

Dear Parents,

What a great start we are off to here at Pink! We are growing by leaps and bounds this year. Our students have settled in and have already become accustomed to procedures and routines. We are amazed at our students' enthusiasm for learning and look forward to watching their growth throughout the year.

Here at Pink Elementary we are continuing a legacy of outstanding parent support through PTA. PTA membership offers many benefits to you and our school. We have planned so many wonderful events and exciting programs for our students here at Pink. You do not want to miss being part of such an outstanding group that does so many wonderful things for Pink Elementary! Our current membership is 758! Only 47 more members to reach 100% participation! Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are all welcome to become members. Contact your classroom teacher or Lisa Boone if you have any questions about membership.

Safety is our number one priority here at Pink Elementary. Thank you so much for being prepared with your driver's license to be scanned into our brand new Raptor monitoring system. As a reminder, you only need to have it scanned one time and it will be in the system for the remainder of the year. Working together will help to keep our children safe. We look forward to another outstanding year here at Pink!

Sincerely,
Bethany Rowan,
Principal

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PTA Membership Drive Update

Every PTA strives for 100% membership - which means 1 member for every student. At Pink we have 807 students.

So far, WE HAVE 750 MEMBERS!!!

A record for Pink Elementary!!

If you have not yet joined, please consider helping us reach our goal of 100%. So far ALL OF THE TEACHERS AND STAFF at Pink are members and ALL OF THE PINK PTA BOARD are members.

*****90% of your money goes towards fun, educational programs for YOUR CHILD. In fact, PTA will be providing over \$12,000 in programs this year!!**

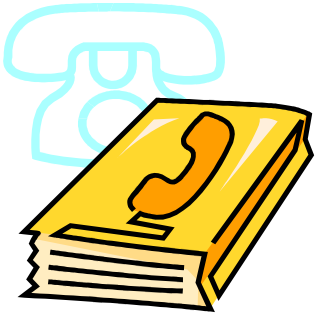
Family memberships are just \$15 and a single membership is \$8. This year Chick-fil-A has given us coupons for a FREE CHICK-FIL-A SANDWICH for becoming a member of our PTA!!!

Send in your Name, address, phone#, email, child's name & teacher with a check made out to Pink PTA.

Very few schools in FRISCO achieve 100% Membership!!

Please help us have an "EXEMPLARY PTA" to match our "EXEMPLARY SCHOOL"!!

Thank you to all who have joined so far!!



Coming soon...

Our School Directory will be here mid October!!

Remember if you are a member of Pink PTA, your directory will be free!!

(Directories will be sent home with your child.)

There will be a limited number of directories for sale in the front office for \$10 each. Please have correct change or a check made out to Pink PTA.

Student Services Team

Sometimes as busy parents we forget all of the resources that are available to us through this wonderful Frisco ISD. I had the pleasure of meeting a valuable asset to the FISSD Student Services Team, Patrice Dunn- Parental Support Coordinator. She was voted the 2008 State of Texas Middle School Counselor of the Year. She has a true passion, knowledge and enthusiasm for all FISSD students. Her goal as the Parental Support Coordinator is to support, encourage and educate parents to aid in the success of all students. Her programs are not to be missed. She will make you laugh, guide and teach valuable lessons all at the same time. <http://www.friscoisd.org/departments/GuidanceCounseling/ParentStudentResources.htm>
dunnr@friscoisd.org

Please check out the website or contact her directly. Don't forget to check the website often for updates and upcoming events.

Kate Bennett
Council Delegate
Katetwb@aol.com



I need a Parent, Not a Friend

The program will focus on four parenting styles and determining which style fits and how that affects life at home. She will present using laughter, costume changes and teaching how to parent creatively to help get through the rough spots.

October 6
7:00 P.M.
Student Opportunity Center (SOC)
6928 Maple St.
Frisco, TX 75034
dunnr@friscoisd.org

October 21
6:00P.M.
Career & Technical Education (CTE) Center
9889 Wade Blvd.
Frisco, TX 75034

Bedrooms, Backpacks & Beyond

It's never too soon to educate ourselves about drugs and what kids are doing these days. The Frisco Police Department and DEA will present information on places students can hide drugs or other items in their bedrooms. A mock bedroom will be on display for the demonstration.

There will be actual drugs and paraphernalia on display, so Parent's only please. There will be free drawing for a FREE bed and bed frame.



October 29
6:30- 8:30 P.M.
Frisco High School Auditorium
dunnr@friscoisd.org



RED RIBBON WEEK!

October 26 - 30

About the Event

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education and a personal commitment to live drug free lives with the ultimate goal being the creation of drug free America.

And, perhaps more importantly, Red Ribbon Week commemorates the ultimate sacrifice made by DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who died at the hands of drug traffickers in Mexico while fighting the battle against illegal drugs to keep our country and children safe.

The Story Behind the Event

Enrique "Kiki" Camarena grew up in a dirt-floored house with hopes and dreams of making a difference. He worked his way through college, served in the Marines and became a police officer. When he decided to join the US Drug Enforcement Admin. his mother tried to talk him out of it. *"I can't NOT do this,"* he told her. *"I'm only one person, but I want to make a difference."*

The DEA sent Camarena to work undercover in Mexico investigating a major drug cartel believed to include officers in the Mexican army, police and government. On Feb. 7, 1985, the 37-year-old Camarena left his office to meet his wife for lunch. Five men appeared at the agent's side and shoved him in a car. One month later, Camarena's body was found in a shallow grave. He had been tortured to death.

Within weeks of his death in March of 1985, Camarena's Congressman and a high school friend launched "Camarena Clubs" in Camarena's hometown of Imperial Valley, California. Hundreds of club members pledged to lead drug-free lives to honor the sacrifices made by Camarena and others on behalf of all Americans. These coalitions began to wear red badges of satin, red ribbons, as a symbol of Camarena's memory. The Red Ribbon Week campaign emerged from the efforts of these clubs and coalitions.

Today, Red Ribbon Week is nationally recognized and celebrated, helping to preserve Special Agent Camarena's memory and further the cause for which he gave his life. The Red Ribbon Campaign also became a symbol of support for the DEA's efforts to reduce demand for drugs through prevention and education programs.

By wearing a red ribbon during the last week in October, Americans demonstrate their ardent opposition to drugs. They pay homage not only to Special Agent Camarena, but to all men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in support of our nation's struggle against drug trafficking and abuse.

**Juli Hendricks,
PTA VP Programs**



BEAUTY IS...?

That is the question of this years Reflection Program is asking. What is the Reflection Program? Reflections is a national PTA Program giving students the opportunity to create visual art, photography, literature, dance choreography, music composition or film/video based on a theme. Children are encouraged to interpret the theme and make personal art that demonstrates what the theme means to them. They may submit as many entries as they like, in as many categories as they like.. You can visit www.txpta.org/programs/reflections/ for more information and entry forms.

So, if you can Draw...Paint...Write...Take Pictures...Sing or Play Music then make sure you fill out an entry form! You can pick one up outside of the art room or go online. All entries are due Friday October 30, 2009 by 3PM. Have fun!



SPIRIT STORE NEWS

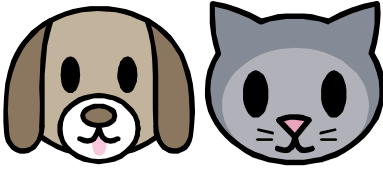
Happy October! The spirit store started off with quite a bang during the month of September. Thank you to all of the families that purchased spirit wear. I love to see the students sporting their spirit wear in the halls at school! I especially love having the opportunity to spend one lunch a month with kids. It really is the highlight of the week for me! September was our first store opening and will be open again on Thursday, October 15th. The spirit store offers numerous token items that vary in price from a quarter up to \$1.00. There are additional items like the drawstring bags, car decals and water bottles that cost a little more. It is my goal to provide reasonably priced items so that everyone, if they choose to shop, may be able to purchase something.

For those that may not have noticed, the sticker machine is up and running in the cafeteria. It is located in the niche by the entrance to the cafeteria. The cost is 50 cents per sticker. There currently are NFL stickers and Hannah Montana stickers. The stickers will change so keep your eye out for Marvel comic hero's, iCarly, cute sayings and many more!

If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact me at aimeerhendrix@gmail.com. Please note my email address because it was incorrect on the previous newsletter.

Aimee Hendrix

Spirit Store Chairman



Barktoberfest!

It's that time of year again!! Pink will be collecting Reused or New goods to donate to the Frisco Humane Society at their annual **Barktoberfest!** Beds, Towels, Leashes, Collars, Food, and Toys are all welcome. These items will be collected **October 5- 24th** and presented at the event on **October 25th**! Everyone is invited to join the event at the **Frisco Commons from 12-4 P.M.** We hope to see you there!

10th Annual Gary Burns Frisco Fun Run At Frisco Square

October 31 , 2009, 8:00am
6235 Frisco Square Blvd.
5K Certified Race
1 Mile Fun Walk

Don't forget the Gary Burns Frisco Fun Run is a 5K run/walk and 1 mile walk through Frisco Square. Proceeds from the Frisco Fun Run go to the [Frisco Education Foundation](http://www.friscoisd.org/community/FEF/GaryBurns.htm) to build scholarship opportunities for our Frisco ISD students, including the Gary Burns Memorial Scholarship Fund. Sign your family up now!

<http://www.friscoisd.org/community/FEF/GaryBurns.htm> *Science Experiences That Come To You*

“Sounds Like Fun” Friday, October 9th

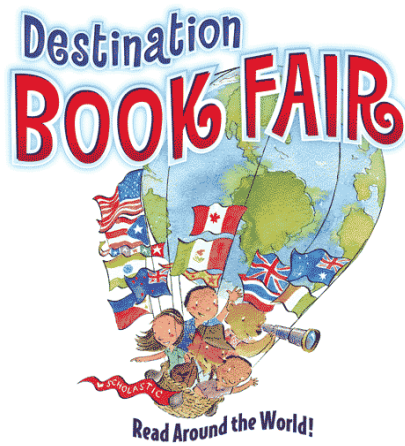


The entire second grade will experience a High Touch High Tech® hands-on science experiment.

Using tuning forks, they will discover what sounds actually are. Catch a sound wave as they learn about pitch, intensity and frequency. Use a Theremin to make discoveries about the Doppler Effect. Understand wave motion as a sound modulator is introduced to the classroom.

Sounds like fun to me!

Juli Hendricks,
PTA VP Programs



**Mark your calendars! The book fair
is coming November 2nd-6th
Open Daily from 7:30am-3:30pm
Donuts with Dad: Tuesday November 3rd from 6:30-7:30
am
Extended Shopping Hours on Thursday,
November 5th from 5:30-8:00 pm**

There will be many volunteer opportunities (decorating, setting up the library, putting together teacher invites and book lists and working the fair). For those of you who work or have young children, there are volunteer hours early on Tuesday morning or late on Thursday night. There will also be some work that can be done at home! Let me know if you are interested in helping make this the best book fair yet! I will be sending out an Evite soon to sign up! If I don't already have your email, let me know and I will put you on the list. Thank you so much for your support!




Kim McGuire, Book Fair Chairman

Read Around the World!



Pink Elementary
3650 Overhill Drive
Frisco, TX 75034

October 2009

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4	5	6 Boosterthon Pep Rally's	7 Spirit Night Peter Piper 		9 Program 2nd gr	10
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Red Ribbon Week						

Visit the Pink PTA Website @
www.pinkpta.txpta.org