

COUNCIL TALKS

Garland ISD Council of PTAs Newsletter

• May 2012

Dates To Remember

May

- 1 Deadline to submit **2012-2013 PTA Board Rosters** to Texas PTA and the GISD Council.
- 3 **Annual Spring Luncheon**
Together... the Sky's the Limit
SEC Ballroom · 11 am-1 pm
- 13 **Mother's Day**
- 15 **Deadline to Submit Award Entries to Texas PTA** (www.txpta.org)

Senior Awards Assemblies

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| 4 | Sachse HS | 8:00 AM |
| 21 | North Garland HS | 8:30 AM |
| 22 | Garland HS | 8 AM |
| | Naaman Forest HS | 8 AM |
| | Rowlett HS | 8 AM |
| 23 | South Garland HS | 8 AM |
| 25 | Lakeview | |
| | Centennial HS | 9 AM |

Commencement Ceremonies

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| May 31 | | |
| | Memorial Pathway Academy | 5:30 p.m. |
| | Garland HS | 8:00 p.m. |
| June 1 | | |
| | South Garland HS | 5:00 p.m. |
| | Naaman Forest HS | 8:30 p.m. |
| June 2 | | |
| | North Garland HS | 8:00 a.m. |
| | Sachse HS | 12:00 p.m. |
| | Lakeview | |
| | Centennial HS | 4:00 p.m. |
| | Rowlett HS | 8:00 p.m. |

The President's Pen

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I know I say it in every newsletter, but this school year has just flown by...could it go any faster?! I can't believe we are already in the last grading period and that graduation is fast approaching. It seems like we just started school and now it's time to end this year and begin thinking about next year.

Spring Luncheon

The annual Spring Luncheon caps the year for the GISD Council of PTAs. We will have a great time on May 3rd in the ballroom at the Special Events Center. Don't forget to have your ticket(s) in hand when you arrive! Otherwise, you'll be a little hungry...

Please note: There will not be a regular Council meeting the first Wednesday in May.

Service Project

Our Service Project for this year was collecting diapers. We wrapped that up at the April meeting and the diapers were donated to **Jonathan's Place** in Rowlett. Here's a little info about them. "For 15 years, Jonathan's Place has been taking care of the Dallas area's youngest victims of abuse. Jonathan's Place provides this care through three programs - a "home-style" emergency shelter for abused, abandoned and neglected children, a Foster & Adoptive Family Program and a Girls Treatment Program. The emergency shelter provides specialized services and 24-hour residential care and is the only emergency shelter in Dallas County that provides residential services for children in crisis under the age of 10."

2012-13 PTA Officers List

The list of your local officers and chairs is due to Texas PTA by May 1st. You can find the form on the GISD Council PTA website (www.garlandisd-councilpta.org) in a "ready to complete" PDF format. Just fill in the appropriate blanks, save, and then send as an email attachment to Texas PTA. The Texas PTA website has a Word version of the form available as well, if you prefer. As Council also needs a copy of this information, please forward a copy to Suel-len Atteberry, incoming council president, either via email seatteberry@yahoo.com or via US Mail - 5506 Teal Circle, Rowlett, TX 75088. Even if you miss the deadline, you still need to send the information to TxPTA as soon as possible. Without current contact information, they are unable to send important information and materials for preparing for the new school year the key leaders of your local PTA.

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President

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Summer Seminar 2012

While you're on the TXPTA website, information is on the website to register for **Summer Leadership Seminar** in Austin, July 27-29. The theme is **Get Connected!** I can imagine lots of membership campaigns using this theme.

Council Board

Suellen is still looking for people to serve on the Council board next year.

If you are interested please contact Suellen Atteberry (seatteberry@yahoo.com), or Cheryl Verret, 1st VP/Aide (cheaglamour@yahoo.com) with your interest and contact information. You can also fill out and return the form in this newsletter. Next month's newsletter will list all the awards announced at the luncheon and include a welcome message from Suellen Atteberry, the new council president.

As always, remember that you are all ANGELS!

Juliana

You are wanted and needed!

Positions are available on the Council Board for the 2012-2013 year.

- Area Coordinators**
Similar to old-fashioned phone committees, the coordinators serve as liaisons between the local PTA units and Council, keeping the locals informed of upcoming events from Council and State. Help with Luncheon.
- Budget & Finance**
Create a budget for the Council with the help of a committee, and plan/run fundraiser for Council.
- Directory**
Compile and distribute annual PTA Council directory that includes historical information, Council bylaws and standing rules, reference information and officer/board contact information for local PTAs.
- Historian**
Take pictures at Council meetings and events, compile annual scrapbook for president.
- Hospitality**
Arrive early at Council meeting to greet attendees. Maintain snack list for council board meetings.
- Membership**
Promote PTA membership at local units; provide recognition to those with increased membership.
- Scholarship**
Distribute scholarship forms to high schools in spring, find volunteers to interview applicants and choose recipients, and find presenters for award presentation at high school awards days.
- School Supplies**
Collect/order and sort supplies for 45-50 schools in August. (Funds for supply purchases are provided by donations from local PTA units and the community to the Designated Fund for school supplies. Supplies are intended for students in need on Title I campuses.)

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I'm interested in the checked position(s). Please contact me!

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Local PTA Affiliation (if any): _____

Form can be sent via "school mail" to GISD Council PTA, box 701 or turned in to a Council Officer at the Spring Luncheon

Outstanding PTA

Pre-K Winner

Cisneros Pre-K

March 1 & 2 – In Celebration of Dr.

Seuss' birthday and "Read Across America," activities included parent involvement, costumes, readings, assemblies, and of course, eating green eggs and ham!

March 23 – Circus

Prior to a visit to the circus, teachers prepared activities and lessons. 900+ children, staff, and parents boarded 19 buses, and occupied 2 complete sections at the SEC!

March 26 – Rosetta Stone

Parental Involvement

Because the students are learning to be bilingual, their parents sometimes felt they were not able to effectively communicate with their children or school staff. Therefore, Cisneros offered a comprehensive foreign language program. 200 parents applied and 100 names were selected in a random drawing.

Elementary Honorable Mentions:

Abbett Elementary

The **Boots and Buckles Ball** was held at Naaman Forest HS, families were treated to barbecue, dancing, a silent auction, and best of all, photos in an old fashioned photo booth.

Back Elementary

The Back PTA has begun calling their activity evenings **Family Nights** instead of PTA meetings. In March, the theme was "*Just Dance.*"

The music teacher directed 2nd and 3rd graders and teachers to a "bust a move" performance. Families were encouraged to wear spirit shirts and could purchase pom poms.

Dorsey Elementary

The guest speaker, Lloyd Bachrach, talked to the students about being "differently-abled," due to a birth defect. The program, titled "Yes, You Can" captivated the students with stories of his involvement in sports, becoming a Paralympic volleyball player, and winning 73 medals in college. He shared his five principles for success with the students.

Elementary Winners (TIE)

Shugart Elementary Kimberlin Academy

Although both schools planned their events in unique ways, both of the events used the "CSI" theme. **Shugart** hosted *CSI: Math and Science Night*, and **Kimberlin** hosted *CSI Knight* (Knights being the school mascot.) Both events began with the discovery of a "crime!" Various math and science stations were created utilizing the television programming of crime scene investigations to solve the crime.

Middle School Winner

Classical Center at Brandenburg

The campus hosted a STAAR math session for each grade level. An overview and expectations were reviewed, then sample problems were distributed. The parents were not able to answer correctly – but the students did! In addition, demonstrations were conducted, study and organizational skills were reviewed, and there was a question and answer session.

High School Winner

Garland High School

GHS, the oldest high school in the district, has strong ties with traditions. The PTSA helps students carry on the traditions.

During March, seniors volunteer to help raise funds for the March of Dimes Foundation. The female and male students that bring in the most money are crowned **TWIRP** (The Woman is Requested to Pay) Queen and King at the annual Donkey Ball



Thursday,
May 3, 2012

Flight Boarding
begins at 10:30 am

InFlight
Meal Service
begins at 11:00am

Don't
Miss
the
Flight!

(and don't forget your
ticket, either.)

Tournament. The annual **Donkey Ball Tournament** involves two teams of 4 donkeys with riders trotting, running or just standing on a basketball court with the goal of shooting the most baskets.

2012 Basket Auction!

As you know, the Council is conducting a Basket Auction as our official fundraiser of the year. (It's been a few years since we've attempted to raise funds...) Pictured in this edition of Council Talks are the baskets we have as of press-time, to whet your bidding appetite. There's a good chance others will also be available at the luncheon.

Be sure to seek out the basket auction tables at the

Luncheon! Not only will you be supporting a good cause, but you might go home with something fun for yourself or someone you love!



Huge "SPA" basket

Donated by Cisneros PreK PTA

"Mother's Day" basket

Donated by Stephens Elementary PTA



"Scents of the Holidays"

Donated by Pearson Elementary PTA





“Treasure Chest” of Jewelry Basket

Donated by
Cisneros PreK PTA

A Wheelbarrow Load of Gardening Fun

donated by
Sachse HS PTSA





Family Game Night

donated by Club Hill PTA



Summer Picnic Basket

donated by Classical Center at Brandenburg PTA



“Road Trip!” Travel Basket

donated by Council PTA Board

Pack Your Bags and Go! Travel Goodies

donated by
GISD Council Board



A Night for Romance!

donated by
North Garland HS PTSA



“Good Food” basket

donated by Garland HS PTSA



Movie Night Package #2

donated by GISD Human Resources Department



Summertime Fun

donated by Webb MS PTA