

## FWISD Adopt-A-School Newsletter

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### Family Math Nights sponsored by businesses to be held in January

A Family Math Night will be held in every elementary school in the Fort Worth ISD during January. Each Math Night will include interactive activities for families to encourage the reinforcement of math skills at home. If you are interested in participating, call your partnering school or an elementary school in your school's pyramid.

*During this holiday season as we reflect on the past year, the Fort Worth ISD is especially grateful for the many ways that Adopt-A-School partners provide support to students, teachers and families. We appreciate your leadership and commitment and wish you and yours a very safe and happy holiday.*

**Fleet Oil and Gas** will bring Santa Claus for an early visit to students at **C.C. Moss ES** and will provide a bicycle and helmet for every student in the school on Dec. 21. Company employees will be at the school to share in the excitement and to help distribute the bikes. In addition, the company provided Thanksgiving baskets for 26 families that included items for complete meal preparation, recruited members of a TCU sorority chapter to tutor and provided funding for the purchase of clothing for standardized dress.

**AXA Equitable** participated in a Day of Service at **Waverly Park ES** on December 7. Approximately 15 company advisors talked with students about how financial markets work and the importance of staying in school and going to college. In addition, the company's foundation donated \$3,000 to the school to be used for programs supporting student achievement. Additional recent activities include mentoring and adopting a family during the holiday season.

**Broadway Baptist Church** set up a store in early December at **Van Zandt-Guinn ES** with truckloads of new gift items that were donated for all ages. All children were able to select and wrap a gift at no charge for every member of their immediate family. Church members worked on the annual project throughout the year, so that all children in the school could experience the spirit of giving within their families. Employees of the **U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** are serving as pen pals with all fourth graders to enhance writing skills. In November, the school choir performed for the senior citizens group at **Sidewalk Ministry of St. Andrews United Methodist Church**.

**University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC)** students hosted 60 students in small groups from **Dunbar MS** on Nov. 2 for a half day of hands-on activities including the simulation lab, the anatomy lab and blood pressure and stethoscope demos to enhance interest in the sciences and medical field. The day concluded with lunch and a Q and A panel that included medical students and instructors.

**Baylor All Saints Medical Center** provided a communication skills training in November for the **Daggett MS** staff and a holiday breakfast for the staff on Dec. 11. The medical center regularly provides speakers in Daggett's Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) classes, including a neonatal intensive care unit nurse educator who recently spoke about premie babies and another nurse educator whose topic was "Exploring Management Math," which included math skills needed for nursing management, staffing and budgeting.

**Pier 1 Imports** provided holiday smiles at its Annual Clothing Closet event at **Daggett ES** on Dec. 13. Employees presented 112 children with new items of clothing, including an outfit for standardized dress, a coat, leisure clothes, a pair of shoes, socks and underwear for each. Company employees are also participating as reading buddies, volunteers in Spotlight On Math and as classroom presenters for Junior Achievement. Employees are paired with fourth graders as pen pals to increase writing proficiency.

The president of **Tara Wilson Events** is leading a career mentoring program with six female students at **Arlington Heights HS**. On Dec. 3, the group and their sponsor attended a luncheon and a roundtable career discussion at the Fort Worth Club. The group included four professional women who shared their stories about colleges attended, how they selected the career fields and real-world work experiences. Plans include meeting monthly for various activities, including a job-shadowing day, a business etiquette class and a cooking class.

**Bank of America** recently hosted **Eastern Hills ES** drama and keyboarding students for a performance for their officers' meeting. The drama group created an original skit to recognize bank employees for all they do at the school. Other recent activities include employees serving as celebrity readers monthly and as presenters of the Junior Achievement curriculum to support social studies and math.

The **Star-Telegram** hosted a writing camp at the company's Printing and Distribution Center for nearly 100 **Hubbard Heights ES** students. The all-day workshop for fourth graders was designed to help improve students' writing skills and test scores, as well as to introduce them to specific career opportunities. The workshop included interactive writing modules, a tour of the facility, a pizza lunch and special speakers from the *Star-Telegram*. Students were able to observe the demonstration of robots used in the printing process.

**Women's Policy Forum** members raised over \$8,000 to support academics at **Maude Logan ES**. Members recently assisted with Camp Analytical in November and have served as field trip chaperones throughout the semester. The Forum also donated four benches for students to read in the hallways to their parents.

**Agape Baptist Church** is providing Spanish classes for **Luella Merrett ES** faculty members who have expressed a desire to learn Spanish. Members also donated clothing for standardized dress, provided school supplies, provided Thanksgiving baskets to families and will host a luncheon for teachers this month.

**Aerospace Optimist Club** assembled a racetrack with race cars and a booth featuring a beanbag toss at the **H.V. Helbing ES** Tostada Dinner sponsored by the PTA. Funds raised will be used to purchase playground equipment.

**Lasko Products** is providing a large financial sponsorship for tutoring and necessary supplies in support of science and math at **Diamond Hill ES**. A field trip to the plant is planned for fifth graders later in the school year.

**Johnston Legal Group PC** was featured in the December issue of *Fort Worth, Texas* magazine, and the firm's profile page included a photo of attorneys in their adopted school, **I.M. Terrell ES**, sitting in a classroom among students. The text at the bottom of the page included career aspirations of each student.

**Unity One Federal Credit Union's** president and CEO visited **Washington Heights ES** on Nov. 14 to read a story to first graders and to speak to fifth graders about banking as a career, as well as his role as president of a credit union. The visit concluded with an observation of Unity One's in-school branch, partially staffed by fifth graders serving as tellers to increase math skills, as well as to learn the importance of saving for college.

**South Area Council of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce** board members engaged AVID students at **South Hills HS** in roundtable career discussions at the school on Dec. 12. Approximately 12 board members shared career experiences, as well as education and skills needed to do their jobs.

The **Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors** hosted their annual holiday luncheon and auction benefiting **Greenbriar ES** on Dec. 12 at Colonial Country Club. Funds raised support many activities and programs at the school in key academic areas. Students in the Music Club provided choral entertainment at the luncheon.

**Nokia** is sponsoring a catered holiday lunch for **Eastern Hills HS** staff on Dec. 20 and will provide a gift for all teachers. The company will also help to motivate "froshmores" next semester by providing incentives and classroom speakers.

**City of Fort Worth Environmental Management** sponsored a Campus Clean-up at **Paschal HS** on October 20, and 110 students picked up litter, pulled weeds and spread mulch on the Wildscape, the outdoor classroom. The event ended with a pizza lunch provided by the City. At the beginning of the school year, individual employees of Environmental Management purchased new polo shirts in solid colors for students who needed assistance with clothing for the new high school dress codes.

**Tres Jose's**, a new partner of **Burton Hill ES**, is planning to host a group of fifth graders for a visit to the restaurant for the purpose of relating the restaurant business to science. Students will participate in hands-on activities that demonstrate the use of measurement, heating and cooling.

**Acme Brick** hosted **Daggett ES** students at their new facility to sing holiday music on Dec. 17. Eight employees served as judges for the Invention Convention recently, and employees adopted a family for the holiday season.