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- JANUARY 16**
MLK DAY-STUDENT HOLIDAY
- JANUARY 17**
2ND GRADE MUSICAL PROGRAM
- JANUARY 19**
STUDENT BANKING DAY
- JANUARY 23**
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- JANUARY 26**
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- JANUARY 27**
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THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE JANUARY-A TIME OF RESOLUTION!

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR WHEN WE MAKE ARE ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS. MANY OF US TRY IN EARNEST TO KEEP OUR RESOLUTIONS! I THINK THAT IT IS IMPORTANT, AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR, FOR EACH PERSON TO EXAMINE THEIR OWN LIFE AND RESOLVE TO MAKE SOME CHANGES FOR THE BETTER. I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT YOU CONSIDER ADDING GETTING MORE INVOLVED WITH YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION ON YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION LIST. VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL OR WITH THE SCHOOL'S PTA IS A GREAT WAY TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY. WE HAVE A FEW OPEN POSITIONS ON OUR LONE STAR PTA BOARD THAT WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE FILLED WITH ANY OF YOU WISHING TO FULFILL YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS. THE OPEN BOARD POSITIONS INCLUDE:

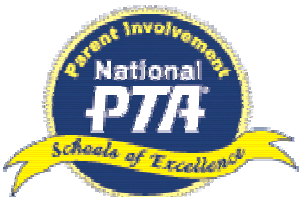
- FUNDRAISING CHAIR
- PARENT EDUCATION CHAIR
- HOSPITALITY CHAIR

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME VIA EMAIL AT [SSIMONOKC@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:ssimonokc@sbcglobal.net) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT THE ABOVE POSITIONS.

HERE ARE SOME COMMONLY MENTIONED RESOLUTIONS THAT CAN HELP YOU DETERMINE YOUR FAMILIES RESOLUTIONS FOR 2006.

1. **PUT THE FAMILY ON A REASONABLE BUDGET** - UNDERSTAND BUDGETING STRATEGIES AND READ TIPS ON STAYING WITHIN THE FAMILY'S MEANS.
2. **MAKE TIME FOR FAMILY DINNERS** - LEARN WHY FAMILY MEALS ARE SO BENEFICIAL AND GET SOME QUICK TIPS ON MAKING THEM POSSIBLE
3. **RESOLVE CONFLICT WITHOUT YELLING** - REFERENCE THIS FIFTEEN-STEP METHOD TO HELP THE FAMILY COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY.
4. **GET THE FAMILY INVOLVED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES** - GET TEN IDEAS ON HOW TO INVOLVE THE FAMILY IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES.
5. **CREATE FAMILY QUALITY TIME FROM EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES** - SEE HOW PARENTS AND FAMILIES CAN MAKE QUALITY TIME IN EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES.
6. **PUT MORE ROMANCE IN THE MARRIAGE** - READ WAYS TO RENEW THE EXCITEMENT AND ATTRACTION THAT COUPLES FELT BEFORE THE CHILDREN CAME ALONG.
7. **TIME MANAGEMENT** - LEARN 15 QUICK AND EASY WAYS TO SAVE TIME AND BE MORE AVAILABLE FOR FREE TIME WITH THE FAMILY.
8. **FIND A BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN WORK AND HOME LIFE** - READ ABOUT OPTIONS FOR WORKING PARENTS TO HELP BALANCE WORK AND HOME HOURS.
9. **GET MORE SLEEP** - DISCOVER THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP, FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN.
10. **KEEP FIT DURING AND AFTER NEW BABIES** - LEARN EXERCISE SAFETY, BENEFITS OF EXERCISE AND WAYS TO GET BACK INTO EXERCISE PROGRAMS AFTER THE BABY IS BORN.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

WE HEAR IT ALL THE TIME - PARENTS ARE THEIR CHILDREN'S FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT TEACHERS. THAT ROLE SEEMS MORE CLEAR CUT WHEN THEY ARE VERY YOUNG AND NEED HELP WITH JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING - FROM PRACTICING HOW TO TIE THEIR SHOES TO LOOKING BOTH WAYS BEFORE CROSSING A STREET. BUT ONCE A CHILD ENTERS SCHOOL, OTHER ADULTS ASSUME THE TEACHER ROLE, LEAVING MANY PARENTS WONDERING WHAT THEY CAN DO TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE LEARNING... IN SCHOOL AND OUT.

ONE THING IS CERTAIN: FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN THEIR LESSONS WELL AND REMAIN CURIOUS ABOUT THE MANY NEW AND INTERESTING PARTS OF THEIR WORLD, THEY STILL NEED THEIR PARENTS' HELP AND DAILY ENCOURAGEMENT. RESEARCH REPEATEDLY SHOWS THAT CHILDREN ARE BETTER, MORE SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS WHEN THEIR PARENTS ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THEIR LEARNING, BOTH AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL.

BEFORE YOU RUSH TO THE STORE FOR A PACK OF FLASH CARDS CONSIDER THIS: WHEN IT COMES TO HELPING CHILDREN GROW AS LEARNERS, MANY OF THE THINGS THAT PARENTS DO EACH DAY ARE WHAT REALLY MATTER MOST. FOR EXAMPLE:

CREATE A HOME WHERE LEARNING IS ENCOURAGED.

THIS INCLUDES SETTING ASIDE A CONSISTENT TIME EACH DAY WHEN CHILDREN WILL COMPLETE THEIR HOMEWORK. IT ALSO MEANS ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO READ AND WRITE FOR PLEASURE AND SETTING LIMITS ON TELEVISION, COMPUTER AND VIDEO GAME USAGE. (FYI: THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS RECOMMENDS THAT SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN SPEND NO MORE THAN ONE TO TWO HOURS A DAY WATCHING TV AND PLAYING COMPUTER GAMES - AND THAT CHILDREN NOT WATCH TV WHILE DOING HOMEWORK).

SET HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR LEARNING.

PARENTS KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE WHAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE INTERESTED IN AND WHAT THEIR TALENTS ARE. TAKE THE TIME TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN'S STRENGTHS AND FIND WAYS TO SUPPORT THEM WHEN THEY STRUGGLE. THIS SENDS THE MESSAGE THAT YOU ARE READY TO HELP THEM SUCCEED. FOR EXAMPLE, OFFER TO HELP YOUNGER CHILDREN SOUND OUT WORDS AS THEY READ TO YOU. PLAY MATH GAMES AS YOU DRIVE IN THE CAR. MEET WITH THE TEACHER TO DISCUSS HOW YOU CAN WORK TOGETHER TO HELP YOUR CHILD MASTER A DIFFICULT SUBJECT.

ENCOURAGE EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY.

JUST BECAUSE THE SCHOOL DAY IS OVER DOESN'T MEAN THAT LEARNING HAS TO END. IF YOUR CHILD IS LEARNING ABOUT DIFFERENT TYPES OF COMMUNITIES, A FAMILY TRIP TO A LOCAL FARM CAN PROVIDE AN INTERESTING LESSON ON RURAL COMMUNITY LIFE. TRY TURNING AN INTEREST IN COOKING INTO AN INTERNATIONAL THEME DINNER. IF YOU HAVE A SKATEBOARDING ENTHUSIAST IN YOUR FAMILY, SUBSCRIBE TO A MAGAZINE ON HIS/HER FAVORITE TOPIC.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DON'T FORGET

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL PHOTOS, MESSAGES, DEDICATION LETTERS AND YEARBOOK COVER ENTRIES BY JANUARY 30. EMAIL ALLISON SCHLEIN AT MIKAL5157@YAHOO.COM.

FROM THE EDITOR

IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT AN ANNOUNCEMENT OR ARTICLE TO THE TEXAN TALES, PLEASE E-MAIL MELISSA DEAN AT MISSYMDEAN@YAHOO.COM

ATTENTION WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK CUSTOMERS



DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK DEBIT/CREDIT CARD CAN EARN MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL? EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE WITH YOUR CARD FOR GAS, GROCERIES, ETC. WILL EARN POINTS, WHICH TURN INTO A CASH DONATION FROM WASHINGTON MUTUAL BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF POINTS EARNED. THE SCHOOL CAN USE THE CASH FOR WHATEVER IT NEEDS, NO STRINGS ATTACHED.

VISIT WWW.WAMOOLAFORSCHOOLS.COM TO ENROLL YOUR CARD. YOU PAY NOTHING TO ENROLL AND THERE ARE NO LIMITS TO HOW MANY POINTS OUR SCHOOL CAN EARN. WHAT AN EASY WAY TO EARN MONEY TO BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL!

THE POINT IS TO MAKE LEARNING FUN. LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, LOCAL HISTORICAL SITES AND THE INTERNET ARE ALL WONDERFUL RESOURCES TO HELP YOU NURTURE YOUR CHILD'S INTERESTS WHILE SPENDING QUALITY TIME TOGETHER. TWO KID-FRIENDLY SEARCH ENGINES TO TRY ARE YAHOO LIGANS (WWW.YAHOO LIGANS.COM) AND ASK JEEVES FOR KIDS (WWW.AJKIDS.COM).

BUILD A STRONG HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR IS A GREAT TIME TO GET TO KNOW YOUR CHILDREN'S TEACHERS AND LEARN ABOUT WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE YEAR'S LEARNING AT HOME. PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE A GOOD TIME TO TALK ABOUT THE AREAS WHERE YOUR CHILD MAY NEED EXTRA HELP OR WAYS YOU CAN EXPAND UPON CLASSROOM LESSONS. VOLUNTEERING IN THE CLASSROOM, ATTENDING SCHOOL EVENTS AND SENDING NOTES OR E-MAIL MESSAGES ARE GREAT WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH TEACHERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND STAY INFORMED ABOUT WHAT YOUR CHILDREN ARE LEARNING.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT PAYS OFF

DECADES OF RESEARCH SHOW THAT WHEN PARENTS ARE INVOLVED IN THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION, STUDENTS HAVE:

- _ HIGHER GRADES, TEST SCORES AND GRADUATION RATES
- _ BETTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
- _ INCREASED MOTIVATION AND BETTER SELF-ESTEEM
- _ LOWER RATES OF SUSPENSION
- _ DECREASED DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE
- _ FEWER INSTANCES OF VIOLENT BEHAVIOR
- _ A GREATER CHANCE OF GOING ON TO COLLEGE AND OTHER SECONDARY EDUCATION



SOURCE: NATIONAL PTA (WWW.PTA.ORG/PARENTINVOLVEMENT)

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YEARBOOK NEWS ALLISON SCHLEIN— 2ND VICE PRESIDENT/YEARBOOK

MEMORIES ARE IN THE MAKING AS WE "GO THE EXTRA MILE." OUR YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST ENTRIES ARE DISPLAYED IN THE MAIN HALL AND THEY ARE FABULOUS! YOU CAN STILL ENTER UNTIL JANUARY 30TH.

EVERY YEAR WE DEDICATE OUR YEARBOOK TO SOMEONE SPECIAL. IF THERE IS SOMEONE THAT HAS GONE THE EXTRA MILE FOR LONE STAR ELEMENTARY THIS YEAR WHO YOU FEEL WE SHOULD DEDICATE OUR YEARBOOK TO, PLEASE SEND ME A PHOTO AND A LETTER ABOUT YOUR SPECIAL SOMEONE.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF FOURTH GRADERS! PLEASE SEND A KINDERGARTEN PHOTO (WALLET SIZE OR SMALLER, INCLUDE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON THE BACK) AND A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS (MAXIMUM 3 TYPED LINES WITH YOUR CHILD'S FIRST AND LAST NAME) TO BE FEATURED IN OUR YEARBOOK.

TO ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS, IF YOU HAVE PHOTOS FROM CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES; CARNIVAL, UIL, GRANDPARENTS DAY, STORY BOOK CHARACTER PARADE OR ANY OTHER EVENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN OUR YEARBOOK PLEASE SEND THEM TO ME AT SCHOOL OR BY EMAIL. COMPUTER PHOTOS CANNOT BE USED.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL PHOTOS, MESSAGES, DEDICATION LETTERS AND YEARBOOK COVER ENTRIES BY JANUARY 30TH. THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR ALL THE GREAT PHOTOS THAT I HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED. LOOK FOR INFORMATION REGARDING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ASSEMBLE THE MONTAGE PAGES COMING SOON.



TIPS FOR PARENTS

WHY IS FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IMPORTANT?

HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE REASONS IT IS IMPORTANT FOR PARENTS TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION:

- WHEN PARENTS ARE INVOLVED IN THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AT HOME, THEY DO BETTER IN SCHOOL. AND WHEN PARENTS ARE INVOLVED IN SCHOOL, CHILDREN GO FARTHER IN SCHOOL – AND THE SCHOOLS THEY GO TO ARE BETTER. (HENDERSON AND BERLA)
- THE FAMILY MAKES CRITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FROM PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL. A HOME ENVIRONMENT THAT ENCOURAGES LEARNING IS MORE IMPORTANT TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THAN INCOME, EDUCATION LEVEL OR CULTURAL BACKGROUND. (HENDERSON AND BERLA)
- IN 1994, THE COLLEGE BOARD FOUND THAT READING ACHIEVEMENT IS MORE DEPENDENT ON LEARNING ACTIVITIES IN THE HOME THAN IS MATH OR SCIENCE. READING ALOUD TO CHILDREN IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITY THAT PARENTS CAN DO TO INCREASE THEIR CHILD'S CHANCE OF READING SUCCESS.
- WHEN CHILDREN AND PARENTS TALK REGULARLY ABOUT SCHOOL, CHILDREN PERFORM BETTER ACADEMICALLY. (ASTON & MCLANAHAN, 1991; HO & WILLMS, 1996; FINN, 1993)
- THREE KINDS OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AT HOME ARE CONSISTENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH HIGHER STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: ACTIVELY ORGANIZING AND MONITORING A CHILD'S TIME, HELPING WITH HOMEWORK AND DISCUSSING SCHOOL MATTERS. (FINN, 1998)
- PARENTS WHO READ TO THEIR CHILDREN BEFORE THEY ENTER SCHOOL GIVE THEIR CHILDREN A BOOST TOWARD READING SUCCESS. TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT BOOKS AND STORIES READ TO THEM ALSO SUPPORTS READING ACHIEVEMENT. (LAWRENCE ERLBAUM ASSOCIATES, INC. 1996. DEVELOPING ENGAGED READERS IN SCHOOL AND HOME COMMUNITIES. RAHWAY, N.J.: AUTHOR.)
- THE EARLIER THAT PARENT INVOLVEMENT BEGINS IN A CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL PROCESS, THE MORE POWERFUL THE EFFECTS. (KATHLEEN COTTON AND KAREN REED WIKELUND. "PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION," RESEARCH YOU CAN USE. NW REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL LABORATORY.)
- POSITIVE RESULTS OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THEIR CHILDREN'S SCHOOLING INCLUDE IMPROVED ACHIEVEMENT, REDUCED ABSENTEEISM, IMPROVED BEHAVIOR, AND RESTORED CONFIDENCE AMONG PARENTS IN THEIR CHILDREN'S SCHOOLING. (INSTITUTE FOR RESPONSIVE EDUCATION. THE HOME-SCHOOL CONNECTION: SELECTED PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS IN LARGE CITIES. BOSTON: AUTHOR.)

SOURCE: NEA-HELP FOR PARENTS

IT'S TIME TO PLAY

TAMMY HAMILTON- HEALTH CHAIR

MAYBE YOU'RE LOOKING OUTSIDE RIGHT NOW AND SNOW IS FALLING ON THE GROUND, OR MAYBE YOU'RE IN A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE ARE WEARING SHORTS. YOU MIGHT HAVE A BUNCH OF FRIENDS AVAILABLE FOR PLAYING, OR YOU COULD BE ALL BY YOURSELF. NO MATTER WHAT THE WEATHER IS LIKE OR HOW MANY FRIENDS ARE AROUND, THERE'S ALWAYS A WAY TO BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE AND HAVE FUN. HERE'S HOW.

WHEN IT'S JUST YOU

BY YOURSELF? TRY HOPPING ON YOUR BIKE, STRAPPING ON YOUR SKATES, OR GRABBING YOUR SKATEBOARD. DON'T FORGET YOUR HELMET AND PADS! OR TRY JUMPING ROPE AND COUNTING HOW MANY TIMES YOU CAN JUMP BEFORE YOU MISS. SOMETIMES BEING BY YOURSELF GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO PRACTICE STUFF SO YOU GET BETTER AT IT. IF YOU PLAY TENNIS, TRY HITTING A TENNIS BALL AGAINST A BRICK WALL. IF BASKETBALL'S YOUR THING, TRY SHOOTING HOOPS AND SEEING HOW MANY YOU CAN SINK. OR IF YOU'RE INTO SOCCER, GRAB A BALL, AND SEE HOW LONG YOU CAN KEEP IT IN THE AIR USING YOUR FEET, KNEES, AND HEAD. WHEN YOU PLAY WITH YOUR FRIENDS AGAIN, THEY'LL BE AMAZED AT WHAT YOU CAN DO!

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MORE THINGS TO DO WHEN IT'S JUST YOU:

PRACTICE HOPSCOTCH.

SEE HOW LONG YOU CAN HOP ON ONE FOOT.

DO JUMPING JACKS.

INVENT SOME DANCE MOVES.

DO SPRINTS (SHORT RUNNING RACES) AND TIME YOURSELF TO SEE HOW FAST YOU GO.

WHEN THERE ARE TWO

JUST YOU AND A FRIEND HANGING OUT, LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO? PRACTICE PLAYING SOME PING-PONG OR START A TENNIS TOURNAMENT BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU. EVER TRY BADMINTON? IT'S GREAT IF YOU HAVE A NET, BUT YOU ALSO CAN PLAY BY JUST SEEING HOW MANY TIMES YOU CAN HIT THE BIRDIE BACK AND FORTH TO EACH OTHER.

HOW ABOUT A LITTLE ONE-ON-ONE IN BASKETBALL OR A RACE TO SEE WHO'S THE FASTEST RUNNER? MAYBE YOU'RE INTO CHEERLEADING. IF SO, INVENT SOME NEW CHEERS TOGETHER.

MORE THINGS TO DO WHEN THERE ARE TWO:

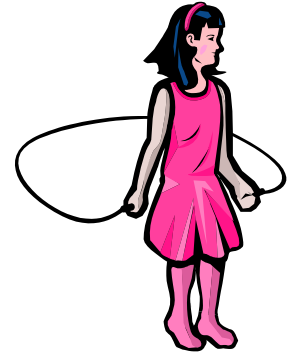
HAVE A HANDSTAND CONTEST.

INVENT DANCES TO YOUR FAVORITE SONGS.

JUMP ROPE TOGETHER.

RIDE BIKES AND DON'T FORGET YOUR HELMETS!

PRACTICE PITCHING AND HITTING A BASEBALL.



WHEN THERE ARE A LOT OF YOU

IF THERE ARE A BUNCH OF KIDS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING COOL TO DO, YOU'RE IN LUCK! LOTS OF SPORTS AND GAMES WORK WELL WITH A GROUP OF KIDS. BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, BASKETBALL, SOCCER, AND VOLLEYBALL ARE GOOD GROUP GAMES. OR YOU MIGHT PLAY FOLLOW THE LEADER ON BIKES, BLADES, OR SKATES.

MORE THINGS TO DO WHEN THERE ARE A LOT OF YOU:

HAVE A SKATEBOARDING CONTEST.

PLAY TAG.

PLAY OUTDOOR HIDE-AND-SEEK.

DANCE TO YOUR FAVORITE MUSIC.

WHEN YOU'RE STUCK AT HOME

MAYBE YOU CAN'T GO OUT BECAUSE THE WEATHER IS RAINY OR TOO COLD. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T GET SOME EXERCISE WHILE YOU'RE INSIDE.

TURN ON YOUR FAVORITE MUSIC AND DANCE. INVITE YOUR DOG OR CAT TO JOIN IN THE FUN. OR GRAB A HULA HOOP AND MAKE UP SOME HULA-HOOP DANCES. IF THERE IS ENOUGH ROOM, YOU CAN JUMP ROPE AND COUNT HOW MANY TIMES YOU JUMP WITHOUT MISSING.

THERE ARE BASKETBALL HOOPS WITH OVER-THE-DOOR HOOKS AND BASKETBALLS MADE FROM SOFT FOAM THAT ARE MEANT TO BE PLAYED WITH INDOORS. IF YOU HAVE THEM AND THERE IS ENOUGH ROOM, SET THEM UP AND SHOOT SOME HOOPS. HAVE A TOURNAMENT WITH EVERYONE IN THE HOUSE - MAY THE BEST BASKETBALL PLAYER WIN!

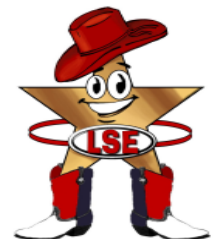
MORE THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU'RE STUCK AT HOME:

DO SOME TUMBLING IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH ROOM TO DO IT.

SET UP A SCAVENGER HUNT.

BAT A BALLOON BACK AND FORTH AND TRY NOT TO LET IT HIT THE FLOOR.

AND HERE'S ONE THING **NOT** TO DO: TRY NOT TO SAY, "I'M BORED. THERE'S NOTHING TO DO." AS YOU JUST FOUND OUT, **THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO!**



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THE MISSION OF THE PTA:

CHILD ADVOCACY * PARENT INVOLVEMENT * PARENT EDUCATION

2005-2006 GOALS:

- *ALLOCATE 50% OF BUDGETED FUNDS TO STUDENT/PARENT PROGRAMMING AND/OR ACADEMICS*
- *PURCHASE OR GET DONATED A VIDEO CAMERA AND DVD BURNER*
- *ADOPT A CHARITY OR CHARITIES FOR THE YEAR AND INCORPORATE INTO THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM*
- *PURCHASE OR GET DONATED A SHED TO HOUSE LSE PTA ASSETS*
- *PURCHASE OR GET DONATED COVERED RUBBERMAID STORAGE BINS TO HOUSE LSE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT*

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*“School Bank Days” for Lone Star Elementary
Every 2nd Tuesday before school starts 8:00 to 8:30*

*A First Bank representative will be at the school to take deposits
and help children learn basic banking skills.*

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*There will be monthly promotional gifts for the students who make a
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--- School Bank Request Form -----817-306-1211

Student: _____ Grade: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____ Room # _____

Parent Signature: _____ Printed: _____



January 10th is School Bank Day!



We’ll see you then!