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President's Perspective

Welcome back to school! This is going to be a great year and I hope that you all are looking forward to participating in the exciting activities we have planned! Hopefully, the Back to School Bash that we sponsored was fun for your children, while you took care of business. Watch your child's folder and this newsletter for more information regarding upcoming activities like the Lone Star Days Carnival, Lone Star After Dark, The Sock Hop, Dad's Club Campout and much more.

Over the summer, the PTA Executive board was really busy preparing for this school year. Many thanks are extended to each and every board member who attended those summer meetings and helped with all the planning! Also, I would like to thank all of the Vice Presidents of the PTA; Amy Newton 1st VP, Michelle Douglas 2nd VP, Lori Yepez 3rd VP, and Cesily Bosley 4th VP. You all have done such a wonderful job coordinating all of your chairmen and making my job a lot more manageable!

The first day of school seemed to go smoothly for most, but for those Pre-K and Kindergarten parents who might have had to cope with some sad emotions, we held a Tears and Cheers Breakfast. This was an opportunity for the parents to meet the principals, counselor and librarian. Thanks to Penny Banks and Michelle Douglas for putting this together and helping the PTA welcome the new parents to Lone Star!

Hopefully, the PTA General Assembly Meetings will be welcoming for you. These meetings are the perfect opportunity for you to be a part of what happens in this wonderful school. To continue to build a strong school community, we will be having family activities after the meetings. For example, after September's meeting we will have a family fun night, with games, food, music and more. What a great way to meet some other families and interact with the teachers and principals!

I am looking forward to meeting all of you and hope that your year at Lone Star is enjoyable! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns! Have a great school year!

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Upcoming Events

- 9/4 Labor day Holiday.
- 9/7 Homecoming Parade. Lone Star after dark session 1
- 9/8 Room Rep. Meeting. Pass-book fundraiser ends.
- 9/11 Honor Choir Parent Meeting. Book Fair week begins.
- 9/12 Grandparents day Breakfast.
- 9/22 Dad's Club Campout
- 9/29 Room rep. Meeting
- 10/3 Lifetouch picture retakes.
- 10/5 Early release day
- 10/6 Parent-teacher conferences
- 10/9-13 Fall Break
- Cookie dough sale kick-off. PTA Executive meeting. Fire Prevention week.
- 10/27 Turn in Box Tops.
- 10/30 Science Fair.

Meet Lone Star Elementary PTA Executive Board!

President

My name is Melissa Dean and I am the proud parent of Brendan, who is in 1st grade. My husband, Michael, decided to be a part of the PTA this year and is the Dad's Club Chairman. Last year I was the Newsletter Chairperson and enjoyed being involved so much that I decided to accept the nomination for President! One of my goals this year is to make sure that everyone feels welcome and will be able to voice their opinions. Michael and I are so blessed to have our son attend a school where everyone cares! We are looking forward to many great years here at Lone Star!

1st Vice-President

My name is Amy Newton. I have 2 boys that attend Lone Star. Cole is in Mrs. William's first grade class and Luke is in Mrs. Brashear's Kindergarten class. I work at Lone Star as a teacher's aide in the PPCD classes. This year I am the 1st Vice President in the LSE PTA, and my second year as a board member. I am looking forward to working with the PTA this year. I think that we have a great year planned so far. We would love to have as many parents and teachers involved with us to make it the best year so far at Lone Star.

2nd Vice-President and Fundraising Chairperson

My name is Michelle Douglas and I am the 2nd VP and Fundraising Chairperson. This is my first year to serve on the LSE PTA Board and I'm thrilled at the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful school and it's PTA. I am a stay at home mom. My husband Todd and I have three beautiful children, my daughter Laurel is 20 yrs. old and is married to a wonderful young man, Colin. My oldest son Parker is 17 yrs. old and quite a basketball player, my youngest son Dylan is 9 yrs. old and is in the 3rd grade here at Lone Star. My goal is to promote membership and profitable fundraisers for a successful and exciting year. I am looking forward to a wonderful and memorable year at Lone Star.

3rd Vice-President

My name is Lori Yopez and I am the 3rd VP. I have 2 kids that attend Lone Star. Jovanna is in first grade and Jonathan is in Kindergarten. I am a Creative Memories Consultant and I have also worked for the airlines for 16 yrs. My family and I moved to Texas about 4 yrs ago from Miami, Florida.

As your 3rd VP this year my job will be to mentor several different areas of the PTA such as the fundraising and box tops & labels committees. I want each one of you to know just how important and vital fundraising is to our school. Fundraising allows the PTA get all those fun things that the school needs to enrich and support each one of our children's academic lives here at Lone Star. You can help us raise funds in many different ways. You can help us sell the things that your children bring home to sell, or if you prefer you can also just donate money directly to the school. Also, another fun way to help is to collect the Box Tops for Education coupons that come on some of those products that we buy on a weekly basis. You received a container to help you collect these labels. You can make a contest with your family when you go do your grocery shopping so the one that finds the most labels in the products that you buy wins. My goal this year is to make raising funds for the school a fun thing for you and your family. If any of you have questions or suggestions about fundraising, the school and Holiday stores, please feel free to email me at loriyepez@yahoo.com. Thank you and I am looking forward to a fun year.

4th Vice-President

My name is Cesily Bosley and I am the 4th VP. I am a twice blessed woman. I am married to a very loving husband and devoted dad. I am the mother of two great children and one furry dog. My son Sean is a third grader and my daughter Megan is a first grader, and our furry child named "Jack" is an eight year old yellow lab.

This is my first year to serve on the LSE PTA Board. My responsibilities for this year are to mentor the following chair positions: Banking, Health, Safety, Environmental, Room Representative, Library/Media, Volunteer and Special Projects. Each one of these Committees has been filled by a dedicated and enthusiastic Chairperson with great ideas and events planned for this school year. If you would like to volunteer on any of these upcoming committees' events any amount of your time is greatly appreciated. Helping one another is what makes these LSE school events such a great success! I will pray for a tremendous successful school year. Let's have FUN!!!

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School store/holiday store

My name is Katy Savoie and I was born in Fort Worth Texas. I'm an "almost Single" mother of two. Dakota age 4 (Pre-K) and Savannah age 2. I'm an Executive Vice President for Wachovia Bank, where I develop and originate Home Mortgage Loans. My spare time is devoted to my children and outdoor activities. A few of my hobbies include modeling, all occasion party planning, softball, and volunteering for local community and civic charities. I am also a member of one of many Builder Associations throughout Texas.

I am currently "All Wrapped Up in Ribbon" with Homecoming mum orders, and coaching my son Dakota's soccer team.

How do I do it, you ask??? We all would like to know!!! I'm very excited about joining the Lone Star PTA Board and I'm looking forward to meeting and working with the children, parents and staff at Lone Star!

Dad's Club Coordinator

My name is Michael Dean, and I am the Dad's Club Coordinator. I have one son (Brendan) who is in Mrs. G's first grade. As the Dad's Club Coordinator, my job is to bring more patriarchal participation into our children's education. School is not just for moms anymore! We will sponsor and help out at many events this year. Coming up first is the Dad's Club Campout on September 22nd. Fire, charcoal, tents, and sleeping outside make this event perfect for the whole family. Please look for more information coming your way via email and in this newsletter. It is not a rumor. It is a fact. As a Dad you make the difference. Enrich yours and your child's life by getting involved.

Special Projects

Hello, my name is Penny Banks. I am the Special Projects chairperson for the Lone Star PTA. This is my first year at Lone Star and the first time to serve on the PTA Board. I have three great children, Kendall who is in the 3rd grade here at Lone Star, Hayden who is 15 yrs. old and in the 10th grade, and Taylor Ann who is 17 yrs. old and in her senior year. I am looking forward to an exciting year with all that is planned and meeting each and every one of you.

Room Rep. Chairperson

Hello, my name is Susan Wells and I am the LSE PTA Room Rep. Chairperson for 2006-2007. This is my second year to serve on the LSE PTA and I am looking forward to the new school year.

My husband, Jimmy, and I have resided in the Keller area for many years. I am the mother of three beautiful, energetic boys!! Blaine (14) is starting the 9th grade, Brandon (6) is now in the 1st grade and Bryce (4) is in pre-school.

If any of you are interested in volunteering for your class-

room's Room Rep, please contact your teacher. Have a wonderful school year!

Lone Star After Dark

My name is Wendy Jackson, and I am the chairperson for Lone Star After Dark. I am married and have 2 beautiful children Emily (8 yrs old), and Matthew (4 yrs old). In addition to all the fun I have at Lone Star, I am a nurse at our local Cooks Urgent Care. Even though I'm crazy busy all the time, please feel free to get in touch with any questions/comments/concerns about the program. I just love children and being a part of Lone Star and it's programs! I'm sure you will too!

Historian and Faculty Liaison

Hello, my name is Georgia Fleming. I have two jobs in the PTA, I am historian, and the faculty liaison. This is my 3rd year working at Lone Star. I have had children here for the past 4 years. I do believe Lone Star is the place to be!

My family moved to this area 4 years ago. My husband Tim and I have 4 children. We are a very busy family with 2 at Central, 1 at Hillwood, and our 2nd grader here at Lone Star.

As the cheer goes (If you don't know about the cheer ask your children) trying hard, that's the key to be the BEST that I(we) can be. Goooooone Lone Star! And PTA!

Staff Appreciation Chairperson

Hello, my name is Kerri Cooper your PTA Staff Appreciation Chairman for 2006-2007 school year. I have four wonderful boys, one here at Lone Star. I will be showing each of the Lone Star staff how much we appreciate all the special gifts they bring to our children. I look forward to serving our Lone Star staff in a GREAT year.

Legislative Chairperson

My name is Bobby Conrick; I am the Legislative Chairperson for this school year. The Legislative position's main role is to keep PTA members aware of state, local, and school board legislation.

My position goals are to keep members of the Lone Star PTA aware of the legislative process, pending legislation that affects the educational environment, as well as making members aware of how they can become involved in shaping legislative actions. As a professional educator in Keller ISD and a father of two Lone Star Elementary students, my commitment as an advocate for all students is genuine and I look forward to working towards improving the educational environment.

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Environmental Chairperson

Hi! My name is Jessica Silver. I am excited to be involved in the PTA this year!

I have a daughter - Raeann - who is in 1st grade and a son - Joseph - who is in Kindergarten.

We moved to Keller in January of 2005 from San Diego, CA where my husband, Joe was Active Duty with the Navy. My husband and I both grew up in TX so we are very glad to be back and be close to family again!

I enjoy spending time with my family and being outdoors.

I love to scrapbook and go to the gym in my free time! I am blessed to stay home with my children but will be going back to school once they are both in school full-time.

I hope to see lots of volunteers this year for the fun and exciting projects we will be doing with the Lone Star PTA!

Health Chairperson

My name is Brandi Gutchess. My family and I moved to Keller about 1 ½ years ago from South Carolina. Although I recently moved from South Carolina I am originally from Colorado. My husband Kevin and I have three children, Joshua who will be in 3rd grade,

Morgan who will be in 1st and Raegan who will start kindergarten next year. As health chairman I will keep the tooth tree going and assist the nurse when needed. I hope to submit articles to the newsletter that will help our community become healthier and better informed. I will also try to submit recipes that are healthy, fast and good.

Newsletter and Handbook

My name is Martha Ruepprich. I'm originally from Lima Peru. I moved to Texas in 1987 to attend the University of North Texas. It was there that I met my wonderful husband Christoph. We moved to Oklahoma city to pursue our graduate degrees and lived there for 10 years. Now we're very happy to be back in Texas. A couple of years ago I decided to leave a hectic and very successful career in healthcare to do the most important and challenging job of my life. I'm very proud and honored to be just a stay at home mom to my two wonderful kids. Alexander is a 1st grader at Lone Star and Isabella is a busy 3 year old. I'm very happy to be a part of this PTA and Lone Star Elementary. I will be in charge of publishing the newsletters and handbook. I also hope to assist the PTA accomplish it's goals to the best of my abilities.

Arts & Education Chairperson

I am Christoph Ruepprich, husband of Martha (see above.) I moved to the USA in 1989 from Germany. My educational background is in music. I currently work as a programmer for Williamson-Dickie.

In my new PTA capacity I hope to bring the arts a little

closer to the Lone Star students, by promoting the national PTA's Reflections competition, and by various other, smaller projects. If you know of any resources in the arts community, either professional or amateur, I would be happy to learn about them.

Secretary and Student Banking Chairperson

Hello! My name is Deanna Arneson. I am the PTA secretary and the Student Banking Chairperson. You can also see me at Lone Star Elementary as I am the Content Mastery teacher there. My husband, of almost 14 years, is a Logistics Manager for Omni Flight in Addison, and our daughter, Brenna, is a 3rd grader at Lone Star. We are all looking forward to another wonderful school year



We need your help!

**Please consider joining the
LSE PTA Team.**

**We still have some positions
available.**

**If you are interested please
contact**

**Melissa Dean at
missymdean@yahoo.com**

Thank you for your support!

Protecting Your Eyes from the Sun

By Brandi Gutches

What is UV?

UV stands for ultraviolet radiation (rays). UV rays are an invisible form of radiation that causes sunburn. Besides sunburn, UV rays can also damage your eyes and hurt your vision. There is a strong possibility that UV-related eye disorders will increase over the next decade. This is due to the thinning of the ozone layer and the growing popularity of outdoor activities.

Are there different types of UV rays?

There are two types of UV rays: UV-A and UV-B.

UV-A

UV-A rays can hurt your central vision. It can damage the part of the retina at the back of your eye called the macula.

UV-B

The front part of your eye (the cornea and lens) absorbs most UV-B rays, but these rays may cause even more damage to your eyes than UV-A rays.



What eye problems can I get from UV rays?

UV radiation may cause several different types of eye problems including:

Macular degeneration

Cataracts

Pterygium (a growth on the white of the eye that can eventually block vision)

Skin cancer around the eyelids

Photokeratitis (corneal sunburn)

Am I at risk from UV rays?

Yes, everyone (including children) is at risk for eye damage from UV radiation that can lead to vision loss. Any factor that increases the amount of time you spend in the sun will increase your risk. People who work or play in the sun for long periods of time are at the greatest risk.

What is my best defense against UV Rays?

Both a wide-brimmed hat or cap and UV absorbing eyewear will reduce the amount of UV you are exposed to. Your wide-brimmed hat or cap will block roughly 50% of UV rays. It will also reduce the UV radiation that can enter the eyes from above or around glasses. UV-absorbing eyewear provides the greatest measure of UV protection.

All types of eyewear, including prescription and non-prescription glasses, sunglasses, contact lenses, and lens implants, should absorb both UV-A and UV-B rays. Examine the labels carefully to make sure that the lenses absorb at least 99 to 100% of both types of rays. Avoid products with labels that do not state exactly how much UV the product blocks

“Both a wide-brimmed hat or cap and UV absorbing eyewear will reduce the amount of UV you are exposed to”.

Lone Star Environmental Committee Newsflash!!!

Keep Keller Beautiful!

Fall Trash Bash at Bear Creek Park

Sept, 9th ~ 9am-12pm

For more information log onto

www.kellerparksandrec.org

Come out with your kids to help pick up trash and keep the city looking great!

Student Banking

by Deanna Arneson

What an exciting opportunity for our students here at Lone Star! First Bank in Fossil Creek has agreed to work along with our PTA to help teach our kids monetary responsibility while reinforcing math skills.

Students not only will be able to open an actual bank account, but they will also be able to make deposits to their accounts once a month while at school. First Bank provides small gifts every month for each student making a deposit. Also, each student who makes a deposit is entered into a monthly drawing for an even bigger prize!

Information regarding how to open an account has been sent home with your child/children. Along with that information is a \$10.00 savings certificate. First Bank will deposit \$10.00 into each student's account just for opening one!

We have attempted to schedule our student banking days the second Tuesday of every month. However, we have had to schedule a couple of our banking days on the third Tuesday in some months because of holidays.

Following is our banking schedule for this school year:

Sept 12th - 2nd Tuesday

Oct 17th - 3rd Tuesday due to Fall Break

Nov 14th - 2nd Tuesday

*** Not November 15th as incorrectly scheduled on the PTA calendar ***

Dec 12th - 2nd Tuesday

Jan 9th - 2nd Tuesday

Feb 13th - 2nd Tuesday

March 20th - 3rd Tuesday due to Spring Break

April 10th - 2nd Tuesday

May 8th - 2nd Tuesday

Bank representatives will be at our school, on these dates, from 8:00am to 8:30 am. Afternoon kindergarten students can send in their deposits the day before the scheduled banking day if they wish.

If you have any questions, you can call First Bank at 817-306-1211, or feel free to call or email me, Deanna Arneson. You can contact me at 817-744-5200 or drarneson@kellerisd.net.



Box Tops for Education



Box Tops 4 education provides three easy ways to earn cash for our school to earn up to \$60,000 per year! That's as much as \$20,000 each from clipping Box Tops, shopping at the Box Tops MarketplaceSM and using the Box Tops Visa® card. You can also support our school by logging on to www.boxtops4education.com and signing up to enter LSE to win Bonus Box Tops. It's an easy and free way to support our school.



Library News

By Sandra McCorkle, LMS and Author

Our first Book Fair for the 2006-2007 school is almost here! It will be held in the Library September 11 - 15 from 8:10 until 4. Family night will be held Thursday, September 14 from 3:30 until 6:30. Don't miss out on the wonderful chance to get some great and awesome books for your children!

**“Our First Book Fair will be held
September 11-15th”**

**Help
needed!**

We're looking for volunteers to help out at the front of the school at 3:15 pm to direct traffic while the teachers load the kids into their parent's cars. If you can help, please call Bill Shultz at 817-514-1830 or Lori Yopez at 817-637-5891, and let us know what days you can help. Thank you!!!

Counselor's Corner

By, Judy K. Martin

Greetings, Lone Star Family and Friends,

Our Counseling Center has been a buzz with activity getting things up and going on another great year at Lone Star. Something new this year is that every school in the district, along with our greater Keller community partners and families, will be celebrating the new KISD Character Education program. Each month will focus on a specific character trait starting off with RESPONSIBILITY! On Lone Star's behalf, our students demonstrating these character qualities above and beyond the norm will be singled out and honored for their performance. Banners will grace the Wall of Character in the front hallway, and this honorable behavior will be on display by posting their names and deeds up there for all to see. We hope that at home, you will take this opportunity to discuss these important life skills as a family and join us in our efforts to instill in our Lone Star students the highest standard for character and good citizenship.

One other quick note, we plan to offer the Love and Logic classes again this year, so please give me a call if you want to be a part of this wonderful program. (817-744-5200, ext. 4116) Also, I've been thinking about offering some guidance lessons for our parents one evening a month while your kiddos are attending Lone Star After Dark. We're still in the planning stages, as I want to find out if you are truly interested in attending and what topics you would like to see discussed. I would definitely want a repeat of the Cyber-Safety Information we offered last year. Although it was sparsely attended, it was extremely important information no parent should be without. Other subjects like cultural awareness in our Lone Star community, the over-indulged child, body image impact on self esteem and eating disorders, and how to prevent fallout from divorce are a few that I would welcome as I see a growing need in our children. Also, you will be receiving information home regarding planning for college and preparing your children to start thinking about their futures. If more in depth discussion would appeal, I will be more than happy to make arrangements for this too. Bottom line, I need to hear from you. At the next PTA meeting, Monday, 08-28, I will be asking for your input regarding these events. Please put your requests in writing and if I build it, I hope you will come.



More Volunteer's Needed!!!

We are in need of volunteers to help out during Grandparent's day breakfast. The breakfast will be held at the cafeteria on Tuesday September 12th from 8-9am.

This is a wonderful opportunity to help the PTA make this a memorable and special event for the children and their grandparents.

If you are interested in helping out please contact April Jessen at tajessen@1scom.net

Thank you for your support!!!

Newsletter News

The Texan Tales welcomes you to another successful academic year at Lone Star Elementary!!!
The Texan Tales is a publication sponsored by Lone Star Elementary and the LSE PTA. As a member of the LSE PTA you may submit information or articles (subject to reviewing) to be published on this newsletter. Information or articles may be submitted by the deadline schedule shown below. Any information received after the deadlines will be considered for publication on the following issue of the newsletter.

For additional information, comments or to submit articles please contact Martha Ruepprich at castmj@yahoo.com

Newsletter Schedule

Publication	Deadline to submit articles	Publishing date
August/September Back to school issue	August 15 th 2006	September 1 st 2006
October	September 28 th 2006	October 15 th 2006
November-December Holiday issue	December 1 st 2006	December 15 th 2006

Join the PTA!

Join us and be part of an organization that cares about your kids. Become a member of the Lone Star PTA Today!!!

Funds raised by the PTA are used to sponsor many activities such as:

Back to School Bash, Fall Carnival, Lone Star after Dark, Grandparent's day breakfast
Father Daughter Valentine's Dance, Mom and Son Valentine's Jumping Party, Lone Star Parade,
Reading Olympic Medal ceremony, Classroom Parties, Sock Hop, Staff Appreciation week, Red Ribbon Week and so much more!!!

PTA Membership Form

Members Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Students Name: _____

Students Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Check # _____ Check Amount \$ _____

Check Appropriate Box

- Parent \$6.00 Lifetime Member Teacher/Staff \$6.00
- Community Member –anyone other than parent of child \$6.00
- Membership Gift –paying for someone's membership \$6.00