

Garden Oaks Elementary News from Principal Pollock

THE EAGLE'S NEST

February 22, 2010

BIG Announcement from HISD!

As you may have already heard, we received news at the school last week that Garden Oaks Elementary will become and all Montessori campus with an emphasis on Environmental Sciences. The transition process will begin this coming fall 2010-11. This decision comes following news that HISD is applying for a Federal Magnet Assistance Grant. Potential funding for this project could amount to \$2M - \$3M for Garden Oaks Elementary. The opportunity to create a world-class program here at Garden Oaks is our charge. Of course there are many changes in store as we prepare to embark on this adventure together!

There will be a parent information session Tuesday, Feb 23rd at 6pm. There will be many more ahead. Please join us for this important meeting.

ESL and Parenting Classes to continue on Saturdays!

Ms. Reescano, GCSW Social Work Intern, is teaching free ESL classes right here at Garden Oaks Elementary! Classes are held every Saturday from 8:00am – 11:00 followed by parenting classes from 11:30am – 1pm. Every Tuesday, she also leads Parenting classes from 8am – 9am and will cover a wide array of topics.

Head Lice!

Head lice are no fun, especially if you are the one with the bugs! We are doing all we can to eradicate head lice from our classrooms. If your child is sent home with head lice, remember the nurse **MUST** check your child before they return to class. You will also need to treat **EVERYTHING** at home that has come in contact with your child's head. This means, pillow, blankets, clothing, carpet, car seats and

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hairbrushes. Remind your children **NOT** to share jackets or brushes at school. If you need more information, please see Nurse Chapin.

4th Grade TAKS Writing Test Around the Corner!

Fourth Grade will be taking the Writing TAKS test on **March 3rd**. Remember that on test days, *no visitors are allowed on campus due to required security.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! School Involvement Committees

Volunteers are needed to assist with a number of projects:

- Grant writing and Fundraising
- Environmental Sciences
- Technology support and implementation
- Library upgrade and remodeling
- Campus beautification projects to support student learning such as tree house, gazebo, and gardens

If you are interested in chairing one of these or other projects, please see me right away to meet and plan for committees!

Calendar Updates!

Monday Feb 22 – 26th AMS National Montessori Awareness Week

Tuesday, Feb 23rd – Parent Meeting 6pm
What is the Magnet Assistance Grant?

Friday, Feb 26th – Parent Breakfast with Ms. Pollock 8:15am. “What is Montessori Education?” Guest speaker to present

Friday, Feb 26th - Go TEXAN Day!
Saturday, Feb 27th

ESL Classes 8am – 11am

Parenting classes 11:30 – 1pm

from the desk of Ms. Pollock, Principal Garden Oaks Elementary
“Soaring to Exemplary!”