

IES PTA Express

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President's Corner

Welcome "Back to Basics" from your 2009-10 IES PTA!

Our first goal this year is to increase membership and to get 100% participation in every class!! IES PTA is sponsoring a reward for every class that reaches this goal. Parents, grandparents, and family members, please sign up for PTA today and together we can work to make IES the BEST!

Our second goal for your IES PTA is to go paperless!! When you sign up for PTA this year, you will receive our newsletter and reminders through email. We will celebrate the 40th year of Earth Day in 2010 and what better way to go GREEN than by cutting down on all those extra papers in the take home folders!! We hope you are enjoying getting this in your in-box instead of through the take home folders already!!

Next, your IES PTA is focusing this year on "**Back to Basics**," the Texas PTA's theme for the year! What better way to get back to basics than through "**Giving Back**," and this year we have planned several events that the parents, students and teachers can work together to give back to the community. One event that has been kicked off already is "**Locks of Love**" !! More information is included in this newsletter.

Another event coming just around the corner will be **Casey's Coins**!! Here is a great opportunity for the kids to work together in their class to raise money to help sponsor the **Casey's Kids Run** that will take place on Sat., November 7, 2009. There will be more info about the run in the coming weeks, but please start collecting those coins for your students to bring to school. Let's see

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Events/Donations

which class can raise the most and if we can get to the highest level of sponsorship - Platinum!! Every class that raises at least \$50.00 will be recognized as a sponsor and their class name will be printed on all the T-shirts that will be worn on the day of the Fun Run!! One other way to support this great event is to register to run with your family. The school that has the most participants will also receive recognition from the Keller Council of PTA's. **Let's show our Maverick spirit, sign up for the Fun Run and in doing so GIVE BACK - all the proceeds go to benefit children all over the Keller ISD area where it is most needed.**

Your IES PTA will once again be hosting the annual **Maverick Round-Up** on **Friday, October 9th**. Cowboys and cowgirls are invited to come out and have a boot-stomping, hand-clapping, whistle-blowing good time!! This is one way your IES PTA can **Give Back** to you - the Independence family by offering an event for families to hang out and have fun in a very safe and relaxed environment.

This year your IES PTA is excited with all the new changes and goals planned for the year. In the coming weeks and months we hope to continue to **"GIVE BACK,"** in practical, fun, and easy ways that your family can enjoy. We hope that we can count on your support as we strive to work together to make this happen!! Cheers to a great start for this new school year already!!

Your IES PTA President,
Anna Jimenez

Spirit Wear

New spirit wear is coming soon! We have shirts on clearance (\$5 each, sizes are limited) as well as water bottles. To see pictures of some of the shirts available, check out www.iespta.org.

Yearbook

Grab your cameras! Please take lots of pictures during events throughout the school year and email them to Millette Hertel, our yearbook chair. Include the name of the event and grades of the kids.

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Dates to Remember

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| September 17 | Yearbook Pictures |
| September 25 | Early Release |
| October 9 | Maverick Roundup |
| October 13 | PTA Meeting 6:30 pm |
| October 28 | Carter Blood Care |
| November 6 | Mother/Daughter event |
| November 10 | PTA Meeting 6:30 pm |
| November 19 | McDonald's Night |
| December 11 | Grandparents Game Night |

NO PTA Meeting in December!

Box Tops for Education

Welcome to another great year at Independence Elementary School! Tonya Harkins is the volunteer coordinator for Box Tops for Education. This year our goal is to raise \$2,000 in our **"Trash for Cash"** program. Box Tops offers two easy ways to earn cash for our school through everyday activities like buying groceries and shopping online – **all at no additional cost to you.**

Clip - Clip Box Tops from hundreds of participating products. **Box Tops are worth 10¢ each** when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.

Shop - Shop your favorite online stores at the Box Tops Marketplace. Up to 8% of each qualifying purchase is donated to our school.

One of the easiest ways you can make a difference is to sign up for the **Box Tops website** at

www.boxtops4education.com. It's easy, free and you'll learn about new ways to help our school earn the extra cash it needs.

Exclusive online benefits:

- Track our school's Box Tops earnings.
- Print money-saving coupons for

Locks of Love

Girls - don't cut your hair! This year the PTA is giving back to the community. One of the ways we can help others is by donating our hair to Locks of Love. All students who want to participate please read the web site at www.LocksofLove.com to find out information and details. Ms. Lady Gant, one of our 3rd grade teachers, kicked off our Locks of Love campaign last week. She cut her long locks while all the students watched live on the big TV screens! We would like as many students as possible to participate. So let your hair grow!

Thank you, Sponsors!

We'd like to thank Flower Ranch for donating the beautiful flowers for the planters in front of the school. Also, thanks to Pollenzo's Pizza House for becoming a member of IES PTA and providing a delicious spaghetti dinner for our wonderful teachers the week before school started.

Maverick Math

This program was an incredible success last year, and we can't wait to start it again! Maverick Math is a supplemental math program for children that provides fun, yet challenging, math problems to help encourage thinking skills and reinforce classroom math lessons. This is a VOLUNTARY program that is open to all Kindergarten through 4th grade students.

Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer in your child's classroom, please contact your child's teacher.

Each teacher plans how he/she would like to have parent help. Each teacher will have a room parent helper who will plan two parties: the Winter party and a Valentine's Day party. Volunteers are always necessary and the kids love to have a family member help out in the classroom. Melissa Cicerelli, the Room Parent Chair, can be contacted at melissacicerelli@iespta.org.

There are many other volunteer opportunities at IES: special events throughout the year like the Maverick Roundup, parent/student events, grandparent/student events and also daily needs in the library, cafeteria, workroom and front

your favorite Box Tops brands.

- Enter to win Bonus Box Tops for our school.
- Make mealtime easier with family-pleasing recipes.

In the next few days, a flyer with a detailed listing of the participating products, a collection sheet, and information on our fun contests for this year will be coming home for your family to use. In the mean time, to learn more, visit www.boxtops4education.com or contact me at 817-741-2651 or TonyaHarkins@iespta.org. Thanks for choosing to make a difference for our school with Box Tops!

Campbell's Labels for Education

We are collecting Campbell's labels to earn free stuff for our school. For more information go to the following website: www.labelsforeducation.com. Labels can be found on many other products besides Campbell's soups. Check out the complete list on the website and also print off fun collection sheets.

Caprisun Pouches

Caprisun pouches are also being collected to send in for money for IES. **We can earn 2¢ for each pouch.** For more information about the "Be Green - Earn Green" program, check out www.kraftfood.com/caprisun and also www.terracycle.net.

SunnyD Labels

Another label campaign that benefits schools is the SunnyD Book Spree program. **Teachers can get 20 free books by collecting just 20 labels.** Go to www.sunnyd.com for more information. Please send these labels directly to your child's teacher rather than dropping them into the label collection container outside the library. This program ends November 14 so send in your labels soon!

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Remember to sign in on the PTA log in the office so that we can recognize your hard work!

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