



# FORBES MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message

We have almost completed our first nine weeks! If you haven't seen your child's six-weeks progress report, please ask to see it. You will need to sign it and return it to their second period teacher. This Progress Report is considered a "Report Card" for University Interscholastic League "No Pass, No Play" purposes. Students must have at least a 70 average in all their classes to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Students who have "Incompletes" in any course, all work isn't completed, they haven't made up all their tests/projects, etc. also are ineligible for participation at the end of the school day October 9, 2009. We've had several students absent and many have much make-up work still to complete. Students with "Incomplete" grades will continue to be ineligible until all makeup work is completed, graded, input into the system, and are passing. This UIL rule may involve several of our students this six weeks since we've had so many ill. Students who were ineligible for the first part of the year may gain eligibility and students that fail any class will lose their eligibility. This suspension period is 3 weeks, however in reality it results in a 4-week suspension due to the 7 day "grace" period after the end of each nine weeks.

We appreciate the food PTA members and others of you have prepared for our faculty and staff this year! Everything was excellent and we would like to thank those of you who helped!

Our QSP fundraiser has ended and we appreciate those of you who participated and/or helped. PTA has opened the school store again and students are able to purchase supplies there if they need them. Thank you PTA for providing this service for our students!

The PTA is also sponsoring a "Spirit Day" (Tuesday) each week throughout football season and at other times. Grade levels are competing against each other for the "Spirit" banner to be hung in their hallway. The grade level that has the most students wearing a Forbes shirt gets the banner for the week. 8th graders have won the first 2 weeks.

Various businesses are teaming with Forbes and other GISD campuses for fundraising opportunities. Businesses are donating a certain percentage of their sales on "special" nights sponsored. There is no cost involved and it is a great fundraising opportunity for our various groups. Thank you all for your participation!

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns! There are plenty of opportunities for your child to receive additional help/instruction before school and/or throughout the day, especially since we have started our "Stretch" schedule. There should not be any reason your child can't access teachers or staff to get the help he/she needs.

Sincerely,

*Leonard Rhoads*

## PTA News



**NEXT PTA MEETING IS Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Please join us!**

Please Contact PTA President, Charlene Ganski at [Charlene\\_Ganski@yahoo.com](mailto:Charlene_Ganski@yahoo.com) if you are interested in volunteering with Forbes PTA.



**VOLUNTEER.**



**Texas PTA 100-Year Celebration**

**October 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

**High School Annex Cafeteria**

Celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PTA at this "come and go" type reception celebrating the anniversary and the accomplishments of PTA in Georgetown.



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**OUT the FMS Website**

[www.georgetownisd.org/forbes](http://www.georgetownisd.org/forbes)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks**

**Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - Texas PTA 100-Year Celebration**

**Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Reflections Deadline**

**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – PTA Meeting at 8:30 a.m.**

**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – Picture Retakes**

**Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Day Assembly**

***There are MANY more school activity dates highlighted on the school calendar on the FMS Website.***

# EARNING \$ FOR FM\$



## BOX TOPS CONTEST

From now until Friday Oct. 30th, drop off your BOX TOP\$ at the Forbes Depot during lunch. Put them in a baggie with your name and homeroom teacher. One student from each grade level who brings in the most BOX TOP\$ will win a \$10.00 Forbes Depot gift certificate. Plus we will be drawing from all the remaining BOX TOP entries for an additional \$10.00 Forbes Depot gift certificate. Winners will be announced the first week of November.

Please sign up with [www.btf.com](http://www.btf.com) for some exciting news info and ways to earn thousands of BOX TOP\$ for FORBES. They have DAILY contests going on this month. It is very easy and takes less than 5 minutes ... under EARN and the BONUS BOX TOPS!! Thanks!!



"Trash to Cash" is a Forbes program that promotes environmental awareness and provides an opportunity for individuals and businesses in our community to recycle used ink cartridges (fax & printer), cell phones, PDAs, and pagers. Please send the above items to school with your child to drop off at the 'Bubble' to be placed in our recycling box.



Forbes is collecting Nestle water bottle labels to help fund equipment for P.E. and Athletics. Please turn in your labels to Mrs. Craig at the "Bubble". Thank You!

## THE FORBES DEPOT

If you are interested in volunteering at The Forbes Depot (the school store), please contact Sally Blankenship at [trbsab@suddenlink.net](mailto:trbsab@suddenlink.net).

## ParentCONNECT

Go the Forbes website and sign up for ParentCONNECT. To have the ability to view your student's progress reports, attendance and report cards, click on the ParentCONNECT link.

## From The Nurse



Dear Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students:

At the beginning of next school year, your child will be required to have three new vaccinations to start 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Please check your records now to see if they have already gotten these new vaccinations. If so, please provide a copy of the record to me as soon as possible.

**If they have not received the new vaccinations let me know and I can vaccinate them here at school if you wish.** Please don't wait until the last minute or they **will** be excluded at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year until the records are obtained or they are vaccinated. Here is a list of what they will need:

- Meningococcal x1 dose (aka - MCV4, Menactra, Meningitis)
- Tdap x1 dose (aka - Tetnus, Diptheria, & Pertussis)
- Varicella x2 doses total, they will have had a dose when younger, this 2<sup>nd</sup> dose will be the booster dose (aka - Chicken Pox)

Thanks in advance,

*Lindsey Love*, RN, Forbes Middle School Nurse



"Reflections" is a national PTA program that gives students across the US an opportunity to create and receive recognition for works of art. Each year, the PTA Reflections Program challenges students to create art inspired by a specific theme. This year's theme is "BEAUTY IS ..." Deadline to submit entries to Mrs. Griffith, Forbes Art teacher, is October 22<sup>nd</sup>. See the Forbes website for detailed information.

## The Forbes Challenge

Forbes is stepping up and taking on the challenge of getting "GT Fit" by participating in GISD's Fit Family Program. We are asking you to get involved and represent Forbes by participating in this life-changing event.

The Fit Family Program is a 12-week program which begins November 30, 2009. This program will motivate students and their families to attain healthy eating habits and encourage physical fitness while preparing for GISD's annual Get GT Fit 5K/1K Race on February 27, 2010.

Each week, participants will receive information regarding daily challenges. These challenges will be posted on the Forbes website, as well as, in the newsletter. A booklet which contains the challenges of the program will be distributed to the students by mid-November. We encourage you to accept the challenge and represent Forbes in the race.

*Felicia Anthony*,  
Healthy Lifestyles



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