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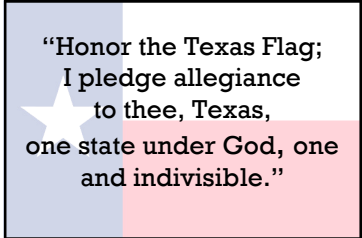
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From the President Sue Avery president@cfbpta.org

Dearest Supporters of Students, Educators and Families,
 The holidays will be fast upon us. Each of us will be busy preparing to make the most of the season. The most important gift we can share is the gift of our time, for once it passes, it will remain only in our memories. Thanks to you all who devote countless hours to making wonderful memories for our students and teachers.

Sue Avery



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THE RACE TO NOWHERE

Council PTA's strength is in our collective support for our district and local units. As a group, Council do things that are too 'big' for any one local unit to do independently. This year Parent Education chair, Julie Nors, has taken this charge to heart and has brought this thought-provoking and controversial film to us.

The *Race to Nowhere* is a documentary addressing the challenges (and heart-break) experienced by families and educators as they confront the 'achievement culture' as defined by various tests.

Much has been written and discussed about this film. Many parents and educators found it eye-opening in terms of their own communication styles and the expectations of their children and students.

Using close-up interviews, filmmaker Vicki Abels explores the world of overburdened schedules, academic cheating, student suicide and young people who are so stressed out that they feel there is no light at the end of the tunnel.

Julie previewed the film and shares, " We all have children who feel pressure to succeed, even as early as kindergarten. As we sat in the showing, we felt empowered that, as parents, there is something we can do to break the cycle."

We invite everyone to join us November 14 at 7 p.m. for the showing at Studio Movie Grill– Lewisville (I –35 E North, past Hebron).

Reservations can be made at: <http://www.studiomoviegrill.com/>

Today's Program

**C-FB ISD LIBRARIES...
 MORE THAN BOOKS!**

**LEARN MORE ABOUT
 THE RESOURCES
 AVAILABLE FOR
 OUR STUDENTS
 AND OUR
 FAMILIES!**

**JAN 4TH- SECURITY IN
 C-FB ISD WITH
 WADE LILY**



Parent Education

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FUSE PRESENTS....**NOVEMBER 10— ENCOURAGING POSITIVE BEHAVIORS IN OUR KIDS**

Austin Harmon, BRS — Marie Huie Educational Center — 6:30—8 PM

Most child behavior is strengthened or weakened by what happens when the behavior occurs. Austin will discuss what works and what doesn't in shaping the behaviors of children. This workshop will include:

- Issues with Punishment
- How to Identify Reinforcers and Use Them
- Controlling the Environment
- Being Consistent
- And more!

Childcare and Spanish language translation available!

For childcare reservations email Joyce Tjolvold at Tjosvoldj@cfbisd.edu

Presented by C-FB ISD Special Education Department, C-FB Council PTA and
FUSE (Families United for Special Education)

RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION (RtI) and the New State Assessment, An Overview for Parents

NOVEMBER 12th—9:00 am—Noon 904 Abrams Road, Richardson

For more information contact Rosario Samandi, Parent Coordination Consultant

Phone: 972.348.1674 email rosario.samandi@region10.org

Check out These Opportunities!

**NOVEMBER 14—Deadline to Enter Gingerbread House Contest and Auction—A.W.Perry Home-
stead Museum**<http://www.cityofcarrollton.com/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=7539>.



NOVEMBER 15— Star Party! Farmers Branch Historical Park, weather permitting. Telescopes will be set up for all to gaze at the stars and planets. Free, all are welcome!

NOVEMBER 17—School Board Meeting/Study Session

As of this writing, it is expected that the work session will focus on the proposed 'open enrollment' proposal being considered by the board. Visitors may observe the session. Check the agenda packet posting for updates at www.cfbisd.edu

NOVEMBER 18—Chat with Charlebois—Executive Director of Advanced Academic Services, Gerry Charlebois, will have a 'coffee chat' at 7:45 a.m. at the TLC 2427 Carrick Street. If you have questions about how the district meets the needs of gifted students, want to connect with other parents, come on by!

ACADEMIC UIL TIME IS HERE!

Middle School students across C-FB ISD will be preparing for Academic UIL competitions. Everything from one-act plays, to interpretive readings, to math competitions, to art history and more!

Parents are invited to participate in learning more by volunteering! January 12 will be the night!

Volunteers are needed to:

- Judge performances
- Grade 'tests'
- Check in and more

You'll get a taste for this amazing event, meet interesting folks in the 'grading' rooms and maybe even learn something! If you'd like to help contact Patty Parker at parkerp@cfbisd.edu to get on the volunteer list!

First VP Aide

Linda Villemarette, 1st VP Aide

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PTA Council wants to help you Celebrate Your PTA's Success... It's a Piece of Cake!



- ✓ Confirm your treasurer has filed a 990 Tax Form & Sales Tax Form **(required)**
- ✓ Confirm that your PTA has paid council dues **(required)**
- ✓ At least 2 PTA Board members attend LOT (Leader Orientation Training) **(required)**
- ✓ Hold a fun family event
- ✓ Show the new volunteer video to your board or PTA membership
- ✓ Attend at least 4 council PTA Meetings
- ✓ You or a representative attend 4 out of 6 President's Meetings
- ✓ Meet or exceed last year's total PTA members
- ✓ Meet or exceed last year's reported volunteer hours
- ✓ At least 2 PTA Board members attend Chairman and Officer Training
- ✓ Hold a Sock and Underwear Drive or other donation to benefit the Clothes Closet
- ✓ Hold a Book Drive to support the Used Book Sale in February
- ✓ Volunteer at the Used Book Sale in February
- ✓ Invite a PTA parent to a Council PTA Meeting
- ✓ E-Mail a great idea for the Direct Line newsletter to newsletter@cfbpta.org
- ✓ Host a Parent Education Program at your school
- ✓ Show appreciation to you PTA board and membership (kind words, a note, chocolate, etc.)

Elementary schools: By accomplishing at least 10 items on the list.....

Middle and High Schools: By accomplishing at least 8 items on the list.....

.....You will get a cake to share with you PTA board in May!

Qualify for a special New Year luncheon with Dr. Bobby Burns by completing $\frac{1}{2}$ of your total number of accomplishments by the end of the year! **Deadline for submission is Jan. 6th 2012.**

Luncheon: Wednesday, January 18th, 2012

Treasurer

Lori Douglas

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C-FB Council PTA
Financial Report for 03 Oct to 26 Oct 2011

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BALANCE Forward as of 03 October, 2011 - Chase	\$ 30,960.39	
INCOME		
Clothes Closet Donations	760.23	
Council Dues	1500.00	
Council Dues Childcare	345.00	
Post Prom Local Donations	470.00	
Closing of Texans CU Account	6193.17	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 9,268.40	
EXPENSES		
Clothes Closet - 3513	66.94	
Copies - 3510	(14.20)	
Newsletter - 3510	109.70	
Training - 3510, 3512	158.42	
Training Meals - 3511	54.36	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 375.22	
BALANCE as of 26 October, 2011 - Chase	\$ 39,853.57	\$ 39,853.57
BALANCE Forward as of 01 September, 2011 - Texans CU	\$ 6,183.11	
Deposit - Gently Used Book Sale	25.06	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 25.06	
Merchant Fees - ACH Debit	15.00	
Closing of Texans CU Account - Cashier Ck 147908	6,193.17	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 6,208.17	
BALANCE as of 26 October, 2011 - Texans CU	\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE as of 26 October, 2011		\$ 39,853.57

Environmental

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Well it has been an exciting start to our *Pluck A Plastic Bag Challenge!* Final numbers and the top school will be posted on the Council website after Friday, November 11.

As the weather turns cooler and the holiday season approaches, I turn my thoughts from recycling to indoor air quality. As a mother to two asthmatics and a wife to one, and as a volunteer asthma educator, I understand the importance of good indoor air quality.

Some tips for you during the holiday season, if you have asthmatics in your families or friends: Remember candles give off smoke and a fragrance that when inhaled can be irritating to the lungs. Instead of beeswax candles, try soy candles, they are much less irritating. Also remember that cleaning products can trigger an asthma attack, so when cleaning for that big party or those out of town guests, remember to clean early while your asthmatics aren't at home so by the time they get home, the fumes have dissipated. Also open a window while cleaning to help air out the fumes. Scented pine cones, strong perfumes and air fresheners can also set off or trigger an unwanted asthma attack.

Lastly, the weather is starting to cool off and the cooler/cold air can irritate the lungs and cause an asthma attack, so be sure and have a scarf available to wrap around your mouth and nose or that of a loved one. Breathing through the scarf will warm the air and not irritate the lungs.

Thank you again for all you do!

November 12—Texas Recycles Day!

Whooo Hooo!! Just in time for the holidays... clear out some space... this is easier than Craig's List or a garage sale! Come on down to

Newman Smith H.S. 9:00 a.m. til Noon

Computers, electronics, cords, cell phones, monitors, TV's (working or not), metal waste, tires, car batteries, appliances (working or not), non-gasoline powered garden tools, clothing, books, cds, vhs tapes, dvds, yarn, eyeglasses.

On-site instant PAPER SHREDDING, FREE

Volunteers needed—

High school students, church groups, scouts—set up tables, direct traffic as thousands of pounds are collected!

Arrive at NSHS by 8:00 a.m. Dress for the weather, we'll be outdoors!

Contact cathysphr@verizon.net to register as a vendor or volunteer.

Vendors include
 EWD Recycling
 The Shredinator
 Firestone Tire & Battery
 Christian Community Action Helps
 PTA Clothes Closet
 Carrollton Evening Lions Club
 Senior Center Knitting Group
 Redeemer Community Garden



For MORE information see
[Www.keepcarrolltonbeautiful.org](http://www.keepcarrolltonbeautiful.org)
 Hotline: 972.996.6993

Showing Our Support for All Students—

**Mary Grimes Education Center,
Bea Salazar (ACT) Transition Center,
Mary Huie Special Education Center**



Ways your PTA can help each school:

Some goodies; a small gift to the school or the staff; notes of appreciation; lunch, brunch, snacks, dessert; or volunteer hours.

November

- Country Place Elementary
- Ranchview High School
- Long Middle School
- Stark Elementary

December

- Furneaux Elementary
- Good Elementary
- Kent Elementary
- Landry Elementary

January

- McLaughlin Elementary
- McWhorter Elementary
- Blair Elementary
- Freeman Elementary
- Rainwater Elementary

Volunteers

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Attention All Volunteer Coordinators!

Remember to send me your volunteer hours every month by the 5th.

In addition to monthly awards for volunteer hours, we are adding a few new awards for Council PTA.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Notes from meeting:



TREASURERS!

990 Training is here!

AIM INSURANCE

RENEWALS!

TRAINING WILL BE

November 9

6:30—8:45 PM

RL TURNER MEDIA ROOM

Filing the 990 is VERY important! BUT, it can be very easy! Learn more!

Remember to renew your insurance for 2011-12!

Questions? Contact Lori Douglas
treasurer@cfbpta.org



Gently Used Book Sale

Barbara Morgan

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It's Better than Boxtops!

Local PTA's in GOOD STANDING can earn up to 15¢ per book and the books will count toward the traveling Owl trophy for their school! For the full 15 Cents, just count, sort, label and have them delivered to the site before January 31, 2012!

To earn 10 cents per book, count and sort and have them delivered after January 31, 2012.

To earn 5 cents per book, just box them up (no counting or sorting required).

Books must be in saleable condition, and discarded library books, ESL books, guided reading and Content Mastery books are NOT eligible. What could be easier??

The deadline for school credit for the traveling Owl is February 12, 2012!

Clothes Closet

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Description	Since Beginning of School Year
Families	70
Children	179
Adults	134
Pounds of Clothes	2,204
Underwear (est)	895
Socks (est)	895
Jackets	313
Sweaters/Hoodies	313

WHAT'S HOT?

Certainly not the weather (as of this writing)! Thank you ALL for

- Your Time!
- Your Talent!
- Your Donations!

December 5—Monday—Sorting—No Clients 5:30—7:30 pm

December 9—Friday- Client Day 10:30 am– 12:30 pm

December 10—Sorting Saturday—Ideal for a youth group, or others wanting to make a difference during the holidays! We'll be changing out to our winter inventory. 9—11 AM

January 23, 2012—Monday—Sorting-No Clients 5:30—7:30 pm

Jan 24—Tuesday—Client Day—5:30—7:30 pm

Jan 27—Friday—Client Day—10:20 am—12:30 pm

Have clothing donations or questions? Please let me know! THANKS

Thank You to our MANY Clothes Closet Angels!



Holy Covenant United Methodist Church provided eager and helpful volunteers and 99 pairs of jeans! Special thanks to Nicholas Grandell for building two fantastic shoe shelves. These will help the neatness, display and safety of these items.

TEAM MEMBERS: You are doing a fantastic job of streamlining the sorting process, getting right to work and getting home! SUPER SUPER SUPER!

Arts in Education REFLECTIONS

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Remember—For student entries to proceed from Council competition, your local unit must be in good standing!

Council Judging:

December 3, Newman Smith High School



Presidents & Principal's Luncheon

Susan Scott

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**Save The Date— February 1st
Bon Voyage
Anchors Aweigh!**

**Presidents and Principals will be cruising' away !
You'll want to be at the dock!
No Passports Required!**

Membership

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LIFE MEMBER TIME!

Make sure you get your nominations in soon! Nominations and award items are available at www.txpta.org

Save the Date for the Council Life Member Reception

APRIL 11—7 pm—DeWitt Perry Middle School

**TEAM UP!
JOIN PTA**

Thompson Elementary School hosts an “Apple Luncheon” showering teachers and staff with apple recipes & drinks to celebrate their 100% (Golden Apple) Faculty membership November 11!

**“Paper Airplane Adventures” An Idea for Family Engagement Event**

Kent Elementary PTA hosted a “Paper Airplane Adventures” evening. Our goal for the evening was to bring in families for a fun, educational activity-filled event.

“Top Gun” theme music greeted families upon arrival. We made examples of various paper airplane designs with neon paper (and included instructions) and placed them on the tables. As the families arrived, kids and parents alike immediately gravitated toward the examples and started making some of their own with the provided paper. It was great to see teachers and staff there, too, giving it their best effort!

Once most families had arrived, one of our dads presented a PowerPoint on “how airplanes fly”, followed by a video of early flight failures (that we’ve all seen!). Then the kids and parents started making paper airplanes in earnest for the competition to be followed in the gym.

Once in the gym, students participated in an obstacle course (fly through hula-hoops), as well as the “longest flight” competition for prizes. The evening ended with a friendly competition among the parents.

The event was definitely a hit with all who attended – everyone had a great time. But the highlight of the evening was when our principal remarked there were families there that she had never seen at any event. EVER. The true definition of a Family Engagement event!

Have a GR8 idea? Share it here! Email newsletter@cfbpta.org

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The Voice
everychild.onevoice.®

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OurChildren
The National PTA Magazine

<http://www.pta.org/4026.asp>

CFB Council Meetings, Events and Training Opportunities

November 9, 2011 - January 18, 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Nov 9	Council Board Meeting	8:30 AM	Admin-Rm 4
Nov 9	Council- Presidents Meeting	9:45 AM 11:10 AM	Board Room Admin-Rm 4
Nov 9	Treasurers 990 Training	6:30—8:45 PM	RLTurner– Media Room
Nov 10	Encouraging Positive Behaviors	6:30 PM	Marie Huie Educational Ctr
Nov 12	Texas Recycles Day	9 AM—Noon	Newman Smith
Nov 14	Race to Nowhere—Film showing	7 PM	Studio Movie Grill-Lewisville
Nov 17	School Board Work Session– Limited Open Enrollment and Grade Configuration	7 PM	Admin Board Room
Nov 18	Chat with Charlebois	7:45 AM	Technology Learning Center
Dec 1	School Board Meeting	7 PM	Admin Board Room
Dec 3	Reflections Judging		Newman Smith
Dec 5	Clothes Closet– Sorting Day—No clients	5:50—7:30 PM	Standridge Stadium
Dec 9	Clothes Closet—Client Day	10:30 AM—12:30 PM	Standridge Stadium
Dec 10	Clothes Closet—Saturday Sorting Day– Changing	9-11 AM	Standridge Stadium
Jan 4	Council Board Meeting	8:30 AM	Admin-Rm 4
	Council– Security in C-FB ISD– Wade Lilly	9:45 AM	Board Room
	Presidents Meeting	11:10 AM	Admin-Rm 4
Jan 12	School Board Meeting	7 PM	Admin Board Room
Jan 18	Piece of Cake Lunch w/ Dr. Burns		

**Remember to check
Council Website: www.cfbpta.org and
District website: www.cfbisd.edu
for updates!**



