

Rennell RedHawks PTO

Ready to Rock



Keep up to date. Like us on Facebook at Rennell Elementary PTO & visit our website www.rennellpto.com.

Friday, November 18, 2011

President's Note

Dear RedHawk Families-

The school year is really flying by! We are so excited with everything going on this year and with the tremendous support we receive from our volunteers! Junior Achievement began this month, and our third, fourth, and fifth graders have been excited to have parent volunteers come in and teach about aspects of Our City, Our Region, and Our Nation. Be sure to ask your older RedHawks what they are learning each week! Our Kindergarten, First and Second graders will enjoy this program in the spring.

We value input from all of our PTO members. We invite you to attend any of our Board Meetings. The Executive Board meets on the last Monday of the month at 1:30 pm in the Kiva, in the library. Please come and find out the many ways the PTO is involved in the school!

RedHawks Rising High!
Molly Speciale
PTO President

Minor Fundraising

Holiday Shop is coming up December 5 - 8. The kids have a great time picking out gifts for their loved ones, but we need a lot of volunteers to make this possible.

During Holiday Shop time, kids will come into "the shop" after they have eaten lunch. A volunteer will look at their price sheet, which tells who they are buying for and how much they have to spend. The volunteer and the child will walk around the room looking at the gifts available. The child will pick out what they would like to buy for each person on their list. Then the items will be put into a Holiday Sack and a label will be put on it, so the child only has to take it home and it is ready to give.

Please email rennellfundraising@gmail.com if you are available to help out.

Thank you,
Mary Skirm

Curriculum Support

Did you know...The PTO books and sponsors artistic and educational performances for every student at Rennell?

On Sept 19th, the performances for Kinder and 1st graders were "A Bucket Full of Insects" by Nitsana Lazerus, a Houston puppeteer with over 150 puppets! She staged the "Bugs" performance singlehandedly with much laughter and taught scientific vocabulary words and facts connected to the world of bugs!

On Oct 20th, the 4th and 5th graders enjoyed "Voices from the Past: Harriet Tubman" by Hope Shiver, a professor and opera singer, and David Keepman, the music man! The kids took a musical ride on the Underground Railroad to meet the heroic Harriet Tubman, and learn of her early experiences as a slave.

In Feb, 2012, the 2nd and 3rd graders will learn about the evolution of dance from Soul Street's "Taking It to the Streets"! These energetic performers will demonstrate their varied styles and discuss the distinctive features and origins of each dance. Can't wait!!

Yearbooks

Yearbook sales will begin in January. Order forms will go home at the start of the month.

Share your RedHawk Photos! The yearbook is now offering a **Community Upload** for photos. If you have some pictures of your child or group photos from different events, please upload them on to this site so we can have lots of photos to choose from. The website is www.community.lifetouch.com. The access code for Rennell is ULBCLA.

VIPS

Happy Holiday Volunteers! We hope you are looking forward to the upcoming opportunities to volunteer.

Grandparents Day December 14
Holiday Party December 20

We would like to thank you for everything you have done for Rennell this fall by hosting a Volunteer appreciation Breakfast on December 14 at 9:15AM. We hope you can join us.

Remember to log your hours as this helps our school get assistance if necessary.

Our volunteer of the month is **Denise Cox!**

Curriculum Support

Ms Keri Lenard, your art teacher at Rennell is a wonder! She and the 5th graders will be creating a sculpture out of wood, hangers, and knee high hose for the February art show! That's right! All we need are a few volunteer parents and grandparents on Jan 4th for a 30-minute training session and 5-6 volunteers on Jan 5, 6, 10, and 13. This is just for a few hours and the 5th graders will love to see you work a hot glue gun! Contact Liz at 713.498.7986 to schedule or for more info.

5th Grade Activities

T-shirts!! T-shirts!! T-shirts!! Have you ordered your child his or her 5th grade t-shirt yet? If not, you need to return your order form and payment of \$10 to your child's teacher on Monday, November 28th when we return from the Thanksgiving holidays. Remember checks are to be made payable to Rennell PTO.

There's still plenty of room for more volunteers. If you have not already turned in your blue form to join the parent database, and you would like to join, please send your name, your child's name and teacher, as well as your email address to Staci Perrin at stacijennifer@sbcglobal.net.

Box Tops & Tyson Labels

Thank you all for all the Box Tops that you turned in! Mrs. Buentello's 3rd Grade Class won the contest for the most Box Tops! We were able to send it \$990 worth in the mail. Come December, Rennell will be receiving a check for \$1,338. This counts some Box Tops that were sent in at the end of the year last year and bonus Box Tops earned on line. Feel free to check out www.boxtops4education.com to see how you can help us earn bonus Box Tops. Please keep cutting those Box Tops off of all the items.

This month we want to switch gears a little with our contest. We would like to see how much money we can earn from the Tyson labels. Each of these labels is worth \$0.24 that is \$0.14 more than the Box Tops. The class that turns in the most Tyson labels will win a popcorn party. The contest ends on December 15th. They come on many of the appetizers that Tyson sells and with the holiday party season on us I am sure you will be ripping open a few of these bags. Please keep the top part of the bag that you rip off and send it in a Ziploc bag with your child's name and teacher's name. Thanks for all your support and let's keep on earning!

Make plans to attend the Rennell Chuck E Cheese Spirit Night on Wednesday, Nov. 30!

Keep up to date. Like us on Facebook at Rennell Elementary PTO & visit our website www.rennellpto.com.