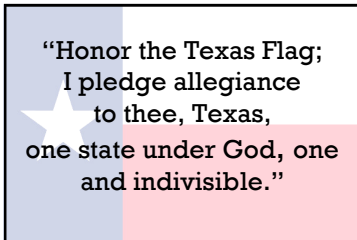




From the President Sue Avery president@cfbpta.org

It's the middle of February & Council PTA is already preparing for the 2012-13 school year! Time flies! But before this year's over we have some of the most important and FUN activities :
 Our own version of "GGLEE" (Gently Used Book Sale, Grants, Life Member Recognition, Elections and Education) and of course, Reflections!

Thanks to ALL who give so much to support our students, educators, administrators and families!
 Sue Avery



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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT SLATE OF OFFICERS 2012-2013

The nominations are:

- For President—Sue Avery
- For 1st Vice President/Aide—*Open*
- For 2nd Vice President/Programs—Diane Dobis
- For 3rd Vice President/Youth Protection—*Open*
- For 4th Vice President/Membership—Linda Villemarette
- For 5th Vice President/Parent Education—*Open*
- For Recording Secretary—Karen Viegut
- For Treasurer—Lori Douglas

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Lori Douglas, Benita Gordon, Barbara Morgan,
 Baby Raley, Jan Stephens, Linda Villemarette, Gina Woodford

Thank you to those who are 'stepping up' to support our fabulous students, faculty, staff, administration and families. If you are interested in knowing more about an *Open* position, or would like to serve on Council Board in those or any other position, please let Linda Villemarette, or any board member know!

Nominations will also be received from 'the floor' during the meeting.

Next Meeting

APRIL 18

- 8:30 a.m. Board Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. VENDOR Fair
- 9:45 a.m. Presidents' meeting

STUDENT JOB & VOLUNTEER FAIR

Date: February 29th
Place: Newman Smith
Time: 7 - 9 p.m.

Leap to it! See Flyer!



Gently Used Book Sale

Barbara Morgan

usedbooksale@cfbpta.org



Wanted: Volunteers and Customers for the Gently Used Book Sale February 23-26, 2012

Mills Pointe Shopping Center
2810 E. Trinity Mills Rd, Suite 117, Carrollton
(SE Corner of Marsh Lane & Trinity Mills Rd) (Formerly GattiTown)

The Book Sale is Upon Us!

Thanks to everyone who has participated in getting our 11th annual Gently Used Book Sale off the ground:

- Our wonderful Council Delegates who worked tirelessly to organize book drives, count, sort and get them to the site timely!
- Our fabulous Principals who hosted book drives and had books throughout the halls and up the walls!
- Our dedicated and marvelous sorters who broke fingernails (sorry) got dusty and sneezed their way through thousands of boxes of books, vhs tapes, dvds, cds, puzzles, games and more!
- And my Extraordinary Committee! I have so enjoyed working with them and the volunteers. They make my job so much easier and so much fun. Their "behind the scenes" efforts make the sale look so professional!

The winners of the Traveling Owl Plaque contest will receive \$100 in free books from the sale and their name on the plaque.

Your dedication is a shining example of pulling together for a terrific cause!

Our 2012 Sponsors are:

- Structure Realty
- Ricoh
- Alphagraphics
- The City of Carrollton
- C-FB ISD
- Neighbors Go

The Council PTA will use the proceeds from the sale to support:

- Student and Teacher Scholarships
- Teacher classroom grants
- Post Proms for Creekview, Ranchview, Newman Smith and R.L. Turner high schools
- PTA Clothes Closet
- PTA Program Grants

The volunteer sign up is 'on line' at <http://www1.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=gentlyusedbooksalevolunteers>

Make sure your friends, neighbors and anyone who enjoys a great sale knows about this sale. At this point we have OVER 78,000 items! Lots of terrific items and we're certain you'll find some surprises! (We did!)

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.

February

- Davis Elementary
- McCoy Elementary
- McKamy Elementary
- Newman Smith High School

March

- Central Elementary
- LaVillita Elementary
- Creekview High School
- Perry Middle School
- Polk Middle School

April

- Farmers Branch
- Las Colinas
- Riverchase
- Rosemeade

May

- Blalack Middle
- Bush Middle
- Vivian Field Middle
- Thompson

Call the contact person of each center to confirm a day and seek suggestions:

Bea Salazar : Kim Connelly (972-968-5900)

Mary Grimes, Ophelia Sanchez (972-968-5605)

Mary Huie: Joyce Tjosvold (972-968-5805)

Council Grants

Karen Viegut

secretary@cfbpta.org

Editor’s Note: Yes, this story is in LARGER FONT!! These Grants are possible because of our collective efforts at the Gently Used Book Sale! You are encouraged to SHARE THIS INFORMATION with your campus and other educators/staff who could benefit.

These grants are SEPARATE from the grants provided by the C-FB ISD Educational Foundation

C-FB Council PTA now offers five different grants/scholarships to local PTAs, C-FBISD Teachers and Staff, and C-FBISD Seniors!

Local PTA Grants

are available to local C-FBISD PTA units to fund projects/programs/events to nurture and grow their PTAs. The proposals can be innovative or needs-based, but must fulfill the basic objectives of PTA: parent education, parent involvement, and child advocacy.

Summer Leadership Grants

provide funds to send local PTA officers to Summer Leadership Seminar.

Teacher Grants

help maximize the quality of education in the schools of the district by providing financial support for programs and classroom tools that assist in achieving academic excellence.

The C-FBISD Council PTA encourages teachers to submit grant requests that will fund projects to improve student achievement. The proposals can be innovative or needs based. Applicants must be a current member of a C-FBISD PTA/PTSA.

Staff Scholarships

are available to support continuing education and/or certification in a particular area that is applicable to a position within C-FBISD. Applicants must be a current member of a C-FBISD PTA/PTSA.

Student Scholarships

support high school seniors wishing to further their education. Students must be a current member of a C-FBISD PTA/PTSA, and have exhibited community service and leadership during their high school years, while maintaining a GPA of 2.0 or above.

Please visit www.cfbpta.org for more information and applications.





Membership

Sylvia Mazuera, 4th VP/Membership

Membership Update

PTA Members so far for 2011-2012 in all the PTAs in C-FB: 6,746.

We have **35** active PTAs in our district:

- 1 Early Childhood,
- 23 Elementary School,
- 6 Middle School,
- 5 High School.

The following is based on information from Texas PTA from February 8, 2012

The following 10 schools already have more members than last year. Way to go!:

- Freeman Elementary
- Central Elementary
- Country Place Elementary
- Davis Elementary
- Janie Stark Elementary
- Thompson Elementary
- McCoy Elementary
- Blalack Middle School
- Dan F Long Middle School
- DeWitt Perry Middle School

The following PTA members won the individual award, for recruiting 10 or more members for their PTA:

- Martha McMurray – Country Place PTA
- Esther Quiñonez – Janie Stark PTA
- Yahaira Martinez – Las Colinas PTA
- Tracy Skrzynski – Las Colinas PTA
- Itza Dorta – Las Colinas PTA
- Jodi Galgay – Las Colinas PTA
- Yon Ho – Las Colinas PTA
- Diana Dunn – Las Colinas PTA
- Lindsey Savard – Las Colinas PTA
- Michelle Bailey – Ted Polk PTA

GREAT JOB!

Membership reminders:

Submit Life Member Recipients from your PTA to membership@cfbpta.org by **Feb 29, 2012.**

Life Member Reception is April 11, 2012 at 7 pm in Perry Middle School Auditorium.

Clothes Closet

Sandra Bottomley

clothescloset@cfbpta.org



As of 2/6/2012: No. of families served: 117
Pounds of clothing: 3,389
Adults: 289 Children: 341 Av Family = 4.5 people.

My time as chair concludes with this school year. Serving in this position has been an honor, with the best rewards! It has made the work so worthwhile! I encourage each of you to consider taking this position. You'll have the support and commitment of the committee members and me! We can work together to continue serving the C-FB ISD families. CC also provides a terrific option for our youth seek-

ing volunteer opportunities in community services. Feel free to call me or email me to discuss your interest.

I hope to see you at the upcoming sorting and client days: February 24, March 19, March 23... See the calendar for times!

Thank you to all the terrific 'Clothes Closet Angels' making our community a better place to live in!

C-FBISD COUNCIL PTA: www.cfbpta.org

TEXAS PTA: www.txpta.org

AREA 16 PTA: www.areal6pta.org

NATIONAL PTA: www.pta.org



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



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

Parent Education Julie Nors 5th VP Parent Education parented@cfbpta.org

We are off to a great start in 2012! We have informative & educational opportunities to share with all C-FB families. Please help us by making copies & disseminating this information, available in both English & Spanish, at your campus/office and available for distribution to all students. (Flyers are on the table at the entry to the Boardroom and will be on the website at www.cfbpta.org)

All Elementary campuses: please send home a copy of the flyer in student weekly folders. Use the www.cfbpta.org hotlink in your e-news!

All campuses: please have these copies available at meetings where they may be visible for parents to access. Include this information on your web pages, display boards, newsletters, PTA meetings and personally invite anyone to join us for a learning opportunity to help students succeed in CFB.

As a reminder, Representatives from C-FB's Student & Family Services are available to meet one on one with families at their offices. Please contact Lorraine Lazcano or Zulema C. Martinez if you would like to refer a family from your campus.

Lorena Lorraine Lascano: Student and Family Services—Office: 972-968-6508 lazcanol@cfbisd.edu

Zulema C. Martinez: Student and Family Services— Office 972-968-6527 martinez@cfbisd.edu

Sharing this information with families will contribute to the educational success of all students!

C-FB Council PTA earned the Silver Award from Texas PTA for its 2010-2011 Parent Education Programming!!

Check out These Opportunities!

February 24—Chat with Charlebois @ 11:45 a.m.—Executive Director of Advanced Academic Services, Gerry Charlebois, will have a 'brown bag chat' 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! Bring your lunch.



Check out the IB news (International Baccalaureate) here: http://cfbportal.schoolwires.net/227020218143811593/lib/227020218143811593/IB_Newsletter_Jan_2012.pdf

February 25— Screening for GT students who reside in the district, but do not attend district schools. Proof of residency and student birth record are required. Contact Ruthe Houser to register at houserr@cfbisd.edu or call 972.968.4370

April 14—Spring Symposium on Gifted Issues presented by C-FB ISD AAS and C-FB AGT. Heart and Mind Matters. Keynote address “ If Our Child is So Smart, Why Aren't Our Lives Easier?” by Dr. Linda Silverman of the Gifted Development Center in Denver. Workshops for parents and sessions for students in grades K-5. Registration materials will be distributed to district students who are enrolled in ACE/Leap and available at www.cfbgifted.org

SCHOLARSHIPS for students who want to attend summer opportunities focusing on academic, artistic, leadership matters. Up to \$400/ student is offered by Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented—deadline March 1. See www.txgifted.org. C-FB AGT will offer scholarships for similar summer programs. Application information will be at www.cfbgifted.org

Treasurer

Lori Douglas

treasurer@cfbpta.org

Financial Report for 03 Jan to 10 Feb 2012

Attention Parents of
Pre-Schoolers

BALANCE Forward as of 03 January, 2012		\$ 40,913.91
INCOME		
Clothes Closet Donations	\$ 100.00	
Council Dues	75.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 175.00
EXPENSES		
Gently Used Book Sale - 3521-4,3526-7,3531,3533-4	\$ 754.82	
Local PTA Incentive/Piece of Cake - 3531	217.27	
Copies - 3519	6.94	
Newsletter - 3519	28.00	
Childcare - 3520	85.00	
Principals & Presidents Luncheon - 3528-9,3535	1,011.71	
Sales Tax - 3525	1,088.32	
Reflections - 3519,3532	495.98	
Treasurer - 3523	5.59	
Secretary - 3530	148.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$ 3,841.63
BALANCE as of 10 February, 2012		\$ 37,247.28

Janie Stark Elementary is hosting a meet and greet to share information about the Dual Language Program. Hear from Stark faculty and families!

Tuesday February 28 @ 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sally Derrick. 3000 Randy Lane, Farmers Branch. Call 214.629.8657 for more information. Casual!

FUSE News(Families United for Special Education) www.cfbfuse.com

Need some resources? Check out the website - here's what's coming up! See our website for more info!

February 23 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM - Team Building Through the ARD Process - Marie Huie Center 2115 Frankford Rd. Child care and Spanish interpretation available. RSVP to 972-968-5800 or email Joyce at tjosvoldj@cfbisd.edu Presenter is Rosario Ramon-Samandi - Consultant for Parent Coordination and Mental Health, Special Education, Region 10.

Kindergarten Round-Up/Down Syndrome Guild - February 25, 10 -11 a.m. 904 Abrams Rd. Richardson. Helping parents and educators prepare for this all-important transition. Panel of educators and parents will share helpful information.

February 27, 28, 29 - Autism Conference "Teaching Does Make a Difference" - NorthWood Church 1870 Rufe Snow Drive, Keller <http://featnt.org/home.php> 817-656-8150

School Success and Behavioral Interventions in Autism Spectrum Disorders - March 5-6 - Plano Centre 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano

Special Olympics Track and Field in C-FB ISD! March 28th 12th Annual Track and Field Meet! Standridge Stadium 9:30 am - 1:30 pm.

Kacie's Run! March 24th 8:30 a.m. STANDRIDGE !

[Www.cfbisd.edu/news-events/kacies-run/](http://www.cfbisd.edu/news-events/kacies-run/)

Arts in Education— Reflections Tricia Gamez-Stallings artsinedcfbpta.org

Thank you to ALL the Reflections chairs, parents, students, teachers, judges and other volunteers who made the Council Reflections Competition so successful. MANY creative students demonstrated their interpretations of our theme “Diversity Means.” The following students earned the **Award of Excellence and will advance to the next level! Congratulations to all!**

Arts Area	Grade	School PTA Name	Title of Work	First Name	Last Name
Dance Choreography	5	McCoy Elementary	TRUE COLORS	SARAH	JOHNSON
Film Production	3	McCoy Elementary	DIVERSITY ROCKS	KINZA	BARRISTER
Literature	3	Blanton ELM	The Circle and The Triangle	Anies	Sefidi
Literature	6	Ted Polk Middle School	Diversity Means	Iman	Cunningham
Literature	6	Ted Polk Middle School	Diversity Means	Sara	Brown
Literature	2	Thompson ELM	Me and My Best Friend	Jack	Nelson
Musical Composition	7	DeWitt Perry	Mosaic	Jason	Zhang
Musical Composition	1	McCoy Elementary	UNTITLED	ADITYA	GUPTA
Musical Composition	5	McCoy Elementary	YOU ARE YOUR OWN	ADEN	BLACK
Photography	3	Country Place	Making Friends	Lauryn	Brown
Photography	6	DeWitt Perry	Leaf Art	Megan	Hawkins
Photography	5	Rosemeade PTA	M and M	Melissa	Whitler
Visual Arts	7	DeWitt Perry	Diversity Creates Wonders	Sarah	Hong
Visual Arts	8	DeWitt Perry	Faces of Diversity	Caroline	Lee
Visual Arts	3	La Villita PTA	Diversity makes beautiful nature	Seojin	Yoon
Visual Arts	4	La Villita PTA	Unity, Peace, Hope, Happiness, Harmony, Love, Prosperity in Diversity	Reesha	Goes
Visual Arts	K	Las Colinas Elementary	Diversity Means different kinds of worlds shoes	Michelle	Chung
Visual Arts	1	Las Colinas Elementary	The Diversity of Eyes	Jaclyn	Mitchell
Visual Arts	2	Las Colinas Elementary	Celebrate and Embrace Cultures	Sofia	Caldera
Visual Arts	5	Las Colinas Elementary	Diversity Means	Rebecca	Chow
Visual Arts	2	McCoy Elementary	DIVERSITY MEANS VARIETY	COLEMAN	ANTHONY
Visual Arts	4	McCoy Elementary	NO DIVERSITY, NO PEACE	SPENCER	SMITH
Visual Arts	3	McCoy Elementary	SO MANY MEN, SO MANY EYES	PETER	CHOI
Visual Arts	5	McCoy Elementary	AROUND THE WORD: HANDS AND LANGUAGES	ELEANOR	DOWELL
Visual Arts	5	McCoy Elementary	YIN AND THE YANG OF PEOPLE	ELEANOR	DOWELL
Visual Arts	4	McKamy Elementary	Fruit bowl, flower land	Kathleen	Gieng
Visual Arts	4	Riverchase Elementary	Gaming	Eugene	Kim
Visual Arts	5	Riverchase Elementary	Diversity of Differences	Julie	Kim
Visual Arts	8	Ted Polk Middle School	Hidden Soul	Victoria	Bobadilla

Arts in Education REFLECTIONS

Tricia Gamez-Stallings artsined@cfbpta.org

The following students earned the Award of Merit! The complete awards list will be on the Council website at www.cfbpta.org

Arts Area	Grade	School PTA Name	Title of Work	First Name	Last Name
Dance	3	Las Colinas Elementary	Dancers	Stacy	Ibarra-Aguillon
Dance Choreography	5	E.L. Kent Elementary	True Colors	Hailey	Gove
Film Production	4	La Villita PTA	DiversoPentaSquad	Aayush	Singh
Literature	5	E.L Kent ELM	Ivy: The Flower Club was Different in a Beautiful Way	Riley	Carlin
Literature	3	La Villita EIM	Diversity is you!	Margo	Triana
Literature	4	La Villita EIM	Diversity means?	Aayush	Singh
Literature	5	McCoy Elementary	Celebrate Your Difference	Aden	Black
Literature	5	Riverchase ELM	Diversity	Ashley	Freeman
Literature	5	Riverchase ELM	The World's People	Christine	Zacual
Literature	5	Riverchase ELM	Our Cultures, Awesome Colors	Nibitika	Khadka
Literature	6	Dewitt Perry MS	Diversity	Angela	Madira
Literature	8	Dewitt Perry MS	Jellybeans	Mindy	Chi
Literature	6	Dewitt Perry MS	My One Flower	Keeana	Esmaceli
Literature	7	Dewitt Perry MS	Texas	David	Hoyt
Literature	7	Dewitt Perry MS	Monster-sity	Sarah	McClure
Literature	6	Dewitt Perry MS	Acceptance	Rohini	Kallianpur
Literature	6	Ted Polk MS	Diversity Heans to Me	Natasha	Duke
Literature	6	Ted Polk MS	UNIQUE	Jasmyne	Adams
Literature	6	Ted Polk MS	HOPE	Shadler	Nguyen
Literature	6	Ted Polk MS	Take Another Look	Olivia	Hahn
Literature	10	Ranchview High School	A Heart Can Not Forget	Alyssia	Ginn
Musical Composition	5	La Villita PTA	Uniquely Unique	Kimberly	Ndegwa
Musical Composition	2	McCoy Elementary	DIVERSITY MEANS ... HAPPY WORLD	EESHA	NAYAK
Musical Composition	4	McCoy Elementary	DIVERSITY MEANS ... UNIQUENESS FOREVER + EVER	VARSHA	DANDA
Musical Composition	5	McKamy Elementary	Look Around	Marissa	Guerrero
Musical Composition	4	Tom Landry Elementary	It explains how its different.	Avery	Wiktor

Arts in Education REFLECTIONS

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The following students earned the Award of Merit! The complete awards list will be on the Council website at www.cfbpta.org

Photography	4	Country Place	Cool Friends	John	Gleinser
Photography	4	Country Place	Hanging Out With Friends!	Andie	Seeley
Photography	3	McCoy Elementary	COLOR IN A BOX	SARAH	SHEPHERD
Photography	5	Rosemeade PTA	Flowers	Haley	Blythe
Photography	12	Creekview High School PTSA	The Individual	Marin	Helpie-schmeider
Visual Arts	5	Carrollton Elementary PTA	Hand Deversity	Yadira	Avelar
Visual Arts	K	E. L Kent Elementary	Diversity is Awesome	Catalina	May
Visual Arts	5	E. L Kent Elementary	Many Different Creatures of God	Christian	Lim
Visual Arts	4	Freeman Elementary	The Natural Village	Tausiful	Hoque
Visual Arts	2	Good Elementary	The Beautiful World	Hazel	Torres
Visual Arts	K	Good Elementary	We can be One	Ian	Byington
Visual Arts	2	La Villita PTA	Sharks and Fish	Devna	Cherukura
Visual Arts	3	La Villita PTA	Does it matter if we are black or white?	Oscar	Goes
Visual Arts	4	La Villita PTA	Diversity means all different and all the same	Suli	Kim
Visual Arts	K	Las Colinas Elementary	Diversity Means	Yuna	Song
Visual Arts	K	McCoy Elementary	FOOD OF AROUND THE WORLD	MABEL	DOWELL
Visual Arts	3	McCoy Elementary	FAMILY SQUARES	SARAH	SHEPHERD
Visual Arts	3	McCoy Elementary	OUR WORLD	THIBAUT	TAGNON
Visual Arts	2	Riverchase Elementary	Different Flowers	Pari	Dhawan
Visual Arts	6	DeWitt Perry	Butterflies on a Tree	Clotilde	Tagnon
Visual Arts	6	DeWitt Perry	One Small Big World	Clotilde	Tagnon
Visual Arts	8	Ted Polk Middle School PTA	Equal in Different Ways	Shepherd	Dzvetero
Visual Arts	8	Ted Polk Middle School PTA	We Remember	Richard	Seloff
Visual Arts	8	Ted Polk Middle School PTA	Universal Twist	Ola	Ohuoha
Visual Arts	6	Ted Polk Middle School PTA	Stand Out	Mohdessa	Master
Visual Arts	7	Vivian Field Middle School PTA	Community of Gumballs	Amber	Phillips
Visual Arts	10	Creekview High School PTSA	Vari	Jessica	Zumaya
Visual Arts	9	Ranchview High School	The Chamelean	Tori	Lawrence
Visual Arts	11	Ranchview High School	Masquerade	Rachel	Wallace
Visual Arts	12	Ranchview High School	The Blossom of Sunflowers!	Dominique	Greer
Visual Arts	10	Ranchview High School	Milky Way	Jung-Min	Kim
Visual Arts	10	Ranchview High School	Evolution	Addison	Tran
Visual Arts	11	Ranchview High School	The Blue Lady	Krysten	Demster
Visual Arts	9	Ranchview High School	Diversity is Freedom	Hayoun	Chung
Visual Arts	11	Ranchview High School	Beautiful Diversity	ShyAndrea	Jackson

1s VP/Aide

Linda Villemarette

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Texas PTA Webinars on STAAR

A STAAR is Born Webinars

Sign up Online!

<http://www.txpta.org/legislative>

March 5 @ 7:30 pm

March 19 @ 7:30 pm

March 20 @ 10:30 am

March 21 @ 12:00 pm

**Piece of Cake !!**

The following school PTA's worked extra hard during the first semester and met the criteria to join Dr. Burns for lunch January 18th!

Janie Stark—Sally Derrick
Blanton—Deborah Gates
Barbara Bush—Diane Dobis
Creekview—Leigh Huseman
Smith—Beth Malouf
Thompson—Stephany Damien
Country Place—Deborah Bolden
Turner—Judy Meine
Rosemeade—Anne Yarbrough
Kent—Julie Nors

Blalack—Baby Raley
Good—Tara Hrbacek

Everyone enjoyed great food and conversation in Downtown Carrollton's Broadway Bistro.

Many 'thanks' to Joseph and Leticia Cuellar for their awesome service.

As a special treat, they held a drawing for a nice Valentine's dinner and the winner was.... Julie Nors!

VSP (Very Special Thanks) to Dr. Burns for sharing his time and being our special "prize"!

Keep working toward meeting your goals. Celebrate with a Piece of Cake in May!

Want to Make Your PTA Stronger?

Do you want to become a better leader?

Learn from the comfort of your own home through computer-based learning presented by National PTA. Complete information is at: http://www.pta.org/leadership_training.asp There are hotlinks for logon, you'll need your logon from your PTA membership card

For example:

Leadership Fundamentals:

Conflict Management—Uses simulated real-life situations and provides immediate feedback and expert advice

Ethical Leadership—Accomplish your goals with fairness and integrity

Grant Writing—Learn the basics of a great grant!

Parliamentary Procedure—Learn how rules of conduct positively affect PTA decision-making.

Planning and Goal Setting—Use a 5-step process from Franklin-Covey! This course contains printable tools and exercises to achieve your goals

Planning Your PTA Year—Tips on keeping volunteers motivated by putting an achievable plan together

Diversity - Cultural Competency—Cultural awareness and building relationships across cultures.

Advocacy - Effective Advocacy for Your Child— Organize around local issues and address them to benefit for your students and

Volunteers

Teresa Oostenbrug

volunteers@cfbpta.org

You'll notice that LOTS of volunteers have been serving on behalf of high achievement for all students! WOW!

Reflections! Gently Used Book Sale! Awesome life members! The super Clothes Closet ! Did you attend the Principals and Presidents Luncheon? Amazing transformation of the TLC to a cruise ship, complete with world-class service! These efforts exemplify that it truly "takes a village!" Often we start volunteering in elementary school to help our kids and teachers and then we continue volunteering because we become friends and meet other terrific parents in Middle School and High School! Keep it up!

**Earth Day 2012 - Sunday April 22nd
Ideas for Elementary, Middle and High School Students
in CFBISD**

Ideas to tailor to your specific school

Since Earth Day is on a Sunday this year your Council Environmental Chair has come up with ideas celebrating the whole week and some ideas for just a day, etc. depending on what your school and Principal want to do.

Elementary:

If your school has a garden, see if parents and teachers/admin would be interested in getting it ready for planting/weeding/etc

Also if your school has a garden and you have not started a compost program, that would be something to do. Also see if you can plant a tree or plant a flowerbed on campus.

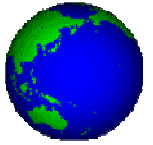
Whole Week Activities:

- Each day of the week is a color: for instance,
- Monday is Wear Green for the green grass/plants/trees
- Tuesday is Wear Blue for Water
- Wednesday is Wear Yellow for Sunshine
- Thursday is Wear Brown for soil/dirt
- Friday school spirit in support of Earth Day

Elementary/Middle/High Schools

- Have one day:
- “Walk to school Day”
- “Fly A Kite Day”

Have a contest of some sort and have the theme be Water Conservation/Ideas to battle the Drought in our neighborhoods/schools – again this is on a school by school basis – so fit it to your school



Maybe host a “rally” in the gym and have someone from your city (Carrollton, Dallas, Irving, Coppell) come talk to the kids about environment programs in the community.

The City of Dallas is hosting a two day event and the website is www.earthdaydallas.org

Also Remember: Carrollton and surrounding areas are still in various Stages of Water Restrictions, it is important to remember these water conservation tips:

- Only Water on your specific days
- Try and do full loads of laundry and dirty dishes
- Turn off water while brushing your teeth
- Try and keep showers to five minutes
- And with Spring just around the corner, when looking for plants to landscape with, think drought tolerant

Upcoming community events to keep an eye out for:

April 14th is Don't Mess With Texas Day and I know Carrollton is planning some events including E-cycle, graffiti and trash cleanup as well as a clothes swap.

NOTES



CFB Council Meetings, Events and Training Opportunities

February 22 - April 18, 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Feb 22	Council Board Meeting	8:30 AM	Admin-Rm 4
	Council-Grading Procedures Update – Dr..Maher	9:45 AM	Board Room
	Presidents Meeting	11:10 AM	Admin-Rm 4
Feb 23 & 24	Gently Used Book Sale	10 AM—9 PM	Marsh Lane & Trinity Mills
Feb 23	Parent Education—Basic Steps to cover when talking to your kids about sex	11:30 AM– 1:00 PM (lunch provided)	CLC, Building B 1820 Pearl St
Feb 24	Clothes Closet—Client Day	10:30 AM– 12:30 PM	Standridge Stadium
Feb 24-26	Texas PTA Annual Convention		Westin Galleria—Houston
Feb 25	Gently Used Book Sale	10 AM—7 PM	Marsh Lane & Trinity Mills
Feb 26	Gently Used Book Sale	Noon—6 PM	Marsh Lane & Trinity Mills
Mar 1	Healthy Kids & Healthy Bodies	11:30 AM– 1:00 PM (lunch provided)	CLC, Building B 1820 Pearl St
Mar 1	School Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Board Room
Mar 8	Ways to Reduce Stress and Anger within the Family	11:30 AM– 1:00 PM (lunch provided)	CLC, Building B 1820 Pearl St
Mar 15	Membership Dues to Texas PTA!		
Mar 19	Clothes Closet—Sorting—No Clients	5:30—7:30 PM	Standridge Stadium
Mar 22	Staying Healthy on the Inside	11:30 AM– 1:00 PM (lunch provided)	CLC, Building B 1820 Pearl St
Mar 23	Clothes Closet—Client Day	10:30 AM– 12:30 PM	Standridge Stadium
Mar 24	Kacie's Run	8:30 AM	Standridge Stadium
Mar 28	Special Olympics Track & Field	9:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Standridge Stadium
Mar 29	Community Resources for Families	11:30 AM– 1:00 PM (lunch provided)	CLC, Building B 1820 Pearl St
April 4	Life Member Celebration and Reception	7 PM	DeWitt Perry Middle School
April 5	Deadline for Historian Book Entries—Area 16	See Area 16 newsletter on Area 16 website	
April 5	School Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Board Room
April 5	Keeping our Family Safe Online	11:30 AM– 1:00 PM	CLC, Building B 1820 Pearl St.
April 18	Council Board Meeting	8:30 AM	Admin-Rm 4
	VENDOR FAIR	9:00 AM– 1:00 PM	
	Presidents Meeting	9:45 AM	Admin-Rm 4

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