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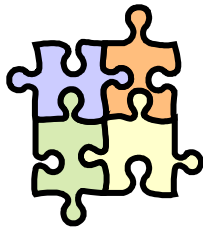
Read It Forward is spreading like wildfire! The kids are so excited to get the chance to read the books and write their comments inside the book. If your child has already read the book, please return it to school for a friend to enjoy!

Grades K-2 are reading Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs.

Grades 3-4 are reading Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School and Other Scary Things.

Grade 5 is reading The Gollywhopper Games

Students who have read the book need to sign their names on a meatball, baseball card or puzzle piece in the library. What they sign depends on which book they read!



SOAR Calendars for October will be due no later than Friday, November 6. Parents need to initial at least five days each week that their child reads. If students turn in at least five calendars this year, they will be invited to an ice cream party this spring!

The library would like to thank all its parent volunteers who spend hours shelving books, finding books, fixing books and just about anything with books!!! Mrs. Pelias and Mrs. Elledge appreciate all the help keeping the library running smoothly. It could not be done without the many parents who help!!!

Jan Pelias, M. Ed, Librarian
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Clean Eating

My goal is to help you learn how to read labels and select the healthiest versions of your favorite foods. I advocate choosing foods free of chemicals, preservatives and dyes. Those foods are out there and available at conventional stores like Target, Wal-Mart, and all grocery stores.

There is a difference between labels that say "natural" and those that say "organic." Products claiming *natural* ingredients, most times still contain artificial ones too. "Organic" however will never contain anything artificial.

Consider making the switch to cleaner foods with the products you eat most and snack foods. For example, instead of fruit rollups, try either the brand Fruitabu or Target carries their own organic brand called Fruit Strips.

Also, Newman's Own Organic spelt pretzels are great tasting and pack 4 grams of fiber per serving. My kids love 'em. One more item to consider is cereal. Check out the selection of natural ones at any store. You'll be sure to find healthier versions that your kids will eat.

Good food is out there, seek and you will find!
Be healthy!

Laura Hamby
The Food & Fitness Coach

Frisco School Spirit Night

CiCi's Pizza

November 12

5 pm to 9 pm

CiCi's is located in the strip center by Hobby Lobby on Preston between Lebanon and Wade.

There will be a box at the register to put your receipt in. We get 10% of the receipt totals for that time frame. Dine-in or take out is available and will apply to the Spirit night. Just remember to put your receipt in the box!!



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FROM YOUR SMITH PTA PRESIDENT

Fall is definitely here, but where has this rain come from? Well, the rain did not stop the children from having fun during the PTA's big fundraiser. Our BoosterThon Fun Run was most certainly the biggest success of all fundraiser's we have ever held. A huge thank you to Sarah Hodes, all the Smith staff, and parents and kids for all of your support every step of the way. We couldn't have done it without you.

The PTA's first General Meeting was in late September. It was followed by an evening family Lego event hosted by Rocket Science. The children and adults had a fantastic time building different Lego "challenges."

The Book Fair was another great hit earlier this month. The flu took over a few of our volunteers; but as always, we made it through and had a lot of fun helping the children pick out their books. Extra thanks to Anna Hayes and Jill Steele for putting everything together for the fall Book Fair. If you didn't get a chance to purchase your favorite book...don't worry, it will be back in the spring.

Sincerely,
Cristie Manfredo
PTA President

The BoosterThon Was a Huge Success!

First, let me say THANK YOU for your support during our first year of the Boosterthon Fun Run! It was fantastic and the kids, teachers, and parents had so much fun! Mother Nature threw us for a loop, but we had phenomenal results with this fundraiser – if fact, we raised over \$35,000 for Smith Elementary!!! We are so excited to use this money to help our students and teachers. Below is a list of our top pledge collectors:

Top Pledge Collectors in School

- 1st place – Kyle Stephens
- 2nd place – Bryce Voss
- 3rd place – Payton Rodgers

Top Pledge Collector per Grade Level

- Kinder – Payton Rodgers
- 1st - Kyle Stephens
- 2nd - Chase Montelongo
- 3rd - Skylar Struck
- 4th - Taylor Miller
- 5th - Bryce Voss



Again, I would like to thank all of our students, teachers and volunteers that made this event so great!

Sarah Hodes
Smith PTA
VP - Fundraising

Keep collecting those Box Tops!

Contest details will be coming home soon...



The Spirit Shop has new items for sale!

We have jewelry, scarves and blankets all ready for holiday gifts! Perfect stocking stuffers for your Smith student or proud grand-parent. Spirit Shop will be open Friday, October 30th, Friday November 20th and Friday December 11th. Can't come up to the school? Orders can also be taken by contacting sandy@richardson5.com.

It's not too late!
There is still time to join the Smith PTA.

We need your membership!

As a member, you are not required to volunteer or attend monthly PTA meetings during the school year. You do have the right to vote at the PTA general meeting with a paid membership.

Membership dues are only \$8.00 per person. Texas Lifetime members pay only \$5.75. Anyone can join including ***your spouse***, your parents or any adult member of your family.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, I'm happy to help.

Sincerely,
 Gail Balbinot
 PTA Membership Chairman
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Destination Imagination

Mark your calendars...the DI (Destination Imagination) Tournament is Feb. 27, 2010!! We have an amazing 22 teams participating this year and preparations are underway!!! Please come and celebrate their efforts!!

We have a couple of openings on a 2nd and 3rd grade team...if you are interested please send an email.

Also, if you or a friend or family member are interested in being an Appraiser/Volunteer at the tournament, please let me know!!! All the teams would appreciate it!

Sunita Patel
 DI Chairman - PTA
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November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Winter Party planning meeting @ 9 am	4	5 Picture retakes	6 FISD Chili Challenge	7
8	9	10 Veterans Day Programs 8:15 am 9:00 am 7:00 pm	11	12 Spirit Night at CiCi's Pizza 5 pm to close	13	14
Fifth Graders at Pine Cove						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
No School/ Thanksgiving Holiday						
29	30					