



DRAGON BEAT

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Rockenbaugh's monthly newsletter



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ROCKENBAUGH ELEMENTARY

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR 2007-2008

APRIL

April 29 3rd & 4th TAKS Math
April 30 4th TAKS Reading

MAY

May 2 RES Talent Show
May 5 Dragon Day
May 16 May Madness
May 22 4th Grade Musical
May 26 School Holiday
May 30 Kinder Beach Day

JUNE

June 3 Pre-K, Kinder & 4th
Graduation
June 4 1st, 2nd, 3rd Graduation
June 4 4th Grade Aquatic Trip
June 4 Last Day of School

SPIRIT SHOP OPEN

April 24 8:30-1:30
May 16 10:00-3:00
May 30 10:30-3:00

Kindergarten Round-Up

April 24th - 8:30-10:00

You will need: Birth
Certificate, Driver's
License, Immunization
Record, Social Security
Card

Proof Of Residence-
Please provide 2
(water/gas and/or
electric)

New Students Only-
Kindergarten Social- May
1st - 6:00-7:00 p.m.-

Parents are highly
recommended to attend
along with your child.



**Congratulations
to
Tricia Pate
RES TEACHER OF
THE YEAR**

**In addition to being named RES Teacher of
the Year, Mrs. Pate was also recently
recognized by CISD for the Dragon core
value of "Excellence" during the fourth
week of the district's new *True To The Core*
initiative. Thank you Mrs. Pate!**



True To The Core Initiative Begins

Nominations Sought To Honor Dragon Employees

The Carroll ISD School Board has adopted core values that truly exemplify our mission to educate the children of this community. These values are excellence, relationships, character and integrity, innovation and open and honest communication. And now, you can be a part of honoring one of our Dragons. Each month, the district will highlight a particular core value and will accept nominations to recognize employees who display that core value on the job. Nominations can be submitted via direct email or by visiting the **True To The Core** link on the CISD website. Each nominee will be recognized in the weekly electronic newsletter and from those names, a weekly drawing will be held. The winner will receive a \$100 gift card, compliments of the **We Care** employee appreciation program. Anyone can nominate a current CISD employee as part of the **True To The Core** recognition program. The nomination must be emailed to jthannum@cisdmail.com. Please include your name and contact information, the name of a current Dragon employee you would like to nominate and a brief description of why the individual is being nominated (100 words or less) for that core value. Questions about the nomination process may be directed to 817-949-7080.

"True to the Core" Value for the Month of May is Open & Honest Communication



Carroll ISD 2008
Reflection of Excellence

Art and Music Show

A showcase of kindergarten through 8th grade fine art students
Carroll High School Cafeteria, 800 White's Chapel Blvd

Art Exhibits open:

Saturday, April 26 from 9am-7pm

Sunday, April 27 from 12pm-4pm

Featuring Musical performances on Saturday

9:00am	Old Union Elementary
10:00am	Johnson Elementary
11:00am	Eubanks Intermediate
1:00pm	Carroll Elementary
2:00pm	Durham Elementary
3:00pm	Rockenbaugh Elementary
4:00pm	Durham Elementary

Art in the Square

April 25-27

See other CISD student
artwork on display at
Southlake Town Square

Congratulations

RES Odyssey Of The Mind Team Advances To World Finals

Several Rockenbaugh students were recently named state finalists in the Odyssey of the Mind competition and will be advancing to World Finals in late May. This culminating event will be held at the University of Maryland in College Park. Congratulations to the outstanding performers listed below:

Division 1 Vehicular Team

*Rockenbaugh Elementary School,
1st place overall, 1st place long term*

- Braden Anderson (4th grade)
- Emily Brown (4th grade)
- Mason Greenberg (4th grade)
- Madison Greenberg (3rd grade)
- Noah Harston (4th grade)
- Nikhil Ravi (4th grade)
- Christopher Schiebout (4th grade)



A huge thank you to our
Auction Committee Chairs -

**Leah Kay Gabriel,
Sandra George and
Michelle Greenberg.**

These talented women, along
with their volunteer
committee, created a

wonderful event for RES!
Another note of thanks for

Laura Grosskopf for
managing a seamless checkout
process and to **Lynda**

Warner for rounding up the
items for auction. All efforts
combined generated more
than **\$93,000** net for RES!!!

GREAT JOB!!!!!!

Earth Day is April 22, 2008



Rockenbaugh will recognize Earth Day, 2008, with a variety of activities. Please consider joining us for one or more of the following events.

- **Poetry Contest:** Students may submit a piece of original poetry about the Earth or Earth Day for judging. Deadline is Friday, **April 18th**. Turn this in to your teacher or Mrs. Jones. There will be a small prize for the winner and they may read their entry on Dragon Tale News.
- **Garden Work Day:** Everyone is invited to the garden on **Sunday, April 20th**, from 2-5 PM to weed, prune, and mulch. Wear gloves and sunscreen and bring water to drink.
- **Clean-up the RES Campus:** Come to the science lab at 3:00 on **April 22nd** and we will pick up trash around the campus. We should be finished by 3:20. Please wear gloves such as garden gloves and tennis shoes (no flip flops). Trash bags will be provided. **Any student staying after school must R.S.V.P. to Mrs. Jones via email (gjones@cisdmail.com) or written note.**
- **“Trash Free” Lunch:** If your child is bringing a lunch on **April 22nd**, try to pack a lunch in reusable containers.
- **Ladybug Release:** Every class will release ladybugs some time during the day on the **22nd**.
- **Aluminum Can Recycling:** Start saving your aluminum cans and bring them to the science lab patio in the back of the school on **April 22nd**. Hopefully, some of our older students will help us smash them during recess. The proceeds will help to pay for the ladybugs.
- **Student Pledges:** Students will write pledges stating how they can make the Earth a better place for a bulletin board located near the Dragon Tale News room.
- **Wildflower Seed Paper:** Students will receive a small piece of handmade paper with wildflower seeds embedded in the paper. Plant the paper where you would want to see wildflowers grow!
- **Earth Day Grocery Bags:** Students will decorate grocery bags from Central Market at school with Earth Day slogans and pictures. The bags will be returned to the grocery store for use during the week of April 22nd.



Every day is Earth Day at Rockenbaugh

Questions/Concerns??? Contact Ginger Jones, gjones@cisdmail.com or Aisha Altherr, aishaaltherr@yahoo.com

CONGRATULATIONS

Carroll ISD Transportation
Art Poster Winners - 2008



Sabrina Del Rosario
Riley Porcarello
Anna Wellander

April's Teacher Luncheon was a deliciouso catered event from Buca di Beppo! The wonderful aroma filled the air and the gourmet food filled our bellies! A special thanks to the following who so graciously went over and beyond to help out with this special luncheon.

Lynda Warner	Julie Mansen	Jenny Warden
Neda Khalilian	Julie Weisert	Marie Gress

Thanks also to Laurie Kempfs from Two Gems, Suzi Thorne with Southern Living at Home, Buca di Beppo and Paula Connor for their generous donations for our raffle prizes.

Your PTO
Lunch Ladies
Kathy
Derevyanik
Laurie Kempfs
Maury Li

Mark your calendars for the end of year grade level celebrations!



June 3rd- 9:00-10:00 a.m.- K-Graduation & Performance
 June 3rd- 10:30-12:00 p.m.- 4th Grade Celebration
 June 3rd- 4:00-2:00 p.m.- Preschool Graduation
 June 4th- 8:00-10:00 a.m.- 1st Grade Celebration & Performance
 June 4th- 10:30-12:00 p.m. - 3rd Grade Celebration
 June 4th- 12:00 p.m.- 4th Grade Aquatic End of Year Trip
 June 4th - 12:45-2:15 p.m.- 2nd Grade Celebration

**What a wonderful Island Beach Party we had in March for our Teacher Luncheon!
 Thanks to all who volunteered to provide such wonderful tropical delights!**

Julie Mansen	Joan Schmille	Lisa Elia	Alison Weiss	Debra Conway
Kim Parkins	Megan Anderson	Tracy Crump	LeAnn Starks	Michell Donfris
Rose Maryland	Nelia Keiser	Laura Grosskopf	Ann Reidel	Jenny Warden
Lisa Gann	Sandy McCall	Lisa Scheffler	Disa Mason	Grace Dotson
Lynn Dagar	Amy Eubanks	Trek Lewis	Caren Wold	Julia Coutounmanos
Marcy McTaggart	Tammy Phelps	Darcie Lester	Erin Payne	

ROCKENBAUGH PTO MINUTES

March 11, 2008

ATTENDEES: Christin Kelber, Kim Desces, Roni Townson, Carrie Canter, Kristie Millican, Tina Springer, Megan Anderson, Terri Schrobilsen, Shelley Whalen, Anne Marie Foster, Neda Khalilian, Joann Schmilie, Lisa Elia, Deborah Walls, Sonnie Rice, April O'Neil, Lynda Warner, Alisha Althero, Michelle Donfris, Laura McCormick, Michele Tucker, Julia Coutoumanos, Ann Riedel, Paige Green, Karen Murray, Sandra George, Joan Gonzales

MINUTES:

Call to Order by President, Roni Townson

The budget was presented by Treasurer, Christin Kelber. The auction results are not tabulated on this budget but will be ready for next month. Available funds are \$18,409 with \$8500 in yearbook expenses and the remainder of the auction expenses to be paid.

Carrie Canter, VP of fundraising covered the results of the meeting that was formed at the last month's PTO meeting. Members of this committee were Carrie Canter, Shelley Whalen, Jennifer Sheldon, Alyssa Malloy, and Michele Tucker. Concerning the advertising/solicitation issues, they discovered a policy within the district states that we are not permitted as a school to send out any separate solicitations. We will instead use the Dragon Beat as a means to advertise, as a benefit to the PTO. There will be no charge for the service, but we have expectations to profit in some capacity (with no minimum). We will also place ads/opportunities in the PTO workroom on a community board.

The Fashion Show was originally designed as a means to bring together moms from Rockenbaugh and Old Union. Eventually, both schools decided to do the event on their own. We have had a \$10,000 budget for the event that doesn't directly benefit the school. Therefore, the committee is proposing that we have one major spring fundraiser, and the chairperson will work with the executive board and Mrs. White to determine what is best for that particular year. There was a motion to accept this proposal, and the idea was accepted by the majority to implement this policy of one spring fundraiser.

An auction report by Sandra George, chairperson, was presented. Preliminary results show that we are looking at a profit of \$90,000 once expenses have been paid. \$109,000 was brought in on the evening of the event, and the live auction grossed about \$57,000. The chairpersons, Sandra George, Leah Kay Gabriel, and Michelle Greenberg, were very grateful for all the contributions made to make it a wonderful evening.

An Outreach report was presented by VP of Outreach, Anne Marie Foster. We will plan on having a Greet the Troops day on April 21st as a community service project. It will be the responsibility of the parents to keep informed on flight arrival, as it can change by the minute. Information will be sent via email in a couple of weeks and then again the day before. Kids will have the opportunity to bring their own flags, posters, candy, water bottles, etc.

New Business was presented by President, Roni Townson.

The By-laws will not be changed until an attorney has had the opportunity to review them and make any necessary changes. This could happen this year, or it may take place with the new executive board.

A talent show will take place on Friday, May 2nd and is being chaired by Ann Riedel with Cynthia Ritchie offering to help Ann. Ann will get with Kristie Millican to review details from last year.

The distribution committee will be meeting this month to come up with ideas for the money that has been raised from the auction and throughout the year. Aside from the track, other ideas include: shade tent (approximate cost of \$35,000) and about 6 document reader projectors (approximate cost of \$15,000). The document readers will be purchased by the district, but it may take several years. By purchasing several, it will allow our teachers to take advantage of them.

A list of committee chairs and board positions was presented via hard copy and will be voted upon at the April meeting. Based on a vote taken at the meeting, we will hold our April meeting at the designated morning time.

The meeting was adjourned by Roni Townson.

ROCKENBAUGH PTO MINUTES

April 8, 2008

ATTENDEES: Christin Kelber, Tina Springer, Joan Gonzales, Shelley Whalen, Kristie Millican, Laura Grosskopf, Karen Murray, Stacey Leonhard, Nicole Reilley, Stephanie Pennington, Leah Kay Gabriel, Anne Marie Foster, Neda Khalilian, Diane Fair, Sandra George, Paige Green, Alisha Alther, Julia Coutoumanos, Roni Townson

MINUTES:

Call to Order by President, Roni Townson

The budget was presented by Treasurer, Christin Kelber. Our checking account has \$124,365 in it right now, and the money market account has \$35,637. We have in reserve \$5,000, which is a cut from normal. It was decided that there is no longer a need to keep \$10,000 in reserve. The upcoming expenses can be found on the back of the budget which totals \$28,524. After all upcoming expenses are paid; we should be left with \$126,478 in available funds. There is a need for \$35,700 for start-up for the 2008-09 school years.

Carrie Canter, VP of fundraising was not present so **Leah Kay Gabriel; Art Auction Chairperson** gave an updated report on the auction. Although not quite all expenses are paid and not all the items have been paid for, it looks as though there will be a profit of \$93,000. A new venture, the party boards, raised \$4,325 and is still bringing in money.

An Outreach report was presented by VP of Outreach, Anne Marie Foster. We will plan on having a Greet the Troops day on April 21st as a community service project. It will be the responsibility of the parents to keep informed on flight arrival, as it can change by the minute. Information has been sent via email and there will be a couple more reminders. Kids will have the opportunity to bring their own flags, posters, candy, water bottles, etc.

Old Business was presented by President, Roni Townson.

A talent show will take place on Friday, May 2nd and is being chaired by Ann Riedel with Cynthia Ritchie offering to help Ann. Tryouts will take place on April 14th.

New Business was presented by Roni.

The slated executive board and committee chairs were presented for the 2008-09 school year, and there were no nominations taken from the floor. Stacey Leonhard made a motion to approve the slate, and Anne Marie Foster made a second. The Board was approved.

The PTO disbursement funds were provided by means of hard copy. Although there was some discussion on the cover for the playground and carpool area, it was decided that this was a desire by many people over several years. Anne Marie Foster made a motion to approve the Disbursement of Funds (capital goods, encore/specials wish lists, and grade level wish lists), and Neda Khalilian made a second. The PTO Disbursement of Funds was approved by majority vote.

We will be having an assembly from the Ft. Worth Zoo on April 18th. We are also looking at having one more in May from Royal Keys, a program on social behaviors. We have allotted money for an assembly on math on November 13th from this year's budget, although we could not get them until that date.

All executive board members and committee chairs have been asked to turn over any reports from the year for the transitional meeting in May. Please try to turn over as much as possible electronically in order to make things smoother for those coming in to new positions. There will be a PTO turnover meeting/social at Timarron Country Club on May 8th at 7:00pm for all board members and committee chairs from this year and next year.

Our final meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13th.

The meeting was adjourned by Roni Townson.