



# Curtsinger Courier

AN EXEMPLARY SCHOOL — ANGIE BORGARELLO, PRINCIPAL

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## PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Curtsinger Families,

What an honor to work with the students, teachers, parents, and community of Curtsinger Elementary! The school year is well under way and every classroom has transformed into a learning laboratory. Students are challenged and productive, as teachers are facilitating engaging lessons in each subject area.

We began a new tradition this year! You may have observed beautiful, blue balloons flying high atop Frisco skies during the first week of school. We celebrated our Blue Ribbon honor by releasing one balloon per staff member. The students enjoyed the ceremony and it was a crowd pleaser. Expect this tradition to become part of our culture for many years to come. Thank you to PTA for the purchase of the helium tank and the blue balloons!

Thank you for being an integral partner in Curtsinger's tradition of excellence and pride. It is powerful, and you are to be commended. I look forward to seeing your children each day at school. When they are happy and learning, I am pleased....

Best Wishes,  
Angie Borgarello  
Principal



A New Blue Tradition! Curtsinger teachers, staff, students, and parents enjoyed a beautiful blue balloon release to commemorate Curtsinger's Blue Ribbon School distinction.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### September 2009

- 21st -26th Book Fair
- 24th Donuts with Dads 6:20 am
- 28th Coffee with the Counselor 9-10 am "Dealing with ADD/ ADHD"
- 29th School Pictures & Author Jarrett J. Krosoczka at Curtsinger Frisco Reads 4:30-6:30 LHS
- WatchDOGS Pizza Party Kickoff 6:30-7:30 pm

### October 2009

- 2nd Spirit Assembly 2:15
- 7th National Walk to School Day & American Red Cross Blood Drive
- 9th Football Tournament 9:00
- 12th Parent/Teacher conferences 10-6 PTA Board 6:30pm
- 13th Frisco Fire Clowns and Fire Dept.
- 14th Peter Piper Pizza 5-9 pm
- 16th Spirit Assembly 2:15
- 19th-23rd National Red Ribbon Week
- 19th General PTA Meeting with Critterman around the world critters & Kindergarten to the Pumpkin Patch
- 20th Coffee with the Counselor 9-10 am "Pick Up Your Socks" Health Screening for 1st,3rd & 5th Grade
- 23rd End of nine weeks.
- 26th Eddie Coker -"Just Say No"
- 30th Mother Goose visits Kindergarten Spirit Assembly 2:15
- 31st Foundation Fun Run 7-10am

# THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PTA PRESIDENT



We are off to a great start and so fortunate to have such a terrific group of parents & faculty for our children. The PTA Board is working hard to bring back all of the programs you depend on as well as many new events and activities.

**PTA WEBSITE** – We heard you on the surveys and know you need reminders to get the information you need which is always posted on the website. From the PTA financial status to information on everything going from programs to the Boosterthon fund raiser. We promise to remind you through the weekly checklist, emails and the newsletter and hope that you will keep yourself updated by getting in the habit to go to it a couple of times a month to stay informed. [www.curtsingerpta.org](http://www.curtsingerpta.org)

**WATCH D.O.G.S.** – Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 29, when we will have the Pizza Party Kick Off and Sign Ups for Watch D.O.G.S. If you are new to the school, this is a program where the Dads sign up for a day to be on campus as an assistant to the school. They help with drop offs, work the lunches and assist teachers in a grade other than the ones where their children are (distracting for the kids) for projects, reading partners or any other duties as needed. This outstanding program started in Arkansas and has quickly moved throughout the country. Our dads last year were surveyed at the end of the day and were overwhelmingly delighted to be able to be a part of the school activities in a needed way where many felt they had made a difference as a mentor to some and assistant to others. So dads and their children are invited to the school on the 29th for pizza and will be informed of more details, have a calendar and be able to sign up for a day of their choice to participate.

**Boosterthon Fund Raiser** - You gave us your input on Fund Raising activities and we listened! Instead of selling product we have an incredible program that involves the children having a focus on fitness and character growth. It's going to be next month and in order to have the funds that bring the great programs like Eddie Coker next month, we need your participation!

We are always available to work for the needs of our school. If you need anything, have an idea, wish to be more involved, or just want to offer a comment – please contact your PTA Board. Through the website or contact me directly.



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## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Beginning Balance**  
\$50,028.60

**Income**  
\$19,665.21

**Expenses**  
\$13,182.50

**Ending Balance as of 9/14/09**  
\$56,511.31

**Let me know if you have any questions.**

**Jonelle Conom**

## Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer

Anything from coming up to school for various duties or activities to cutting out shapes and/or letters in the comfort of your own home.

There is no job too big or too small.

\*\*Remember to fill out the Fisd background check authorization online at <https://volunteer.friscoisd.org/>.

# SPECIAL PTA COMMITTEES

## MEMBERSHIP



Don't let another day pass you by!

Our PTA Membership Drive is wrapping up, and we don't want you to miss it. Parents, students and teachers all win when you join the PTA.

Joining the PTA allows you to become part of the largest child-advocacy organization in the state!

It's your opportunity to have input in policy issues affecting our children. Together we have a stronger voice! It's also the best way to stay informed and involved in your child's education. It's a great way to share common concerns with other parents as well as participate in many volunteer opportunities. You also become eligible for many special savings and discounts.

Our mission is to have every child at Curtsinger represented in the PTA. Studies show that membership gives your child a greater chance of achieving at school. Your membership also helps us sponsor many educational and fun daytime and evening programs. Some of these include the Firefighter Clowns Safety Program, Mother Goose, KidProv-Math & Higher Level Thinking, Ballet Ollimapaxqui, Book Fairs and much more!

Your membership also allows us to help our teachers by providing them with much needed classroom supplies and staff appreciation events. The PTA provides teachers with parent volunteers and helps build partnerships between parents and teachers.

Lastly, every PTA member will receive a Curtsinger Student Directory to help you and your kids stay connected with others throughout the year. So don't wait another moment to make Curtsinger the best that it can be! Join the PTA now!

Membership forms can be found online at [www.curtsingerpta.org](http://www.curtsingerpta.org) or in the front office. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Thanks for your support and for making this a great year for our kids!

Maria Cordova  
Membership Chair  
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## 1ST VP DAYTIME PROGRAMS



PTA funds provide the students with several daytime programs throughout the year. This year we will bring programs that deal with diversity, saying no to drugs, bullying, fire safety, science, literature, and math.

Our first daytime program is provided by the Morris Brothers and deals with the subject of Bullying. The Morris Brothers came to Curtsinger on September 16th to kick off the school year. The program was called Bully Busters. Their show helped teach the students how to identify and effectively deal with bullying. Students learned what to do if you are being bullied or if someone around you is being bullied. They learned how to be accepting of others and their viewpoints while building empathy for others.

The Fire Clowns from the Frisco Fire Department will be coming to our school on October 13th to discuss fire safety with the entire student body. During Red Ribbon Week, Eddie Coker will come and give



an entertaining show about just saying no to drugs. He comes to our campus on Monday, October 26th for two performances. Mother Goose will be delighting the Kindergartners on October 30th.

Mary Phillips



Morris Brothers program "Bully Busters".

# SPECIAL PTA COMMITTEES

## FUNDRAISING



Attention all Curtsinger Students and Parents: We are so excited to announce that we are bringing a NEW, FUN, and EASY fundraiser to

Curtsinger! The Boosterthon Fun Run program provides a healthy alternative to traditional product sales to raise much-needed funds for our school. The program promotes three specific values during the two-week fun-filled program: Fitness, Education, and Character. Beginning November 9, our own special Boosterthon Fun Run Team will be kicking off our event and firing up the students for what will be a very enthusiastic 8 days at Curtsinger. Briefly, your student will be asking for pledges for a Fun Run that will take place at our school during the morning of November 18. Depending on how many laps they run (1/16 of a mile = 1 lap, maximum 35 laps) will determine how much money they will collect. This is a tried and true fundraiser at other Frisco ISD elementary schools and we just KNOW it was made for us here at Curtsinger! So, get ready to stretch those legs and make those calls!! More information coming in October...

This year's character lesson theme is "STAND UP"

Serve one another

Take time to read

Ask great questions

Never give up

Discover your talents

Jennifer Eckert - Fundraising Chair

Sarah McArdle -Co Chair



## EVENING PROGRAMS

### Groovy New Principal = Groovy New PTA Meetings

Get ready for a fun filled year! All of our PTA meetings and programs will be a groovy little party! Groovy new principal = Groovy New PTA meetings! We will be having drawings for door prizes at all meetings.... You never know what you might get.

Any family that brings in a bag with at box tops/labels will get an extra entry in the drawing for the night. All PTA Meetings will start at 6:30 this year to make it easier for more families to attend.

The exception is Popsicles with the Principal that begins at 6:00. We will share more information, as we get closer to the dates. Please watch your Thursday folders as well as your PTA Websites.



- Sept 21st .....General PTA Meeting/Popsicles with the Principal / Dennis Lee and the Funky Monkey Bunch
- Oct 19th .....General PTA Meeting / Critterman around the world critters
- Jan 11th.....General PTA Meeting / Brenda Bird / Team Impact
- Feb 22nd.....General PTA Meeting / 3rd Grade Musical
- March 26th.....General PTA Meeting / Spring Dance
- April 19th.....General PTA Meeting / 1st Grade Musical
- May 17th.....General PTA Meeting / Talent Show

Please feel free to e-mail me with any questions, Thank You  
Angel Hehner  
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**In honor of the passing of Mrs. Salzman's father, the PTA has organized a scholarship in his memory. The scholarship will benefit a former Curtsinger student graduating from Centennial each year. Your donation will help a student with their expenses for college. Any donation in any size will be greatly appreciated and the ultimate honor to the life of this gentleman who intended to assist our children in crossing the street on school days.**

**Frisco Education Foundation  
P.O. Box 567  
Frisco, TX 75034**

**Donations are to be made out to the Frisco Education Foundation in the name of the Robert O'Connor Memorial Scholarship.**

<http://www.friscoisd.org/community/FEF/index.htm>

## BOOK FAIR

**A HUGE heartfelt THANK YOU to all our WONDERFUL volunteers who helped decorate for the Book Fair and helped to make it run so smoothly during the Fair. We couldn't have done it without you! We'll have a full report on the fair (including sponsors) in the next PTA newsletter--watch for it!**

**Donuts with Dads is tomorrow morning starting at 6:20 am.**

**Mark your calendar for the Spring Fair! February 22nd-27th!  
Decorating Week is February 15th-19th!  
It's a "Diner" theme...should be fun.**

## ARTS IN EDUCATION

### REFLECTIONS - "BEAUTY IS...."



**\*\* Artists \*\* Writers \*\*\* Photographers \*\*\* Dancers \*\*\* Musicians \*\* Filmmakers \*\***

What does beauty mean to you? This is a chance to express yourself through your art; and there are no wrong answers!

WE WANT YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN PTA'S REFLECTIONS PROGRAM. Write a story! Take a picture! Paint a masterpiece! Make up a dance! Film a movie! Compose some music! Get busy creating! OCTOBER 23RD is only weeks away!

PARENTS,

Students can create as many entries as they like, at home or at school, in as many categories as they like. The categories are Visual Arts, Literature, Musical Composition, Film/Video Production, Dance Choreography, and Photography.

The Rules for each category can be found on the front page of the PTA website ([www.curtsingerpta.org](http://www.curtsingerpta.org)).

\*\*\*All entries are due, with a completed and SIGNED entry form for EACH entry, no later than OCTOBER 23RD.\*\*\*  
Make sure each entry is properly matted according to the rules of each category ([www.curtsingerpta.org](http://www.curtsingerpta.org)).

Questions?

Contact Karen Dodson

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# BOX TOPS AND LABELS FOR EDUCATION

## WE ALL DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



### FIND, CLIP, SAVE ~~~ EVERYONE WINS

I am very excited to be in this role this year. The kids are so excited to be a part of giving back to Curtsinger and have such a sense of pride and ownership in their efforts. It is those reactions and expressions of pride that we are trying to focus on this year and are really trying use to empower the students with. To let them see that they can make a difference... it's not just the adults that can raise money for the school, find the products or recycle for the earth.

There are several programs this year that will provide plenty of opportunities for all of us to give back to Curtsinger.

~ **Box Tops Clip n save** – make sure you are saving the box top that says “official coupon” from your packages There are MANY brand names that support Box Tops and carry them on their products. It can be a fun family game... like a scavenger hunt to see who can find the most in the pantry. For a complete list please make sure to visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) There is also a link on our PTA Website



~ **Box Tops Marketplace** – next time you need to shop online log on through [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and do your online shopping through there and earn up to 15% of your purchase back to our school!



~ **Campbell's Labels for Education** – make sure you are saving both UPC code and the Labels for Education (LFE) symbol when you send them in. On Prego and V8 products you only have to send in the lids. Gold fish it is only the UPC~ Tyson Project A+ - we need to send in the entire box flap or bag top for this one



~ **Community Coffee /Private Select** – Save the UPC from the Community Coffee products like coffee, tea, sugar, creamer and filters. If your office uses the bulk community coffee in the big boxes we get more points for those!



Ingredients for life..

~ **Tom Thumb Good Neighbor** – Be sure to turn in your form to link your Tom Thumb card to Curtsinger so that every time you shop a portion of the proceeds comes back to our school.

~ **Juice Pouch Brigade** – We just introduced this program this year. The kids are putting the juice pouches they bring for lunch in the special “Curtsinger Pouch Can”. Any Juice Pouch will do. The only rule is that they have to be one of the soft juice pouches... no cardboard juice “boxes”. The response has been overwhelming. The kids are collecting up to 125 on some days! Please save these at home as well. Just keep them in a big zip loc back with your child's name inside. You do not even have to clean them out.



Once you have all of these collected it is VERY IMPORTANT that you put your child's name, grade and teachers name on a piece of paper INSIDE THE BAG. There were several bags of box tops turned in that didn't have names on them, or where the names had rubbed off. I want to make sure all the students get credit for their hard work. You do not even have to trim them I will take care of that for the kids. We will have a very exciting year full of contests and more importantly a YEAR FULL OF WINNERS!

Please don't hesitate to e-mail me with any questions

Thank You,  
Angel Hehner  
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## NOTES FROM THE NURSES

Welcome back to school. Remember to keep us informed of any changes to your contact information throughout the year.

Let us know of new medications or any new medical conditions. When you call in your child's absence, please be specific about what is wrong, especially if they've been to the doctor and diagnosed with strep, flu, mono or chicken pox etc.

We will be health screening for grades 1, 3, and 5 Tuesday, October 20th. This will include: height, weight, vision, hearing, quick dental cavity check, and AN (acanthosis nigricans – a physical finding that may indicate the potential for diabetes in the future). Please remind your children to have their glasses or contacts with them on that day. We will also screen Kindergartners for the above, except for AN, on a class by class basis through October. You will only be contacted if there are any concerns with our findings. We also usually recheck them before contacting you and referring them to a physician.

Please see the letter below that was sent out from Frisco ISD regarding the school and the flu this season.

Dear Frisco ISD Parents:

We are starting to receive reports of flu cases among students in the Frisco ISD. Because it does not appear that tests are being routinely sent to labs by doctors to confirm H1N1 (swine flu), we cannot make clear distinctions about what type of flu a student may have. The protocols and prevention measures are the same no matter the strain. Please make sure that you have read the letter that we have sent to you and placed on our website regarding healthy habits. We will not send a notice each time we hear of a student having flu-like symptoms or the flu, but we ask that you keep aware and promote good hand hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette and keep students who are sick at home. If we see a spike or a large number of illnesses within a class, we will notify parents. We may see more absences because parents and students are more aware and are staying home when sick. Thank you as always for your support of your school and your student.

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[www.friscoisd.org](http://www.friscoisd.org)

[www.friscoisd.org/news/HealthReminderstoParents.htm](http://www.friscoisd.org/news/HealthReminderstoParents.htm)

For information regarding medication, illness and immunization policies, as well as our current newsletter and helpful websites with health information, please visit our website:

[www.teacherweb.com/TX/CurtsingerElementary/Nurses/uhf0.stm](http://www.teacherweb.com/TX/CurtsingerElementary/Nurses/uhf0.stm)

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## COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Hello Curtsinger Families! It has been a wonderful start to a new school year. I am happy to have the privilege to work at such an amazing school. We are just finishing College Week and it has been a huge success! When you are here, check out the bulletin board that displays where all of the staff attended college. Thank you for decorating the pennants as a family and

sending those back, they are also hanging up for all to enjoy.

Thanks also to all who helped make our first Chick-fil-A night a success. It was fun to see all the faces and meet some families while enjoying dinner. We will be doing Chick-fil-A nights every other month so look for our next one to be in November. Another way to help us earn some money is to attend a Peter Piper Pizza night on October 14th from 5-9 so mark those calendars!

Our Character Trait this month is Wisdom, ask your child what that means. We have been focusing on knowing what is right and also doing it. We have been handing out Titan Tickets for students showing wisdom. Next month we will be focusing on Individuality. We will also celebrate Red Ribbon Week during the month of October so be watching for more information on that.

I will be starting groups in October so if you are interested in having your child participate please contact me or your child's teacher. Information went home about the services I provide in Thursday folders a few weeks ago. Feel free to contact me with any question. I can be reached by email at [hickss@friscoisd.org](mailto:hickss@friscoisd.org) or by phone at 469-633-2140.

Here's to a groovy new year!  
Mrs. Hicks

### Coffee with the Counselor



**September 28th- Parental Support Coordinator will talk about dealing with ADD/ADHD by Patrice Dunn, 9-10 am**

**October 20th - "Pick Up Your Socks" (Teaching kids responsibility) by Julie Wright, Counselor at Riddle Elementary 9-10 am**

**November 6th- Internet Safety by Officer Rike 9-10 am**

# LIBRARY NEWS

## THE CURTSINGER LIBRARY



The Curtsinger Library is one of the favorite rooms at Curtsinger Elementary School for innumerable students. This magical and miraculous place is filled with over 24,000 books and other materials on almost every subject. Its fiction section has stories to fascinate and captivate the minds of our children. Its non-fiction section has books to educate and teach their curiosity. In this room, there are many stuffed book characters and beautiful murals. There are computers where the students do research and locate the place of a desired book. Adjoining the library is the library theater where Ms. Scott reads many books to mesmerize her listeners.

Walking into the library this year, the Curtsinger students found many new books bought with book fair funds. New books are always an exciting way to begin the year. The children also learned that they can participate in the following reading programs: Parents As Reading Partners (Grades K-5), the Dallas Stars' Stick with Reading Program (Grades K-5), Six Flags' Reading Program (Grades K-5), the Caldecott Challenge (Grade 2), and the Texas Bluebonnet Reading Club (Grades 3-5).

Ms. Scott (School Librarian) and Ms. Garner (Library Assistant) wish to welcome the students back to our beloved school and to remind them that Reading is Fundamental. Reading is our children's most important subject, and in the Curtsinger Library, they will find numerable books to read and enjoy.



## TEXAS BLUEBONNET READING CLUB



The Texas Bluebonnet Reading Club is one of the most popular reading programs sponsored by the Curtsinger Library. The students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades are once again participating in this state-wide reading program and are enjoying the books selected for 2009—2010.

Each year, a state committee nominates twenty new books that comprise the new list of Texas Bluebonnet books for the children to read.

In order to become a member of the Texas Bluebonnet Club, a child must read at least five of the books on the list. In January, these students get to vote on their favorite books. The votes will be sent to Austin and will be included in the state poll in which thousands of Texas children choose their favorite books on the list. The author of the winning book getting the most votes comes to the Texas Librarian Conference in the spring and accepts the Texas Bluebonnet Award.

Children who read at least eighteen of this year's books and report on them to Ms. Scott will receive a personalized reading trophy and will attend a special reading celebration party in the spring—The Texas Bluebonnet Club Bash. Food, fun, and the presentation of the trophies make the bash an exciting experience!

The Texas Bluebonnet Reading Club has always been popular at Curtsinger since the school opened. It has encouraged many children to read and review numerous books as they discover the joy of reading.

## DALLAS STARS' STICK WITH READING

Once again, the children at Curtsinger Elementary School will have the opportunity to join the fun and read in the Dallas Stars' Stick with Reading Program. Curtsinger students won this contest competing with schools in the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex two years in a row, and certainly winning again is our goal! Students also can win individual and group prizes with their reading minutes.

The contest will begin on Monday, October 19th, and run for eight weeks until Monday, December 14th. This incentive based literacy program is a wonderful way to motivate our students to read.

Janice Scott



# CURTSINGER SPECIALS

## ART SMART NEWS



### Art is Groovin' to the Top at Curtsinger!

Welcome to a groovy new school year! Wow! September is already here! Our groovy Curtsinger Artists are already using their imaginations in art class. (By the way, they sure do love the far out door entrance to the art room!) Many classes have been busy coloring the covers of their portfolios. Every student has a portfolio to store all of their finished artwork, and Mrs. Forwark will keep those portfolios in the art room. Students will get to take their portfolios home at the end of the school year!



Our third, fourth, and fifth graders are learning and practicing how to see like artists! They have been learning how to focus and create using the right side of their brains. We are using techniques to stay tuned into that right side and using our artist eyes to see things in different ways! Students recently did a drawing exercise using their own tennis shoes as models. Direct observation drawing is the best way to learn to draw and create! They are doing a groovy, great job!

~ Mrs. Forwark

<http://teachersites.schoolworld.com/webpages/curtsingercamp/>



## MORE.... LIBRARY NEWS

### FAMOUS AUTHOR VISITS CURTSINGER

On September 29, the author Jarrett J. Krosoczka will visit Curtsinger Elementary School and speak to all of our students. Krosoczka grew up in Worcester, MA, and loved drawing and writing stories.

In the ninth grade, Mr. Krosoczka won a contest for the Worcester Telegram & Gazette. Seeing his writing in print inspired him greatly, and he later graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design. His first book, *Good Night, Monkey Boy*, was published in 2001.

Mr. Krosoczka tours quite frequently and enjoys bowling, snowboarding, and playing Pac-Man. He is the author of many books including *Max for President*, *Bubble Bath Pirates!* *Baghead*, *My Buddy*, *Slug*, and the *Lunch Lady Series*. Students will have the opportunity to purchase books from Barnes and Noble to get autographed by this outstanding author.

Janice Scott

# CURTSINGER SPECIALS



Computer Specials is under way and already students have learned parts of the computer, what the different parts do, and the rules they must follow when in the computer lab. Kindergarten - 2nd grade are working on following lab rules, learning their username and password, and logging on to the computer. 3rd- 5th grade are working on logging on to the computer and have also been introduced to Type to Learn 4 to improve their keyboarding skills. All grades will soon begin learning correct posture when at the computer, keyboard hand placement, and internet safety. We will spend the next few weeks improving our keyboarding skills and settling in to our proper posture.

Best wishes for a super groovy day!

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## MUSIC NOTES

### MUSIC DATES 2009-2010

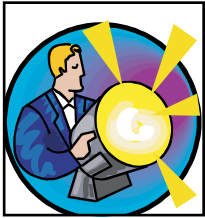
<b>November 16th</b>	<b>3rd Grade sees The Fort Worth Children's Opera perform The Three Bill Goat's Gruff</b>
<b>December 5th</b>	<b>Tiny Titan Choir performs at Merry Main Street</b>
<b>December 11th</b>	<b>5th Grade performs a winter concert at Stonebrair Mall 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>December 14th</b>	<b>Tiny Titan Choir performs on Centennial High School's winter choir concert</b>
<b>December 15th</b>	<b>Kindergarten performs at Gingerbread Night</b>
<b>February 22nd</b>	<b>3rd Grade performs "The Phantom of the Music Room"</b>
<b>March 11th</b>	<b>4th Grade performs on the drums and 5th Grade performs in a recorder concert at Open House</b>
<b>April 19th</b>	<b>1st Grade performs "A Barnyard Moosical"</b>
<b>May 6th</b>	<b>Tiny Titan choir performs at Songfest and celebrates at Liberty High School</b>
<b>May 17th</b>	<b>Tiny Titan Choir opens the 3rd annual Curtsinger Talent Show</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Second Grade Musical</b>

Please check out the Specials Team Website for dates, permission forms, parent letters, song lyrics, etc. <http://www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/curtsingercamp/>



# SPOTLIGHT ON: PRINCIPAL AND COUNSELOR

## Angie Borgarello, Principal



Hello Curtsinger Families: My name is Angie Borgarello. It is a thrill and honor to be the leader of such a wonderful, productive, community oriented school within Frisco ISD! Thank you for being such a supportive and encouraging group of parents to work with and for sending us the best students in the Dallas - Ft. Worth area.

I would like to share some fun tidbits about my "world," outside of Curtsinger....

I grew up in North Carolina in a small town nestled in southern, middle tennessee called, Tullahoma.... an Indian name for "mud." I attended college at the University of Memphis, which was Memphis State back in those days!

The facets of my educational career have encompassed teaching both Kindergarten and Third Grade, in addition to working in the role of a School Counselor at a campus with over 1,200 students! I have been an Assistant Principal in Dallas, Richardson, and Frisco ISD's, totaling eight years of experience in that arena. Most recently, I was the Assistant Principal at Spears Elementary.

The desire to become a campus administrator sparked from my goal to be an encourager and supporter of practices that benefit all students. I have learned that teachers rise to very high expectations when they are recognized for personal and professional strengths. I believe that every individual deserves, to "Toot his/her Horn!" After all, it is rather difficult to hide your talents when others notice their worth.

Three children, Sophia (7-year old girl), Sloan (5-year old boy), and Sawyer (2-year old boy) keep me occupied when away from campus. Along with the

children, I live in West Frisco with my husband Oscar, who is from Argentina. Our family has traveled to South America three times. Wow, what an amazing country to visit....It is always pleasing to travel home, however. I would be remiss to fail to mention, Sammy, the dog, as a member of our family, as well! Our family has resided in Frisco for approximately seven years and we love the convenience and community factors.

My hobbies include going to Canton and searching for unique, antique pieces and going to the theater. Eating out at restaurants is always a hit, as long as I do not have to do so with the three "S's" mentioned prior! That can be rather challenging, and, quite messy.

I have many great influences in my life and I find it difficult to choose one who was most influential. I think that we are continually influenced by people who surround us. It's a matter of perception.

Thank you for allowing me to share information with you. I look forward to more opportunities to correspond.

**Best wishes for a "groovy" school year.**

## Sandy Hicks, Counselor

My name is Sandy Hicks. I was born in Longview, Texas but moved to Mansfield, Texas when I was 14 and that is where I met my husband. Both of our families live about 2 miles apart.

I graduated from Mansfield High School and then graduated from The University of Texas at Austin. I am finishing my graduate work at Texas A&M-Commerce. I taught 2nd grade for 6 years, 4th grade for 2 and PE for 8. I decided in high school that I wanted to become a teacher because I loved children and wanted to help them discover and learn.

When I am not at Curtsinger, I love to spend time with my family and watching



*Mrs. Borgarello and Mrs. Hicks*

my kids play sports. We play games and read books together every night before bed. That is our special family time that we all look forward to. We enjoy going to the beach, going on vacations together and playing. I also work out whenever I can.

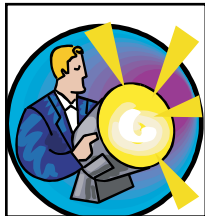
I have been married to my husband for 11 years but have known him for 25 years! We have two wonderful, active children that are students at Curtsinger. Cooper is in the 2nd grade and my daughter Alex is in Kindergarten.

My parents have been the greatest influence in my life. They helped to shape my morals and values and they are the best parents a person could ask for. Since I have known my husband for so long, he has also been a great influence in my life.

My husband and I were lucky enough to spend 8 days in Ireland a few years ago and that was the best trip I have ever taken. We also enjoy going to the beach with my whole family. I enjoy working out, playing sports, and reading books. The last book I read was one of my college textbooks since I am finishing graduate school this year.

The thing I am the most proud of is going back to school to earn my Masters Degree while I also juggled all the duties that go along with being a mother to two young children and working full time. There is never a dull moment.

## SPOTLIGHT ON: KINDERGARTEN TEAM



### Lynne Rhodes

My name is Lynne Rhodes. I was born in New York, but I have lived in lots of other places, including Illinois, Wisconsin, Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, and even Turkey, where I went to kindergarten! I went to college at the University of Alabama, and then got my master's degree from Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. I have taught kindergarten, first grade, and third grade, and two summers ago, I taught second grade summer school. When I lived in Wisconsin, I worked for the Appleton School District and Wisconsin Connections Academy where I was the first virtual kindergarten teacher in the United States! It was a very cool experience and I had a blast, but I'm so happy to be at Curtsinger back in a "real" classroom with "real" kids!

When I'm not teaching, I enjoy reading, shopping, cooking, decorating, exercising, scrapbooking, and spending time with family and friends. I also love to sing, and enjoy being a very active member of the Prestonwood Choir. I have a wonderful husband named Mark, and we've been married for 21 years. We have two children. Grayson is 17 and is a senior at Frisco High School. Madison is 13 and attends Pioneer Heritage Middle School. We also have a sweet kitty named Georgette who is 7 years old and loves people.

I love traveling, and New York City is one of my favorite places. I love Broadway and go to shows whenever I can. The other place I love the most is the beach—give me a beach and a book and I'm happy! The last books I read were the Twilight series and the Alex Cross mysteries by James Patterson.

I am proud of many things. I am proud of my wonderful parents and the way they raised me. I am proud of my



*Ms. Clemens, Ms. Reinhardt, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Olander, and Mrs. Brown.*

wonderful husband and my two beautiful children. But, most of all, I am proud to be a part of the best place in the world to work—Curtsinger Elementary!

### Mary Brown

My name is Mary Brown. I grew up in Oklahoma. I attended Southern Oklahoma State and E. Central OK State.

I have taught 1st Grade for 3 years and Kindergarten for 23 years.

I decided to become a teacher because I love school.

I spend time with family, watch movies and cook when I'm not teaching.

I have 2 children Daylan 18, Jenna 16 and my husband-Chris.

My mom and dad and sisters are my greatest influences.

My hobbies are reading cookbooks. The last book I read was "Teach Like your Hair's on Fire". I am very proud of my children.

### Jenny Clemens

My name is Jenny Clemens. I grew up in Pittsburg, Texas. I attended Texas A&M University and am currently attending Amberton University to get a masters in school counseling. This will be my 4th year teaching Kindergarten

I decided to become a teacher because I am from a family of teachers and always loved kids and going to school. I have never wanted to do anything else. I knew this was what I wanted to do all my life.

I love spending time with friends and family, traveling, going to the lake, shopping, and going to sporting events when I'm not teaching.

I am single, but have two nieces, Emma and Ava. I love them like they are my own!



# SPOTLIGHT ON: KINDERGARTEN TEAM

## cont...Jenny Clemens

I would have to say that my parents are my greatest influences. They are great people and taught me to always work hard for what I want, put God first, and never give up. They are wonderful people!

My most favorite vacation spot is Hawaii. I would love to go back on my Honeymoon. However, I will have to meet the lucky guy that gets to take me there first! J

I love scrap booking and volunteering at my church. I am trying to make running be an interest...that is not going so well.

The last book I read was "One Month to Live."

I am very proud of my job and education. I love what I do so much! I don't think of it as a job. I say I am going to school rather than I am going to work.

## Cindy Olander

My name is Cindy Olander. I was born in Dallas and grew up in Farmers Branch. I have lived in Frisco for 13 years, with my husband Travis and our 3 kids: Garrett 6th grader, Hannah 5th grader, and Gunnar 3rd grader.

I graduated from Stephen F. Austin with a degree in early childhood education. I taught in-home mothers day out and taught pre-school when her children were small. This will be her fourth year teaching Kindergarten at Curtsinger.

I love to scrapbook, read, and go on family outings to the fair, the zoo, or the movies. I love children's books and can spend hours sitting on the floor reading at Barnes and Noble.

## Tiffany Reinhardt

My name is Tiffany Reinhardt and I'm 25 years old. I love going out to eat and spending time with my friends and family. I grew up in Irving and attended Irving High School then went off to the University of North Texas.

I taught third grade for one year and am currently in my first year of teaching Kinder.

I knew I would always be a teacher because I grew up playing "pretend school" and love to be around the kids in my neighborhood.

When I'm not teaching, I like to go out to eat and socialize, then catch up on my sleep!

I have a Golden Retriever/Lab named Jayden. She is turning six this March. We love to visit the dog park and play fetch.

The person who had the greatest influence on me was my fifth grade teacher. She always made me feel good about myself and helped me in many ways.

I am a beach girl! So if I have the chance to travel, my vote is for the beach!

I enjoy scrapbooking and shopping! The last book I read was Twilight.

I am most proud of my college degree. There were many times that I thought it was so hard and wanted to give up, but I stayed strong and finished!



**It is that time of year again..... It is time to help raise money for Frisco students and teachers. The money collected for the Gary Burns fun run and Chili cook-off helps provide scholarships for Frisco students to use for college and grants for teachers to do some amazing lessons or provide materials that are truly needed. Please plan to attend both events. We want to out number the other Frisco schools and win the prize for the most attendance. Mrs. Buehler will be running in the Gary Burns 5K and challenges all the parents and students to run with her. She will give lunch with a friend passes to any student that runs and beats her in the 5K race.**

**Join Us October 31st, 2009**



**Gary Burns 2009**  
**Registration Begins September 21, 2009**

**Early Registration**

**\$20 Adults**

**\$10 Student/Child**

**Late Registration Begins 10/19/09**

**\$25 Adults**

**\$10 Student/Child**

**Race Day Registration**

**\$30 Adults**

**\$15 Student/Child**

# LOCAL, AREA & STATE PTA NEWS

## Mission, Vision & Values

The Parent Teacher Association

Membership is open to anyone who believes in the mission and purposes of Parent Teacher Association. Individual members may belong to any number of PTAs and pay dues in each. Every person who joins a local PTA automatically becomes a member of both the state and national PTAs.

Together we are a powerful voice for children. With your help, we can continue to work toward PTA's goal of a quality education and nurturing environment for every child.

PTA Vision: What the future will look like if PTA accomplishes its mission.  
Making every child's potential a reality.

PTA Mission: The overall purpose of PTA

- \* A powerful voice for all children,
- \* A relevant resource for families and communities, and
- \* A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

PTA Values: What PTA stands for

Collaboration: We work in partnership with a wide array of individuals and organizations to accomplish our agreed-upon goals.

Commitment: We are dedicated to promoting children's health, well-being, and educational success through strong parent, family, and community involvement.

Accountability: We acknowledge our obligations. We deliver on our promises.

Respect: We value our colleagues and ourselves. We expect the same high quality of effort and thought from ourselves as we do from others.

Inclusivity: We invite the stranger and welcome the newcomer. We value and seek input from as wide a spectrum of viewpoints and experiences as possible.

Integrity: We act consistently with our beliefs. When we err, we acknowledge the mistake and seek to make amends.

<http://www.pta.org/1162.asp>

## PARENT EDUCATION

### About PTA

#### The Best Resource for Parents

As the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) reminds our country of its obligations to children and provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child while providing the best tools for parents to help their children be successful students.

PTA does not act alone. Working in cooperation with many national education, health, safety, and child advocacy groups and federal agencies, the national PTA organization collaborates on projects that benefit children and that bring valuable resources to its members.

[http://www.pta.org/about\\_pta.asp](http://www.pta.org/about_pta.asp)



### Child Safety



As parents, you experience pressures and concerns not faced by previous generations. Despite these challenges, many parents make heroic efforts to raise healthy children in safe environments despite uncertain times. Child safety becomes paramount. PTA offers you several tools to help you gauge potential risks and advice on giving clear instructions to your children on how to avoid such risks. Talking to children about safety also increases their understanding of violence and the need for practicing safe behaviors.

Parents are not alone in making child safety a priority. Many school officials and community members are working with families to create a safe environment where children can flourish and grow, free from violence, drugs, gangs and other threats. With the necessary resources, support, and guidance, all of us can make a difference in our homes, schools and communities.

[http://www.pta.org/topic\\_child\\_safety.asp](http://www.pta.org/topic_child_safety.asp)

# PTA NEWS

## CURTSINGER PTA BOARD NEEDS YOU!!!

Please consider a position on the PTA board for the 2010-2011 school year. The board will have openings in several positions due to one of two reasons.

- The board member will not have a child at Curtsinger next year.
- The board member has already served her 2-year term.

The following positions are available:

<b>Historian</b>	<b>Parliamentarian</b>
<b>PTA Membership</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>
<b>Youth Protection</b>	<b>Sage</b>
<b>Welcoming Chair</b>	<b>Website</b>

If you would like to view the responsibilities for these jobs, go to [www.curtsingerpta.org](http://www.curtsingerpta.org) > Board information > Standing Rules or contact Tracey Hopkins at [tracey@jumpstartonline.net](mailto:tracey@jumpstartonline.net)



## Texas PTA Turning 100



Centennial Celebration at the Cotton Bowl  
State Fair of Texas - October 18, 2009

Our Centennial Celebration is almost here and we want to make this the best celebration of the year! Purchase your tickets today, at \$15 each or \$12.50 for four or more. Deadline to purchase tickets online is October 7!! shop at : <http://store.txpta.org/>

Attention Teachers, Parents, and PTA Leaders!

New student flier available to download and print from the Texas PTA Web site to send home in the weekly folders. Help us spread the word about our Centennial Celebration at the Cotton Bowl!

[http://www.txpta.org/documents/Events/Student\\_Flier.pdf](http://www.txpta.org/documents/Events/Student_Flier.pdf)

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This year PTA will publish 6 Newsletters. The 1st and 6th will be printed "hard copy" and put in the Thursday folders. If your family would like a "hard" copy each month please fill out the slip below and return to the front office. The Newsletter is always online at [www.curtsingerpta.org](http://www.curtsingerpta.org) .

**Name of Family:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Oldest Childs Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_