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- Nov 4 Election Day
Council General
Meeting, 11 am,
SBISD Board Rm
- Dec 3 Reflections entries
due to Council
- Jan 15 Deadline to sub-
mit entries for
School Bell Award
- Jan 17 SBISD Parent U
(rescheduled date)
- Feb 3 Founder's Day
Dinner, 6:00 pm to
8:00 pm,
Northbrook HS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mary Kemick, Council President

We have lots of activities going on within the Council. We are very excited to announce the addition of Northbrook Middle School to our SBISD family of PTA's! NBMS held their first official meeting on Thursday night and elected their new officers. Thank you to our mentoring committee members David Davenport, Suzanne Doler, Diane Swan and Pamela Wike. They have worked tirelessly over the last few weeks to make sure this new PTA had a smooth transition. We are very fortunate to have this dedicated team of volunteers within our Council who are always willing to help a new or struggling PTA. Way to go, guys!

We are also looking forward to the next General Meeting on November 4. We will gather in the Board Room of the Administration Building beginning at 11 am. Linda Buchman and the Community Relations team are hosting a Thanksgiving Fiesta lunch for all of us. Thank you to Linda and her team of dedicated professionals for the wonderful work they do for our district. Our featured speakers will be SBISD Board Member, Mike Falick, and the director of the Altharetta Yeargin Art Museum, Maria Burdick and Board Member Kori Rynicker.

This should be a delicious and informative meeting, so please don't forget to rsvp to our Secretary, Kay Kurisky, if you plan on attending. Her email address is kkurisky@sbcglobal.net.

I'll look forward to seeing you all next week at the General Meeting. And, please remember to cast your vote on election day, which is also November 4th!

COUNCIL YEARBOOKS

By now, each PTA President should have received their copy of the Council Yearbook. The Yearbook is published annually as a reference guide for each of the SBISD PTAs. There is information about Council, Texas PTA and the District.

Probably the most helpful information is the contact information. This information is provided so you can contact other PTA leaders who have the same position at another campus or any of the Council Board members. It also provides contact information for Texas PTA Area and State officers and staff.

Yearbooks will be available at the Council General Meeting on November 4 if did not receive a copy.

PRESIDENT'S CHECKLIST

- RSVP for the Council of PTAs General Meeting on Tuesday, November 4. Send an email to Kay Kurisky at kkurisky@sbcglobal.net. The meeting will be in the Board Room of the Administration Building.
- Send Council dues of \$50 to Council Treasurer, Mike Story. Dues must be Current to participate in Reflections.
- Submit Council delegate information to Council Secretary, Kay Kurisky, kkurisky@sbcglobal.net
- Treasurer should complete Form 990 and Schedules as appropriate. Return is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your PTA's fiscal year. For fiscal years ending 6/30, the return is due 11/15/08. Contact Council Treasurer for assistance.
- Send 2007-2008 Texas Honorary Life Membership names to Laura Casanover at lcasanover@yahoo.com.
- Reflections entries are due to the Council on December 3rd. Deliver to the Cornerstone Library between 11am and 2pm.
- Work on completing the Awards applications packet for PTA Awards and the School Bell Award.

GOT WATER?

If you drink bottled water and want to support our schools, save the labels from Nestlé's Pure Life water and send them to Shadow Oaks or Westwood Elementary. They are saving labels to earn P.E. equipment. You can also go to www.goplaylabels.com to register for 200 free points for them.



TEXAS PTA HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

A Texas Honorary Life member is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon an individual by the Texas PTA for outstanding contributions to the well being of children and youth.

Every February we honor these great people at our annual Founder's Day Dinner. Please send your Texas Life Members chosen for the 2007-2008 school year to Membership Chairperson Laura Casanover, her email is lcasanover@yahoo.com, as soon as possible. We want to make sure everyone is recognized.

WEBSITES

SBISD PTA Council Website

www.springbranchisd.com/partners/pta/pta.htm

Check out the Council website – it has been updated and includes more information about Council and PTA in general. One of the additions provides links to resources about PTA and parenting in Spanish. Check it out.

Texas PTA Web site

www.txpta.org

Be sure to visit the members' site – you will need the user name and password from the back of your membership card. Find officer and chairman guides, membership information and more.

National PTA website

www.pta.org

Check out the "PTA Great Idea Bank" under Leadership Resources – Local Leaders (you will need username and password here as well)

Spring Branch ISD

www.springbranchisd.com

REFLECTIONS NEWS

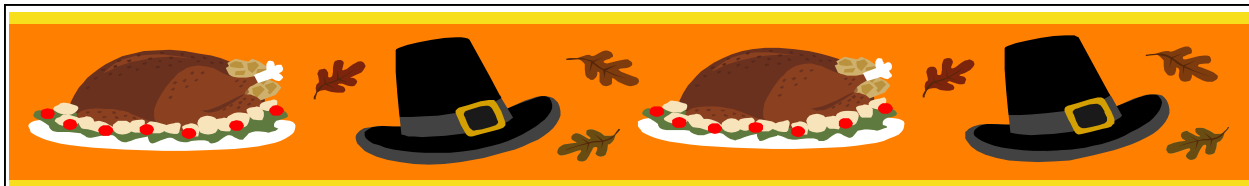


I hope each campus had a successful Reflections program this year. All entries moving on from the local level are to be brought to Cornerstone Academy Library on Wednesday, December 3rd, from 11 am to 2 pm.

Each entry must be accompanied by 3 entry forms (1 original and 2 copies). The first entry form must be attached to the entry; the other two should accompany your Local Participation form in a folder.

If you have any questions, contact Lisa Peterson at lpeterson@earthlink.net

JUDGING LEVELS	ENTRY DEADLINE	JUDGING DATE	AWARDS – RECOGNITION
1 – Local	October 31, 2008 (suggested)	November	Local campus spearheads
2 – SBISD Council	December 3, 2008 Cornerstone Library (11:00 am to 2:00 pm)	December 1 st -5th	Council Awards Night May 6, 2009
3 – District	January 2009 TBD by Area 11	January	Area 11 Awards Presentation TBA
4 – State	February 2009	March	Winners notified directly by the State office
5 - National	March (TBD)	May 6th	Winners notified directly by National



**Spring Branch ISD Gives Thanks to our
SBISD Council of PTA'S!**

**We look forward to hosting you for a
Thanksgiving Fiesta**

At your regularly scheduled meeting

**Tuesday November 4, 2008
SBISD Administration Building
Board Room**

Thanks for all you do!

Hosted by: The SBISD Community Relations Team

COUNCIL AWARDS

The School Bell Award deadline is quickly approaching. Before you get consumed with holiday shopping, you might want to start thinking about a candidate you can nominate for the Council of PTAs School Bell Award.

The School Bell Award is an individually engraved brass school bell which is presented to an outstanding SBISD educator who promotes the objects of the PTA and is an advocate for all children. Any Local Unit PTA may nominate one educator. All nominees must be PTA members.

The Deadline for entries is January 15, 2009. The Award will be presented at the Council’s Founder’s Day Dinner on Tuesday, February 3, 2009.

Each year, the PTA hands out numerous awards at all levels: Council, Area, State and National. Your PTA could be an award winner! But you can only win if you apply. Consider nominating your PTA for an award. The complete list of Council awards and entry forms are on the SBISD website at www.springbranchisd.com/partners/pta/awards.htm.

Area and Texas PTA awards applications can be found on the Texas PTA website at www.txpta.org. National PTA award applications can be found on the National PTA website at www.pta.org.

If you have any questions about awards, please contact Pam Reynolds at pam@txreynolds.com.



ODYSSEY OF THE MIND OPPORTUNITIES

Odyssey of the Mind is not at your school yet? Well here is your chance to get a jump on next year. Send your students and parents to Parent U at Spring Woods HS on January 17 to find out all about the program.

Odyssey of the Mind 101 will cover Awareness, 102 will cover Coaches training and 103 will Spontaneous Problem Solving (fun and games). Remember, the program is for grades kindergarten thru college.

After World Finals this year in early June, SBISD Odyssey would like to be host to several Korean Odyssey Teams. To do this we need families to volunteer to take in 2 people each and show them life in America. "If you build it, they will come."

You do not have to commit now, but please let me know you (and maybe even your school) would be interested. Teams usually stay about 4 days. Host families are responsible for their lodging, meals and transportation to possible group events. Students are matches according to things like ages, gender, and animal allergies. We have hosted many teams in the past and the experience is



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletters are published about the 1st of every month. Copies of published newsletters along with upcoming deadlines, can be found at www.springbranchisd.com/partners/pta/newsletter.htm. PTAs – feel free to send articles on your campus events. We welcome your information. Email your articles to pam@txreynolds.com. Thank you.

21st Annual

Bendwood Fall Bazaar

Saturday, November 8, 2008 from 9:00 to 4:00

12750 Kimberley Lane

(Town & Country shopping center behind Barnes & Noble)

(713) 365-4990

With over 60 Top Quality Vendors!

Come and enjoy the awesome selection of unique, custom products, jewelry, candles, gourmet foods, stationery, yard art, accessories, home décor, original artwork, holiday items, toys, books, cosmetics and much more.

Plus:

- * Continental Airlines ticket raffle
- * Raffle drawings every hour
- * Carnival Games, giant slides, obstacle course, bouncers, and more!

Guaranteed to be a great time for the entire family!

Proceeds benefit The Bendwood School, serving preschool children with special needs and Gifted/Talented elementary students for the Spring Branch Independent School District.

Council of PTAs Calendar of Events 2008-2009

Date	Time	Location	Program
Tuesday October 7, 2008	11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Board Room Admin. Bldg.	General Meeting; Program - Dr. Duncan Klusmann, SBISD Superintendent: "State of the District" ; Lunch will be provided by Council
Tuesday October 7, 2008	6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.	Guthrie Center	President's Roundtable; Treasurer & Secretary Training; Leadership Orientation Course
Sunday October 26, 2008		River Ridge Golf Course	SBEF Golf Classic
Tuesday November 4, 2008	11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Board Room Admin. Bldg.	General Meeting; Program - Mike Falick, Member, SBISD Board of Trustees ; Lunch will be provided by SBISD Community Relations
Tuesday February 3, 2009	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Northbrook High School	Founder's Day Dinner
Friday March 6, 2009		Westin Galleria	Crystal Awards
Tuesday April 7, 2009	11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Board Room Admin. Bldg.	General Meeting; Lunch will be provided by Council
Saturday May 2, 2009	8:00 a.m.	Memorial City Mall	Running for the Arts 5K Walk/Run
Tuesday May 5, 2009	11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Board Room Admin. Bldg.	General Meeting; Lunch will be provided by Council
Wednesday May 6, 2009	6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Board Room Admin. Bldg.	Council Awards Night 6:30 – 7:30 pm Elementary 8:00 – 9:00 pm Secondary
Tuesday May 12, 2009	11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Board Room Admin. Bldg.	Executive Meeting; Council Officers/New President's Orientation and Luncheon

Council of PTAs Executive Board 2008-2009

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President	Mark Kemick	mkemick@comcast.net
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Treasurer	Mike Story	storytunes@aol.com
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Historian	David Davenport	hodad1969@aol.com