



Shawnee Trail Blaze

End-of-Year Newsletter — May 27, 2010

The Principal's Pad

Dear Shawnee Trail Families,

As we wind down our 10th year here at Shawnee Trail, everyone has their sights set on summer. Before we know it, August will be here, and another school year will begin. In order for your child to maintain skills over the summer, Mrs. Fatheree included some great summer activities to do at home in this month's newsletter. Be sure and take a look at them!

Mark your calendars for some important dates in August. We will again host our Meet the Teacher night on August 20 from 5:30-6:30 followed by a repeat session of Kindergarten orientation for those who were not able to attend the kindergarten tour this month. August 23 marks the first day of school for all students, Kindergarten through Fifth Grade!

As always, take time to make memories with your family this summer. I was reminded of this yesterday when I was in a store that had a sign that read, "Don't be so busy making a living that you forget to make a life."

Enjoy your summer!
Ms. Wakeland
Principal

Parents, please check the Lost & Found for any items your child may be missing. All unclaimed items will be donated on June 5th.

Last Day of School Event & Party Schedule - Friday, June 4th

8:15am 5th Grade Recorder Concert

Grade	Party Time	Lunch	Specials
K	8:00 - 9:15	11:00 - 11:30	2:00 - 2:45
1	9:15 - 10:30	11:30 - 12:00	8:15 - 9:00
2	10:30 - 11:45	12:00 - 12:30	9:45 - 10:30
3	11:45 - 1:00	1:00 - 1:30	9:00 - 9:45
4	1:30 - 2:45	12:45 - 1:15	11:00 - 11:45

PTA President's Message

The year of 2010, Shawnee Trail PTA worked hard to provide great programs for our children in every classroom, a petting zoo on the front lawn as well as school wide with programs like Author visits and the Orbit Earth Expo. We continued to provide evening activities at the school for families, teachers and staff to get to know each other and have some fun!! Our watch DOGS program again pulled male role models into the classrooms to interact positively with the kids. We cleaned the streets, park and playgrounds around our school and had hugely successful Book Fairs! We provided special lunches and breakfasts for Faculty. We purchased equipment for the playground and classrooms as well as books for the Library! Shawnee Trail PTA once again joined with the Teachers and Staff at Shawnee Trail Elementary to make it a fantastic place for all of our kids to spend their days!

Thanks to everyone for all you have done to make the last two years so much fun and successful in every way, I could not have done it without you!! Please join me in welcoming Gerene Bovermann as our incoming PTA President!!

Kelly Straub
PTA President

Year-End-Parties

PTA sponsored end-of-year parties will be on the last day of school. This year's theme is sports related and will include speed pitch and snow cones.

Volunteers are needed to help with six stations throughout the day plus set up and clean up. All volunteers must have completed a background check through Frisco ISD.

Please contact Stacey Stanislav at StaceyStanislav@gmail.com or 214-236-6235 if you are available to help on June 4.

In the Know

- May 27 Frisco Schools Spirit Night at Rough Riders Baseball Game 7:00pm
- May 28 We have school due to Bad Weather-Make-Up Day
- May 31 No School...Memorial Day
- June 2 Decades Day...Dress up in your favorite decade's clothes
- June 4 Last Day of School
- June 4 5th Grade recorder & choir concert 8:15am
- June 4 Year-End-Parties. See schedule listed.
- June 4 Report Cards go home
- June 5 Unclaimed Lost & Found Items donated
- Aug 20 Meet the Teacher 5:30-6:30pm
- Aug 20 Kindergarten Orientation Repeat Session 6:30pm
- Aug 23 First Day of School all grades 8:00am-3:00pm

A Note From Our Assistant Principal

Summer Learning—Keep Your Child's Brain Growing!

During the summer, many skills your child learned during the school year can be lost. To keep learning skills strong and to help your child reinforce the skills he/she learned during the year, here are a few pointers.

1. *Visit the public library for great books you and your child can read together for fun. Biographies and non-fiction books are also a great source of informational topics that your child might be interested in exploring. The library also has summer programs that are often cheap, or even free.*
2. *Take an educational "field trip" to the city park, zoo, museum, or nature centers, or a stroll through the neighborhood or neighboring woods/fields. Make a scavenger hunt and have your child look for certain things on the "field trip". Take pictures of the trip. When you return home, have your child do a journal entry about what he/she saw/heard/smelled while on the trip. When you develop the pictures, have your child match the pictures with his/her journal entry.*
3. *Planning a vacation? Let your child help you "plan" the vacation. What should we pack if we are going to the beach/mountains/cruise/lake/grandma's house/etc. What are we going to do there? Who do you think we will see? What kind of clothes do we need to take for cold/hot weather? How are we going to get there? Let your child map the trip. Check out books from the library and let your child read about the place you will be visiting or cities/states you will be driving through to your destination. Have your child draw a picture of what he/she thinks your destination is going to look like and then compare the picture to the real place.*
4. *Going out to eat? Ask your child math and reading questions about the menu. If I had \$5 what three items could I buy? How much change would I get back if I buy the hamburger, fries, and shake and pay with a \$10 bill. What is the total of buying a burrito, drink, and fries? Look at the picture of the cheeseburger. In 5 words or less/more, describe it. Play "What Am I Describing?" Give your child a description of something on the menu and see if they can guess what it is. Tell me a story (or make up a sentence) that has 3 items off the menu in it.*
5. *Math around the house:*
 - A. *Help your child create a map of your house or neighborhood. Let your child help you make the list for weekly grocery shopping. See if he/she can sort items based on food "types" (canned, vegetables, candy, sweets, breakfast, dinner, lunch, or colors). Or, let them keep track of the groceries you are buying by marking items off your grocery list or keep a price total of the number of items you have bought. You can also tell them you are taking \$20 to the grocery store and let them subtract items to find out how much you have left to spend.*
 - B. *Your child can also help with cooking or baking around the house. Allow them to measure the items as you put them together for the recipe.*
 - C. *Track the outside temperature for a week. Ask questions based on the results. How many days did it rain? How many days was the temperature above/below 90 degrees?*
 - D. *Sort laundry based on colors or piece of clothing. How many socks are in this pile? How many more socks did we have than t-shirts? What is the total of whites and colors?*
 - E. *Play board games that you have around the house. Ask questions as you play. How many more steps until someone wins? What would happen if... I rolled a six instead of a two? How much farther ahead are you than me? Predict who is going to win.*
 - F. *Google 100s chart and print off one. There are many activities you can do with a 100s chart just by googling 100s chart activities. Greater than/less than, multiplication facts ($7 \times ?$ is 42), multiples of numbers, give a number and see how many different ways your child can find on the 100s chart to make that number.*
 - G. *Math flashcards are easy and fast for games and basic fact recall. Play War or "If I have 7, who has a number bigger than 7". How many flashcards can your child do in a minute? No flashcards, use index cards to write facts on for review.*
 - H. *Dice: roll a dice and see who can get to 21 (or pick a number) the fastest by rolling just 1 dice at a time. Or, roll the dice and see which sum comes up the most out of 20 rolls. Help your child chart the results.*
 - I. *Make a calendar and let your child track how many days/weeks/Mondays until school starts, your family vacations, or a birthday.*
 - J. *Look for different shapes around the house, neighborhood, or on your vacation. Let your child tally how many of each shape he/she finds. Or make a shape book with pictures of shapes your child finds in a magazine.*
6. *Language Arts:*
 - A. *Write a sentence(s) and cut it into individual words. Put the sentence (or each sentence) into a Ziploc bag. Let your child practice putting sentences together using the words in the bag. Question your child about the sentence depending on his/her age. Identify the nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc. How could we make this sentence better? What word chunks do you see?*
 - B. *Have a DVR on cable? If so, pause your child's favorite cartoon, movie, or television show. Ask them questions about what he/she is watching to assess his/her understanding. What do you think is going to happen next? What if this happened? Who is the main character? What is the setting? Why is the character happy/sad/angry? Come up with a new ending for what he/she is watching. If the people that made this movie came up with a sequel, what do you think it would be about?*
 - C. *Play Scrabble which is great for vocabulary and word chunks.*
 - D. *Pick a word family (at, ab, ag, an, am, ap, ar, ed, en, et, id, ig, in, ip, it, ob, og, op, ot, ub, ug, un, ut, um) and then see how many words your child can make using each "chunk". Ex: the "at" chunk—cat, hat, bat, sat, fat, mat, pat, rat, etc. Have your child write sentences with the words he/she makes. Or, each of your can write a sentence and see who can use the most rhyming words in a sentence that makes sense. Ex: The fat cat wearing a hat sat on a mat and watched a bat chase a rat.*

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Goodbye

Counselor's Corner

Goodbye

Wow! Where has the year gone?? Your children have grown so very much in size, academics, social skills, and emotionally. You, as parents, deserve a gold star for putting your children first. As a parent and grandparent, I realize how difficult that is at times, especially in the busy stressful world we live in now. Thank You.

As the year draws to a close, so does my educational career. I am retiring at the end of this school year with 40 years as an educator and counselor. I never thought I would be in the profession this long when I began way back in 1966. (Long before most of you were even born!!) The only reason was that I LOVE working with children and families. The last 10 years at Shawnee Trail have been phenomenal. As I interact daily with you and your children, I realize how much I have been blessed to have been guided in this direction.

Within a year I hope to move back to Oklahoma and begin a new chapter in my life, but rest assured I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for the pleasure of working with you!!!!

God Bless,
Janet MacMillan

Here's a look at your 2010/2011 PTA Board

President:	Gerene Bovermann
VP Programs:	Emily Williams
VP Ways and Means:	April Spann
Secretary:	Arlene Pinkerton
Treasurer:	Kim Drury
Parliamentarian:	Shannon Thornton
Book Fair:	Tracie Thomas
Community Programs:	Annette Severance
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Hospitality:	Kathleen Wander
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Newsletter:	Kay McBride
Reflections:	Amy Stephens
Room Parent Coordinator:	Lisa Smith
Spirit Gear:	Angie Valdes
Student Directory:	Kristina Steinhauer
Volunteer Coordinator:	Sherrie Shively
Youth Protection:	Bryan Sherman
Environmental:	Susan Tidman

Second Grade News

Second Grade students enjoyed studying the works of Robert Munsch. We decided to show our appreciation to him in a BIG way. We constructed, what we hope to be, the largest letter he has ever received. The monstrous letter measures 9 feet tall by 22 feet wide and is comprised of approximately 100 student letters sharing information about each student's favorite Robert Munsch story. We hope this will be enough to convince Robert Munsch to make a trip to Shawnee Trail Elementary!



Book Fair

WOW! What an amazing turn out for book fair! We earned close to \$3,200 in cash for our school! We also gave \$1,903 worth of books to the library and classrooms, which is about 250-275 books. We donated \$161.68 worth of books to The Children's Hospital of Dallas from our 'One for Books' program which is our best total ever.

Book Fair was a HUGE success due to the dedication and generosity of our awesome parent volunteers including Paulette Powell, Kathy Rodkey, Dennis Luna, Edie Wilson, Angie Lewis, Rene Burdick, Gisela Wolf-Rhodus, Richelle Smith, Sandra Sorrels, Alethea Crossman, Jeannie Tail-lat, Kelly Raam, Alisha Patrick, Carol Ferguson, Beth Losure, Amy Stephens, Rachel Bonvillain, Heather Powell, Jyostna Naravar, and Michelle Jabacher. Thanks also to all the wonderful PTA board members who also came out to help!

A special thank you to our amazing decorating team lead by Emily Williams, Tracie Thomas, Lisa Smith, and Sherrie Shively. We are grateful to Joy and Antonio for going above and beyond the call of duty to help with this event and to Shaheen for programming '50's music into the PA system every morning during the fair. To our librarian, Patti Pearson, thank you for being there every day from morning till night helping out in any way possible.

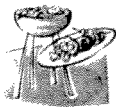
I had the privelage of working with students Taylor Thomas, Sam Straub, Reece Diener, Abby Moore, and Aliyah Maddox who chose to sacrifice their recess time to prepare a song for GMST to get their peers excited about book fair.

To Kathleen Wander, Martha Weisedeppe, and the Watch D.O.G.S. for executing the best 'Breakfast and Books' event this side of Frisco, Texas!

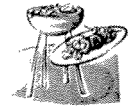
Finally, to our principal, Ms. Wakeland, for supporting events such as book fair to promote literacy among our Shawnee Trail students.

It has been an honor serving you as Book Fair Chairperson for the past two years.

Thank you,
Daphne Vasquez



Nutrition



May is National BBQ month. Here are some healthier BBQ ideas to try out this month:

- Try grilling colorful vegetable kabobs: Put mushrooms, sliced squash, cherry tomatoes, green pepper, and red onion on a skewer and lightly brush with canola oil. Place on grill and cook until tender.
- Great dessert idea: Slice fresh pineapple or fresh peach halves and brush lightly with canola oil. Place on the grill with low heat and cook until hot and slightly golden. Serve with a scoop of low fat ice cream for a fresh summer time dessert.

Healthy snack ideas for Kids:

- Peel a banana and dip it in yogurt. Roll in crushed cereal and freeze.
- Mix together peanut butter and cornflakes in a bowl. Shape into balls and roll in crushed graham crackers.
- Fill a waffle cone with cut-up fruit and top with low-fat vanilla yogurt.
- Sprinkle grated Parmesan cheese on hot popcorn.
- Inside-Out sandwich: Spread mustard on a slice of deli turkey. Wrap around a sesame breadstick.

Did You Know?

According to the Farm Bill of 2008, a processed food is a food that has been processed to the point it undergoes a "change in character". Example: a head of spinach (unprocessed) vs. cut, pre-washed spinach (processed). So the term that has been increasingly associated with unhealthy packaged foods with empty calories and loads of additives is not exactly what the term *processed foods* means.

Shannan Salameh RD LD

Frisco ISD Child Nutrition Department - Nutrition Coordinator

Thank You!

Thank You to the following individuals and families who helped Shawnee Trail PTA make Teacher Appreciation Week a great success for our wonderful Teachers and Staff!

Richardson Family
Sherman Family
Powell Family
Rgaum Family
Kevin Shively Family
Drury Family
Wolf-Rhodus Family
Straub Family

Stephens Family
Thorton Family
Yu Family
Caicedo Family
Jeremy Thomas Family
Webb Family
Wilson Family
McClure Family

Cynthia Johnson Family
McCord Family
Bonvillain Family
Keri Lewis Family
Shokler Family
Crespin Family
Hester Family
Quintanilla Family

McBride Family
Pasquez Family
Sosa Family
Craig Williams Family
Chibnall Family
Wander Family
Ross Family
Crossman Family

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- E. Pick a word and letter change. Ex: start with the word cat. Change the c in cat to an r and what word do you have? Rat. Change the t in rat to a g and what word do you have? Rag. Change the a in rag to a u and what word do you have? Rug. Change the r in rug to a h and what word do you have? Hug
 - F. Read a book together and ask the 5 W questions: Who, What, When, Where, and Why. Let your child act out the book for a family entertainment night. Draw pictures of the setting, main idea, or characters. Have your child compare and contrast the main character to a family member or him/herself. Or, have your child think about how the setting of the book is alike/different to your house/room.
 - G. Let your child practice writing his/her name in different things you may have around the house like salt, sugar, shaving cream, erasable markers, sand, etc.
 - H. Pen Pals: let your child write to a relative or friend during the summer to keep writing skills fresh.
 - I. Spelling City (www.spellingcity.com) is a great site for reviewing spelling words from the year or making new spelling words your child learns over the summer.
 - J. Make flashcards of spelling words, instant words, letter, consonants, vowels, states and capitals, colors, blends, etc.
 - K. Do daily journal writing. Give your child a topic and let them free write for 5 minutes. Example topics: What are we going to do on vacation? What do we need to buy at the grocery store? What did you enjoy about your day? How are you alike/different than Mickey Mouse/Dora the Explorer/mom/dad/your teacher/your sister/brother/etc.
 - L. In the car, find road signs that start with the letter A, end with an E, have two words in the title, or contain a number word. Make rhyming words. Play I Spy using good descriptive vocabulary.
 - M. Play "Would You Rather". Would you rather be a monkey or a giraffe? A car or a truck? A teacher or a student? President or a NBA player? Have a million dollars or be really smart? Be invisible or fly? Have no toys or have no school? Be the fastest runner or the best dancer?
 - N. Visit www.storylineonline.net where actors read stories that your child will love. The site also has activities to go along with each story.
7. Most importantly, keep a routine which will help your child transition easily back into school in the fall.

Have a great summer!

Nancy Fatheree

Assistant Principal