2011.**

## Will there be Snacks or Drinks Available?

No, however, you are welcome to bring a drink if you wish. There is also a water fountain nearby.

# Leader Orientation Training Registration Form

## Session 1

Saturday, August 27

## Session 2

Thursday, September 29

## Session 3

Friday, September 30

### For More Information:

► **Call :**

214-536-8498 (cell)

► **Email:**

seatteberry@yahoo.com

### Make Checks Payable to:

**Garland ISD Council of PTAs**

### Send Registration forms and checks to:

**Suellen Atteberry**

5506 Teal Circle

Rowlett, Texas 75088

PTA NAME:

PTA President:

PHONE #:

E-Mail:

**List the names of all board members who will be attending this session.**

**BE SURE TO CIRCLE APPROPRIATE SESSION IN THE LEFT-HAND COLUMN.**

1	7
2	8
3	9
4	10
5	11
6	12

<b>Total Attendees:</b>	<b>Amount Enclosed:</b>	<b>Check #</b>
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## CHILDCARE

## REGISTRATION

**Available Friday  
September 30th ONLY!**

Our registrants need  
childcare for a total of  
\_\_\_\_\_ children.

	Name of Child	Age	Name of Child	Age
1			7	
2			8	
3			9	
4			10	
5			11	
6			12	

**NOTE:** List names and ages of all children registered (use back of form if needed).

# FUNDRAISING VENDOR FAIR

**Saturday, August 27, 2011**

**8:00 - 11:00 am**

Lakeview Centennial High School  
Commons Area

**Looking for new & innovative ideas for  
your organization to raise money?**

Come check out the variety of products at  
the Fundraising Vendor Fair. Past fairs have  
included items such as:

- Candles
- Cheesecake, Pies and Chocolates
- Cookies & Cookie Dough
- Coupon Books
- Custom School Spirit Items,  
including T-shirts and caps
- Custom Tiles
- Gift Items
- Gift Wrap, Greeting Cards  
& Stationery
- Jewelry
- Photos
- Pizza

**Come See What's New!**

**Everyone is Welcome;  
Invite your friends and neighbors.**

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