

Sparks PTA Newsletter

Sparkling Minds, Sparkling Attitudes, Sparkling Futures™

A Letter from Laurie Cammack, PTA President

Dear Sparks Families;

Recently I visited my old stomping grounds, Washington, DC, for a friend's birthday celebration. One evening, I ended up at one of those really long restaurant tables - you know the one ... you can only carry on a conversation with the people to your left, right and across from you. I didn't know any of the people in my quadrant. As luck would have it, the woman to my right happened to be a PTA President. She shared a story about a Volunteer and their annual Movie Night. The PTA President, let's call her Sally, received a call the morning of the event from the Movie Night chair. Unfortunately, the chairperson would not be able to carry out her responsibilities due to her kids being ill with H1N1 flu. Sally cancels all her plans to complete the Movie Night. Fast forward ... evening of the movie and a new volunteer, let's call her April, approaches and is eager to work her shift. This volunteer approached the concession table while the line was forty plus people deep and the volunteers were slammed. April didn't speak up. She walked away. Sally tried to contact her after the event, but was unable to connect with April. Her question to me now what?

Now what? This story made me think about Sparks. I hope that your Volunteer experience has left you feeling a whole lot more valued than April. If it hasn't please let me know! I want you to feel welcomed, and appreciated! The PTA Executive Board is here to help! We couldn't accomplish any goals with the support of the PTA members.

I would like to thank you (again) for all your support! You have once again blown me away with your support for the Boosterthon, Book Fair and Barktoberfest. Thank you!

Laurie Cammack
Sparks Elementary PTA President

2009 Calendar

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Important
Dates:

11/19

PTA General
Meeting

11/20

Spirit Store
OPEN @ 7:30

11/23-11/27
Thanksgiving
Break

12/4

Spirit Store
OPEN @ 7:30

12/7-12/11
White Ribbon
Week



YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!!!

PTA Meeting on Thursday, November 19th @ 7:00pm

**Sparks Counselor, Mrs. Salmon will be presenting "Rachel's Challenge"
Check it out @ www.RachelsChallenge.org**

Who doesn't LOVE a class party?

Our first Frisco ISD approved class party will be on Friday, December 19th. A one time non-refundable party fee of \$12.00 per student is suggested. This money is collected at the beginning of each school year. The fee consists of \$4.00 for each of the three classroom parties held throughout the school year. No other fees or donations will be collected for those three parties. Additional party money forms are located in the front office. One check may be written per family. Please make checks payable to Sparks PTA.

Thank you parents for volunteering at Spark! Your time really does make a difference for our school.

There are many ways to be involved and something to fit everyone's busy schedule. Looking to get involved? The list is endless, but a few ways to get involved are to join the Hospitality Committee, volunteer during Book Fair, assist Mrs. Dodsworth as a library helper. There is always plenty to do in the workroom, and teachers often have take home projects that can be done at your home. If you need help getting started, please contact your class Room Parent to arrange an orientation session.

There is a lot to be a part of and my job is to help you find your fit! If you have any question on volunteer interests please contact me at volunteer@mysparkspta.org. I look forward to working with you this year. There is a role here for everyone, so get involved!

**Nancy Escribano
Sparks PTA Volunteer Coordinator**



BOOSTERTHON 2009 RESULTS

GRAND PRIZE – TOP GRADE

1st Grade
Party @ Newman Park

Most Money Pledged & Collected

1st Grade – Ms. Seddighi
Chick-fil-A Party

Most States

3rd Grade – Mrs. Weeks
Chick-fil-A Party

Top Class

K-2nd:

1st Grade – Ms. Jostmeyer
Popcorn Party

3rd-5th

3rd Grade – Mrs. Jones
Popcorn Party

Our first luncheon of the school year was a success! Thank you to all of the kinder-2nd grade parents for the wonderful food and door prizes! The teachers and staff appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Our next event in December will be Holiday Treats. We'll ask for parent donations (kinder-5th) of goodies, anything that's easy to grab. The teachers and staff will take what they want and we'll wrap it up so they can take it home. We'll send more information out closer to the date.

Thank you, Sparks parents, for all that you do!

**Ami Ruppman & Alisha Rand
Hospitality Co-Chairs**