

# COUNCIL TALKS

Garland ISD Council of PTAs Newsletter • December 2014

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### DECEMBER

- 3 **Council of PTAs meeting**  
9 a.m. - Harris Hill Annex  
Program by the  
RHS Chamber Choir
- 5 **Reflections Contest**  
**Entry turn-in opportunity #1**  
Harris Hill Administration Bldg  
Annex, second floor  
3-6:30 p.m.
- 6 **Reflections Contest**  
**Entry turn-in opportunity #2**  
8:30-10:30 a.m.  
**Reflections**  
**Council Judging**  
10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
**ENTRY PICK-UP**  
5:30-7 p.m.
- 9 **Work Session - Board of Trustees**  
Board Room  
Harris Hill Administration Bldg  
6:00 p.m.
- 18 **Early Dismissal for Secondary Only**
- 19 **Early Dismissal Districtwide**  
1st Semester Ends  
First Day of Winter

### JANUARY

#### NO COUNCIL PTA MEETING

- 5 **Grading/Recording Day**  
(student holiday)
- 6 **Second Semester begins**
- 8 **Reflections Reception**  
(come and go)  
6:30-8 p.m.  
Culwell Center Ballroom

## The President's Pen

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The holidays are now upon us! Time for good food, fun and family. I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.

This time of year is a busy one for council also. Celia Proffitt, our Arts in Ed chair, is busy finalizing preparations for Reflections judging. The artwork turn-in opportunities will be Friday, December 5th from 3-7 pm and Saturday, December 6th from 8-10 am at the Harris Hill Building in the Garland/Rowlett rooms. With the warm weather we got over the Thanksgiving weekend, we are planning on good weather!

Our Legislative chair, Alan Smith is busy planning for Rally Day at the Capital on February 25, 2015. If you are interested in attending please let him know. Most especially, let him know whether you would be interested in leaving the driving to a professional - and take a chartered bus trip.

We've said it before, we'll say it again: Membership is a year round event. Texas PTA entering all local units who have registered 20 or more members along with their dues during the month of November into a prize drawing for registration to *Launch: Summer Leadership Seminar*. Texas PTA also has an automatic award for locals who submit 20 or more members after the October 15 deadline but before December 1.

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### DECEMBER 3RD PROGRAM:

## 'TIS THE SEASON FOR MUSIC!



MAKE PLANS TO COME AND GET INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WITH ROWLETT HIGH SCHOOL'S CHAMBER CHOIR AND THE GISD COUNCIL OF PTAs!

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## PRESIDENT'S PEN

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We have been working to get contact information for the local PTA boards. There are still many we do not have information for and many we only have the president's information. Please send your officer information to me as soon as possible so we will have something to put in the council directory. Send your officer list to [s.wainscott@verizon.net](mailto:s.wainscott@verizon.net).

If you missed the officer and chairman training (Leadershipalooza) we did in September, Rodney Rowan is working on a training for January. As soon as the date is confirmed, we will post it on the website. If you have members who are considering taking on a new responsibility on your board, this is a great chance for them to get a glimpse of what would be involved. Or perhaps simply polish the skills you've been building during the fall - and get answers for questions that you've encountered along the way.

Our next council meeting will be Wednesday, December 3 at 9 a.m. at the Harris Hill building. Our program will be the Rowlett High School Chamber Choir. You do not want to miss this. I hope to see you there in your Christmas sweaters!

Sharon

# save THE DATE! LAUNCH: SUMMER LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

JULY 17-19, 2015

DALLAS, TEXAS  
HILTON ANATOLE

A weekend-long conference to  
learn all about successful PTA  
planning!

## a NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Suellen Atteberry, [seatteberry@yahoo.com](mailto:seatteberry@yahoo.com)

### DECEMBER HAS BEGUN...

- You have filed your form 990
- You have filed your Annual Tax Exemption Confirmation Form (EIN Verification)  
<http://www.formsite.com/txpta/form729840210/index.html>
- You have paid dues to Texas PTA and submitted your officer list
- You have paid dues to Garland Council of PTA's.
- If you have not completed any of the above please do as soon as possible.
- You need to file your Sales Tax form no later than January 20, 2015 (This will be for sales from January 1 to December 31, 2014)

If you have questions about filing the sales tax form or the 990 form, please contact me at the email address above.

Thanks!

THE COUNCIL PTA BOARD WISHES YOU  
THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAY SEASONS!

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE ANNUAL REFLECTIONS RECEPTION

HONORING THE "REFLECTIONS" ARTISTS AND PERFORMERS  
JANUARY 8, 2015 IN THE CURTIS CULWELL CENTER BALLROOM

This year, the GISD Council of PTAs will be presenting the Reflections entries as an Fine Arts Exhibit. The come and go event will take place Thursday, January 8 at the Conference Center of the Curtis Culwell Center from 6:30pm-8:00pm. We invite all of the artists, photographers, videographers, dancers, and musicians, along with their families, teachers, principals to stop by and support both the Arts and the talented students of GISD!

An electronic flyer will be sent out to all campuses as we near the event.



**DUE TO BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS,  
SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED...**

## EMERGENCY CLOSING PROCEDURES

Decisions to delay or cancel school will be made between 5:30-6 a.m. on the day of bad weather. Information will then be announced through the following outlets:

- Skylert (phone messages)
- GRS-TV Channels:  
98 & 99 on Time Warner  
42 & 43 on Verizon FiOS
- GISD website, [www.garlandisd.net](http://www.garlandisd.net)
- GISD Twitter  
[www.twitter.com/gisdnews](http://www.twitter.com/gisdnews)
- Major television stations
- Major radio stations

## SKYLERT

This service allows the district to telephone all parents and guardians in a matter of minutes. While websites, television and radio remain informational resources during inclement weather, Skylert is GISD's primary communication method. **To be effective, it is essential that parents take advantage of Skyward Family Access to keep emergency contact information up-to-date.**

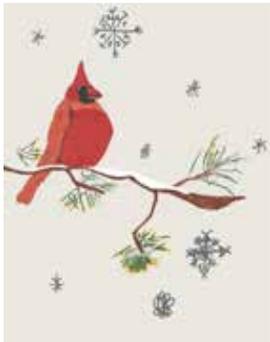
## FOLLOW @GISDNEWS ON TWITTER

Want to know what's happening around Garland ISD? Follow @gisdnews on Twitter. The Communications Department regularly shares important information, good news, school closings and upcoming events. To sign up, click the "follow us" Twitter link on the district homepage, [www.garlandisd.net](http://www.garlandisd.net).

# 5TH GRADE GREETING CARD CONTEST

Entries representing 40 different elementary schools were submitted to the annual Greeting Card contest co-sponsored by the GISD Council of PTAs and the School District.

The three winning designs shown below will be printed on the cards used by the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent during the holiday season.



**Quinlan Harper**  
Dorsey Elementary School



**Antonelli Savattere**  
Keeley Elementary School

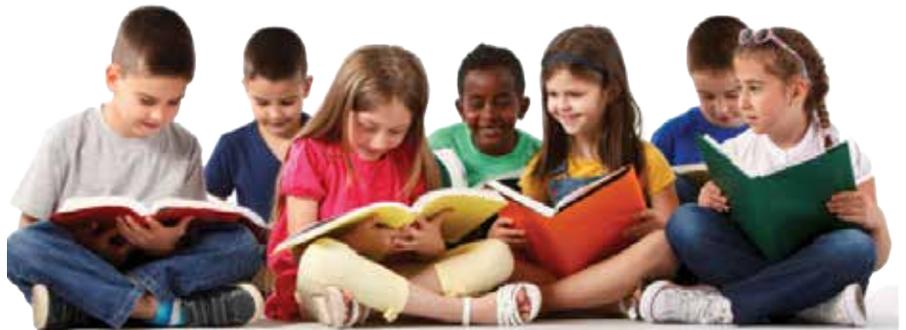


**Aneth Ponce**  
Park Crest Elementary School

WHEN SHOPPING THIS YEAR, CHOOSE  
**The Gift of  
READING!**

With parental encouragement and support, students discover the love of reading and lifetime learning. The adventures found in books help students gain confidence, build reading proficiency, and grow personally and academically.

**We encourage anyone giving children gifts for a special occasion to include at least one book.** Need some suggestions? Ask the school librarian or teacher for book selections.



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TO RECEIVE TEXAS PTA'S  
"UNDER THE DOME" LEGISLATIVE EMAIL UPDATES VISIT:

**WWW.TXPTA.ORG**



**KEEP CALM**  
**and**  
**HAVE FUN**  
**STORMING**  
**THE CASTLE**

**Texas PTA Rally Day | 2/25/15**

# OUTSTANDING PTA

## AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING

### Elementary

- **Honorable Mention**  
Abbett Elementary PTA
- **Honorable Mention**  
Herfurth Elementary PTA
- **Winner**  
Hillside Academy PTA

### Secondary

- **Honorable Mention**  
Webb Middle School PTA
- **Honorable Mention**  
South Garland High School PTSA
- **Winner**  
Jackson Technology PTA

## AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

### Elementary

- **Honorable Mention**  
Dorsey Elementary PTA
- **Honorable Mention**  
Keeley Elementary PTA
- **Winner**  
Classical Center at Vial PTA

### Secondary

- **Honorable Mention**  
Garland High School PTSA
- **Honorable Mention**  
Lakeview Centennial High School PTSA
- **Winner**  
Classical Center at  
Brandenburg Middle School PTA

The next deadline for Outstanding PTA will be January 28. This will cover December and January. Please remember the activity does not have to take place in the month you are entering. The guidelines and entry forms are located on the Council website.

**DURING THE HOLIDAYS,  
ONE OF THE BEST GIFTS A PARENT  
CAN GIVE A CHILD IS A SANE PARENT!**

**BELOW, YOU WILL FIND AN ORNAMENT THAT GIVES YOU  
PERMISSION TO TAKE AN HOUR (OR MORE) TO YOURSELF -  
WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO TO MODEL A CALM PERSON.**

