

The **TADLOCK** Star

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January 9th: Frisco Daddy Daughter Dance tickets go on sale

January 11th: Spirit Day at Chick-Fil-A

January 14th: PTA Meeting 6:30pm Art Night 6:45-8:00

January 15th-17th: Winter Games of Texas

January 15th & 18th: No School

January 22nd: 2nd Nine Week Assembly-wear PJ's

February 4th: 2nd Grade Performance

February 6th: Frisco Daddy Daughter Dance

February 8th: Spirit Night at Baskin Robbins

February 12th: Valentine Parties



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Tadlock Elementary Art Night!

When:

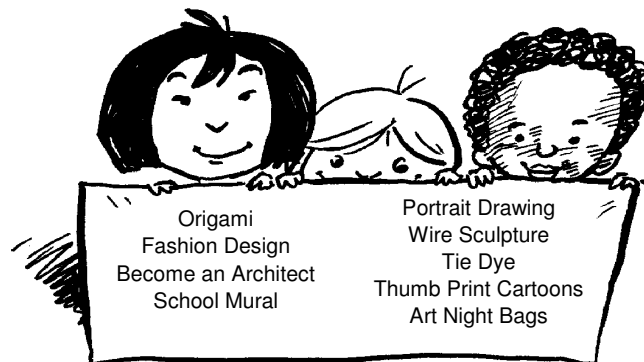
Thursday, January 14 at 6:45-8:00pm
(following the 6:30 PTA meeting in the library)

Where:

Tadlock Cafe and Gym

What:

9 stations of creativity!



To make this night successful and FUN for our kids, we need some volunteers to help with preparing supplies and to assist at stations! This is the perfect opportunity for ALL parents to volunteer for an evening

event or to do some preparation from home!

Please contact me to help make this a fabulous night for our children.

Sheryl Shea
PTA Programs Chair
4txsheas@att.net

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Exemplary Campus



Dear Tadlock Parents,

Happy 2010! It is hard to believe it snowed two times over the winter break. I was coming home from visiting family on Christmas Eve and sat on Preston Road for 2 hours waiting for the traffic to move and watching lots of cars slip and slide on the icy roads. I hope you and your family had a safe and wonderful winter break and were able to avoid traveling in the winter weather. If we do have more winter weather like that and you are concerned about school delays or closings, the best place to look for information is on the district website www.friscoisd.org. You will also see the information on the local news stations. It is always well publicized if we are going to be closed. Hopefully, we will have great weather and not have to worry, but Texas weather is always hard to predict. Be sure to dress your kids warmly for all the cold weather we are having and be sure to write their names in their jackets.

Happy New Year! We hope you will join us for Art Night on the 14th from 6:30-7:45pm!

Kellie Rapp
Principal, Tadlock Elementary
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"Building Dreams, One Child at a Time"



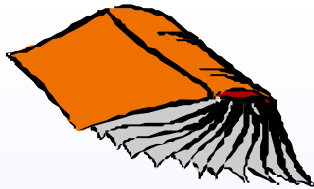
Interested in Advertising in the PTA Newsletter ???

For details, please email:

dukesterrill@yahoo.com



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PTA Executive Board email:
tadlockpta@live.com

From the President

New Years for many is a great reason to throw a party. For others, it is a solemn time of remembrance and self-reflection. Personally, I have come to find humor in the holiday . . . generally rooted in my own naïveté.

I remember New Years 2003 vividly. A dear friend and I were making plans for yet another year, and as I cradled my 7-month-old daughter, I distinctly remember saying that whatever 2003 may bring, at least I knew I wouldn't be having another child in the year to come. Well, my son Davis is 6. You do the math.

Then there was New Years 2008. My husband and I spent the day measuring every cupboard and countertop in our kitchen, planning a remodel in our Plano home. Well, we never did redo the kitchen, and, as you have probably gathered by now, we were in our new home in Frisco before the year was out.

And most recently there was New Years 2009. It was a difficult one for me, to say the least. I was longing for all I had left the year before, and my new life in Frisco seemed so empty. I could never have imagined what 2009 had in store for me.

Three small letters summed up much of my 2009 for me: PTA. A year ago, those letters meant very little to me (next to nothing, quite frankly). Now, along with frantic days and sleepless nights, those letters have come to mean such things as friendship, joy, and purpose. The people I have come to know through PTA have changed me. They have taught me lessons in giving and serving that I could not have learned on my own.

New Years 2010: as I look forward, all I know for certain is that what I think is going to happen in 2010, won't. And something completely random will throw me for a loop. But I am not going to sit and wait for whatever that is. I am determined to make 2010 count . . . for me and for my kids. My New Years advice? If you're waiting for something, stop. Get up. Step forward. Do something. Give. Make 2010 your best year yet. And don't be surprised when the unexpected happens. Embrace it. Laugh at it. You will eventually anyway.

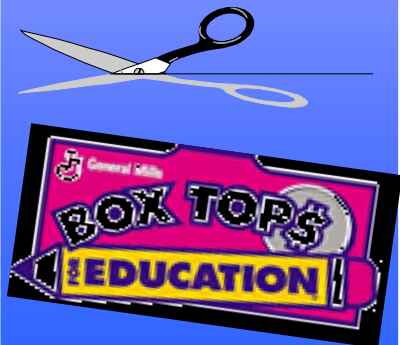
Kathryn Carter
PTA President



Congrats !!!

Well, they've done it again. Mrs. Harmon's 3rd grade class collected the most boxtops during the month of November: 245 to be exact. If every class would collect this many each month, we'd earn over \$500 a month in boxtops alone! Thank you so much to Mrs. Harmon and all her students for their contributions. We are not only proud of their success but also their generosity. Since this was their 3rd month in a row to win the boxtops competition, they graciously offered their prize of additional recess equipment to November's second place winner, Mrs. Miller's 4th grade class, who brought in 139 boxtops. Way to go, and keep 'em coming, everyone!

Keep purchasing items with the Box Tops logo. Clip 'em off and turn 'em in! Earn indoor recess equipment for your child's classroom when his or her class wins our monthly competition.



Very Involved Parents

Now offering the following opportunities to get involved:

Art Night

Sock Hop

Hospitality

Chess Club

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact Julia at:

julia_ernst_pta@sbcglobal.net



Labels for Education

Please join in helping make Tadlock a great place to learn!

By clipping your Campbell's

Soup Labels and other applicable products you and your family can help Tadlock earn points which can be redeemed for great school merchandise offered by Campbell's Soup.

Campbell's Soup has made it easy to receive great items for academics, arts, and athletics. Each label will earn Tadlock 1-5 points, redeemable twice per year. So lend your support and your scissors to Labels for Education. Labels can be placed in the red collection box in the front office or sent to school with your child.

Fantastic!

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Tadlock Volunteer Star of the Month



Thank you to our Volunteer of the Month, Richard Varela. Richard has been married to his wife Marcie for 16 years. They have two daughters: Natalie who is a 9 year old in the 4th grade and Nicole who is a 12 year old in 7th grade. They moved to Texas from Nashville 10 years ago for Richard's job in the computer field. Richard coordinates Tadlock's chess club and works passionately to share with our kids his love of chess. His love for chess began when he started playing chess at the age of 5. He played in clubs through high school and college and has been to hundreds of tournaments. He has ranked well in tournaments but has never made it to the status of master, he says "Perhaps when I retire". Richard also chaperones field trips and volunteers for DOGS (Dads of Great Students) at Roach middle school. He is a wonderful example of how dads can have an impact on our students. Thank you Richard for being a star VIP (Very Involved Parent).

YEARBOOKS !!!

Get your 2009-2010 Tadlock Yearbook!!!

1. www.smart-pay.com
2. Locate your school to
3. Select state-TX
Select city-Frisco
4. Scroll down to Tadlock
5. Click Go!

CHESS CLUB UPDATE

We are proud to announce that after last semester's successful chess club we are continuing the chess club into the Spring semester.



The chess club classes will meet every Friday morning at 7:15 in the school library. Classes will begin on the 15th of January and continue through the 14th of May.

We will be very glad to accept more interested students as we are also hoping to find a few volunteers among the parents.

Please contact tadlockpta@live.com for any additional details.

Chick-Fil-A

Mark your calendars: this month's Spirit Night will be on Monday, January 11th at Chick-Fil-A (Dallas N. Tollway and Eldorado) all day, dine in or drive thru, dont forget to mention you are with Tadlock. A percentage of all sales go directly to Tadlock PTA to help support activities for our kids!

Hope to see everyone there!

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Tadlock's 2nd Annual Sock Hop & Silent Auction is just around the corner. So dust off your poodle skirts and saddle shoes. We're going back to the fabulous fifties!

When:
February 19th,

Where:
Tadlock Elementary

Time:
6-9 p.m.



Calling All Parents **We need your help!**

The 2nd Annual Sock Hop Dinner & Silent Auction is right around the corner.

We need your donations for our silent auction!

Do you have sporting event tickets?

A time share that you're willing to share?

Symphony or musical tickets?

Do you work for or own a company that is willing to provide an item/basket or a service?

If so, please contact Kim Mundorff at

kim_mundorff@yahoo.com
214-289-3904.

Hospitality News

The PTA Board is pleased to welcome our newest Chairperson: Anne Taylor (mother of Will Taylor - Mrs. William's class)! Anne has agreed to fill the recent Hospitality vacancy, created when Emily Robinson moved to Utah in December. She is already busy planning our next teacher luncheon. The 1st and 4th grade classes will be responsible for providing the meal. If you are a 1st or 4th grade parent and have not yet heard about this event, please contact your child's room parent. Again, welcome a-Board, Anne!

Wonderful Winter Parties!

Thank you to the 68 parents and teachers who gave their time on Friday, December 18th, to make our first-ever all-school winter parties a huge success! If you attended, you saw how much fun our kids had. And, if you volunteered, you experienced the fun first-hand. We couldn't have done it without you all! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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Frisco Events



Winter Games of Texas

Jan: 15th - 19th
www.taaf.com



Daddy Daughter Dance

Feb: 6th

Tickets on sale Jan 9th
Friscofun.org

" GO GREEN ! "



It's a Winter "Recycling" Land!

Hope the holidays were fun and restful. How nice it was to take a break and reflect on Mother Earth and all her glory. I know everyone did their part to recycle and help keep our Earth clean and healthy. Just think about all the trash we produce every day, especially around this time of the year.

Here are some garbage facts:

*In 1865, an estimated 10,000 hogs roamed New York City, eating garbage. Now, one of every six U.S. trucks is a garbage truck.

* In a lifetime, the average American will throw away 600 times his/her adult weight in garbage. If you add it up, this means that a 150-lb. adult will leave a legacy of 90,000 lbs of trash for his/her children.

*The average baby generates a ton of garbage every year.

*The landfill gas produced daily at Fresh Kills Landfill is enough fuel to heat 50,000 homes.

Wow! Let's keep our planet clean! Reduce, reuse, and recycle!!!

Up-coming events:

March:

"Rufus" and the Frisco Green Team will pay us a visit one day at Celebrate Tadlock! Date TBA.

"Celebrate Earth Day" poster contest coming up also in March!

April:

Clean It and Green It!

Keep recycling!
 Doug Knoerr
 Environmental Chair, PTA



