

Benold Middle School PTA
Every Child. One Voice
October 2009



This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the Texas PTA and what better way to commemorate the event than with the beginning of a Benold PTA newsletter! The newsletter will be a quarterly tool used to communicate the many ways PTA makes a difference in the lives of children, just as it has for the past 100 years.

The 2009-2010 PTA board members are eager to hear your input, ideas, feedback and thoughts. Please note their contact information below. Also, please note the vacancy for the **RECYCLING** position. We would love to have you join our team!

Best wishes for a successful school year!

Karen Lange

100th Anniversary of Texas PTA

The year was 1896 and Mrs. Ella Caruthers Porter was going about the business of establishing a mother's group to promote "child study and betterment of the home". In 1898 Mrs. Porter attended the Second National Congress of Mothers and was appointed to organize a state congress in Texas and on October 19, 1909 the Texas Congress of Mothers and Parent Teachers Association was born.

In the one hundred years since its establishment, Texas PTA has been a powerful voice in advocating for children. Free textbooks in school, the installation of hot lunch counters, school based health clinics a campaign to weigh and measure school-aged children and register births, seat belt requirements for children under 18, prohibition of narcotics sales to children, school finance and accountability are some of the group's work on behalf of Texas school children.

The Texas PTA Home, located at 408 West 11th Street in Austin, was dedicated on January 11, 1938 and still serves as the group headquarters. The state capitol is another downtown Austin location at which the PTA has made tremendous strides. Many major pieces of legislation, introduced by Texas PTA, were passed during the 81st session of the Texas Legislature including HB 1801 which allowed for the expansion of the sales tax holiday to include basic school supplies. PTA remains steadfast in its resolve to ensure every child's potential becomes a reality

The year is 2009 and dedicated women (and men) across the state stand just as determined to make a difference in the lives of children as they were 100 years ago.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Texas PTA, all are invited to a "come and go" reception at the High School Annex cafeteria from 6:30-8:00 pm on October 20th.

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the difference
1 can make.

We all shop for groceries, sometimes two or three times a week — or more. Turn those shopping trips into easy cash for Benold and encourage friends to do the same!

Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products you buy every day. All you need to do is clip and send them to PTA Box Tops coordinator, Lori Edgar. Each one is worth 10¢ for Benold Middle School! Last year, the PTA took in \$977.00 in box tops and recycle income! Stay tuned for a box tops contest coming soon!

Please note that Nestle is longer doing the water label program.



NO CELL PHONES PLEASE

Effective September 1st talking on a cell phone while in a school zone is prohibited. Also, everyone in a vehicle (regardless of age or where they are seated in the vehicle) is required to wear a seatbelt.

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P T A
M E M B E R S H I P

PTA is a grassroots organization made up of parents, teachers and others around the state who have an interest in children, families and schools. PTA membership is as diverse as Texas is in cultures, education levels and parenting skills. By joining PTA, a member becomes part of the largest child advocacy organization in the state with more than 600,000 members across Texas.

J O I N U S !

Membership is open to anyone concerned with the education, health and welfare of children and youth.

G E T I N V O L V E D !

Get involved for your children and for your community. Studies have shown that membership in PTA provides your child and other children around you with a greater chance of achieving in school. Contact Membership Chair, Ann Hardesty, ann.hardesty@suddenlink.net to join PTA today!

To find out the many benefits of being a PTA member go to:

<http://www.txpta.org/about-texas-pta/pta-membership-join/>



The 2009-2010 Reflections
Theme~"BEAUTY IS..."

The Reflections program is sponsored annually by the local, state, and national PTA to encourage children to create expressive works of art in the areas of visual arts, photography, literature, music composition, dance, choreography or video production.

Learn more about this exciting program by going to:

<http://www.txpta.org/programs/reflections/>

The entry deadline is October 22nd

Academic UIL continues at Benold

Thanks to our very own PTA Vice-President, Beth Purcell, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students may continue to participate in Academic UIL competition. Students challenge their academic aptitudes in Number Sense (all mental math); Spelling; Ready Writing, and Oral Reading. If students continue academic UIL competition in high school they may become eligible for an academic UIL scholarship. The district contest is Jan. 20th for Ready Writing and Jan. 22nd for all other contests.

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.

~Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

The volunteer background check form may be completed online. The Human Resources Department processes the background check information and can answer questions you may have about this process. Follow the link below to complete the form.

2009 Volunteer Opportunities include:

- **Help with QSP fundraiser:**

October 6th from 11 to 1:30 or

October 8th at 9:15 or

October 13th from 11 to 1:30

Contact Ann Hardesty at

ann.hardesty@suddenlink.net for details

- **Help with the Family Fit program and 5K/1K run**

Contact Beth Purcell at

wbpurcell@msn.com for details

<https://www.georgetownisd.org/career/obs/application/volunteernew.asp>



Volunteer Information

In order to ensure the safety of our students, Georgetown Independent School District requires all volunteers to pass a criminal history background check.

GISD is authorized by state law to obtain criminal history record information on individuals who intend to serve as volunteers for the district (Texas Education Code 22.083).

Get GT Fit!

Mark your calendar for November 30th-the official start date for the GISD 12-week "Family Fit" program. Students and their families are encouraged to join other middle school campuses on a fitness program of healthy eating and exercise. The program will culminate with a 5K/1K run/walk on February 27th. So, lace up your running shoes and get going! See you on the track!

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Board Meetings

PTA will conduct Board Meetings the 1st Monday of each month at 8:45am.

Board Meeting Dates

October 5th, November 2nd, December 7th, January 4th, February 1st, March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd

Membership Meetings

January: TBA

April: TBA

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct. 8th— QSP final day turn in all orders and money

Oct 9-Teacher In-service

Oct 12-School Holiday

*Oct 19-GISD Board Meeting

Oct 22-Reflections Deadline

Nov 6-Fall Festival

*Nov 16-GISD Board Meeting

Nov 25-27-Thanksgiving Holiday

Just in time for the cooler weather....HOODIES ARE HERE!

Barn hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:15-8:35 and Wednesday 11:15-1:15.

T-shirts, hoodies, novelty items and school supplies are available for your shopping pleasure. In addition, \$5.00 Barn (punch) cards are available for those spur of the moment necessities.

*GISD Board Meetings are held at the Administrative building located at 603 Lakeway at 7:00 p.m.