



# The Messenger

## *A Word from our MMS Principal-Bob Price*

I hope all of our families had a fun and refreshing holiday with time to rest and play and be with loved ones. The second semester will probably go by as fast as the first with all of the spring activities. We continue to make progress with our construction project. We are very near the completion of our new gym. It will be ready as soon as the floor finishing process is complete. All that remains will be the addition of a canopy on the back of the gym that also extends between the gym and the auditorium. This will allow parents to drop students off with some protection from rain.

I want to thank parents who have generously given to our PTA Write a Check campaign. We will begin ordering equipment soon that will benefit all of our students and teachers. The technology and

enhancements to the campus made possible by Write a Check enable our students to utilize the best available equipment in a great educational environment. Our teachers are also able to attend training that might not otherwise be affordable, thus enhancing the work that they do with our students. We are truly blessed to have such a giving community.

The spring semester will begin to fly by, so keep an eye on the Upcoming Events calendar. This semester will be full of many fun and exciting things for students. There will also be activities for each grade level to help students transition to the next grade. Middle school is a time of transition, so we will be preparing all students for what lies ahead on their journey through school ... and hopefully beyond.

## *Message From PTA President—Jana Dundas*

I have a love/hate relationship with the start of a new year. On the one hand, it is a not-so-subtle reminder that time is passing, my kids are getting older, and their time at home is limited. That, I do not like. On the other hand, I love the idea of a fresh start. I am the Queen of List Making, and the new year provides an excellent opportunity for the creation of countless lists by the Queen!

I am happy to say my "PTA New Year's Resolutions" are minimal. The MMS PTA is plugging along quite nicely, thanks to the hard work and dedication of its numerous volunteers and members. Our Write-A-Check campaign was a huge success due to the generosity of so many

of our families and the perseverance of the co-chairs, **Karen Linville** and **Anne Roland**. Thank you to **Mr. Price** and the Department Chairs and faculty members who worked tirelessly to research, evaluate and assess MMS' needs to determine the best use for these funds as they created the WAC "Wish List".

Thank you also to our Library Volunteers who have worked with Librarian **Karen Rodgers** and Assistant Librarian **Shanda Fraser** to plan another event benefiting our library on **February 14-17**. "Love Your Library" week is just in time for Valentine's Day and is a great way for all of us to show our support of the library

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## **Memorial Middle School PTA Newsletter January 2006**

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- ☉ STARS—Who are they?
- ☉ All School Party
- ☉ Write a Check Update
- ☉ 8th Grade Party News
- ☉ Dates, Dates and more Dates!

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without spending too much money! Be sure to check the article on page 9 for more information, and also to thank our library volunteers **Lynn Clayton, Fran Buchanan, Patti Kruger and Karen Tinsley** for their devotion to the library.

If you didn't have a chance to join the PTA in the fall, or if you are new to MMS since the beginning of the school year, we invite you to take part in the PTA's Spring Membership Drive led by VP Membership **Suzie Davis**. The MMS PTA provides immeasurable support to the school through our volunteers, financial donations, and programs. The partnership the PTA and school have formed benefits our children in more ways than can be

listed, even by the Queen of List Making!

Finally, thank you to the ladies who have accepted nominations for the executive board positions in this PTA for the next school year. The transition from year to year is seamless and the productivity of the PTA steady thanks to the volunteers who continually step forward to lead this organization into the future. Their names are listed below, and they will be introduced at the February meeting on the 9th. The vote will take place at the March 16 meeting. Thank you to the Nominating Committee, **Karen Crawford (Chair), Lisa Clayton, Mary Roberts, JoAnne Rucker, and Fran Story** for delivering this outstanding slate to our members.

Happy New Year one and all! Jana Dundas

## Nominating Committee Report

The Memorial Middle School PTA Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of executive officers for the 2006-2007 school year:

President	<b>Sheri Lathrop</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President Programs	<b>Patty Busmire</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Membership	<b>Sandy Walker</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President Directory	<b>Judy Curran</b>
Treasurer	<b>Diane Lund</b>
Secretary	<b>Susan Bourdon</b>

The election of 2006-2007 PTA officers will be held at the March 16, 2006 General PTA Meeting at noon in the MMS Library. Thanks to all of these awesome women who have agreed to serve MMS next year!

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

**Karen Crawford, Lisa Clayton, Mary Roberts, JoAnne Rucker and Fran Story**

## 8th Grade Counselor's Report

Congratulations 8<sup>th</sup> grade honor roll and STARS recipients. Just 18 weeks of school left before becoming freshman. Keep up the great work! I am beginning to have mixed emotions as I realize that this group is about to move on to high school. I have watched you mature and grow over these last three years and although I am excited for you, I am going to miss you!

Speaking of: Memorial Middle School has officially begun preparations for your transition from our campus to your prospective high schools. Everyone should have a flyer from Memorial and Stratford, outlining the pre-registration and information sessions available at MMS, along with contact names and websites if available. The parent pre-registration session will be held on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00. SHS parents will be in the

library classroom and MHS parents will be in the auditorium. If you have misplaced your flyer, additional copies are available in the foyer on the information table @ MMS. Students: try not to be absent on Friday, **January 27<sup>th</sup>**, since that is the day both high schools will be on our campus pre-registering you.

Back to MMS business: Service Learning projects are still going well. Only Texas Children's Hospital and Campus Beautification are left to start and complete. I know that parents are working hard on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade party and end of year festivities. Thank you for all of your help and dedication to your children.

Have a great six weeks,

Mrs. Katy Smith, 8th Grade Counselor

## 8th Grade Principal

Dear MMS Community:

Happy New Year and best wishes for a super 2006. As we all know, the Spring Semester can seem to really fly by. We hope all our 8<sup>th</sup> graders finish up on a positive note at Memorial M.S. and look forward to the exciting years of High School. My encouragement for every student is to get involved in some aspect of their High School. Whether it is band, drill team, athletics, academic decathlon or club involvement, it is essential for each student to have a sense of belonging. For the reluctant student, one suggestion was made to provide a

choice of being a part of a school group or finding a part time job. Either option is better than a teenager with too much free time.

As always, thank you for your support and all you do for Memorial M.S. There is no doubt; you play a vital role in the success of our students and school at large.

Warmly,

Bill Tommaney, Ph.D.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal

## 8th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll (All A's)—Third Six Weeks

Ahn, Sean	Ginsburg, Yael	Marett, Stephanie	Sharp, Misha
Anderson, Katie	Goodland, Collin	Meng, Fanyu	Shillings, Melbourn
Bourgeois, Jeffrey	Goodman, Kelly	Mocharla, Michael	Simmons, Kristen
Byth, Hallie	Greenhill, Taylor	Moore, Joshua	Suchman, Alexander
Cosnahan, Isabel	Guldner, Owen	Moses, Ali	Verschuren, Chloe
Cragg, Matthew	Jung, Young Hwa	Muhoberac, Elise	Watkins, Caroline
Curran, Danielle	Kirchhofer, Bennett	Rainey, Kayla	Wesselink, Corey
Danna, Bernard	Lee, Seong Soo	Rogers, Ashleigh	Wright, Natalie
Elmore, William	Leyden, Jacinta	Sarvi, Venus	Yu, Ying
Faisal, Samara	Luck, Mary	Sexton, Nienke	Zou, Dianjun

## 8th Grade Regular Honor Roll—Third Six Weeks

Aitken, Charles	Gremmel, Courtney	Lynch, Emily	Soudjani, Sam
Alexander, Caleb	Gundlach, Lauren	Mc Closkey, Shannon	Sposato, Vanni
Beckwith, Emma	Gupta, Atul	McDonough, Margaret	Taylor, Kelly
Bett, Rachel	Hancock, Cody	Milazzo, Andrew	Ten Have, Todd
Bispe, Oscar	Hao, Yun	Mitchell, Andrew	Tendall, Anne
Brickhouse, Emily	Herzberg, Jennifer	Moreland, Lindsay	Thorne, Sarah
Bruk, Bella	Hogan, Eva	Murray, Laura	Thorne-Thomsen, Christine
Bryan, Alexis	Holland, Marshall	Nelson, Amelia	Tomlinson, Kelli
Burge, Richard	Hong, Seong Jong	Ostrofsky, Tracy	Toole, Kathryn
Choi, Susie	Hood, Donald	Patton, Taylor	Touchstone, Ann
Cohen, Lindsey	Johnson, Emma	Pence, Erin	Utz, Travis
Conge, Ryan	Jung, Esther	Perry, Marianna	Waddell, Madeline
Crawford, Rachel	Kim, Simmon	Prather, Alexandra	Wagner, Catherine
Davis, Baron	Kindred, Jordan	Roeder, Madeline	Waldorf, Kate
Davis, Geoffrey	Kremer, Kevin	Saidi, Anoosh	Walker, Sydney
Dunn, Hannah	Landon, Marianne	Scavone, Ann Marie	Weir, Rachel
Fickert, Kristin	Lee, Heejung	Scott, Megan	Wells, Tara
Flowers, Caroline	Lee, Susan	Sherman, Sydney	Wiggins, Gavin
Gallerano, Natalie	Liesse, Elizabeth	Shin, Chong In	Xu, Fuxing
Glover, Grace	Lo, Jonathan	Shivitz, Merritt	Yancy, Hannah

## 7th Grade Principal and Counselor

Congratulations 7th grade for a successful first semester! Congratulations to honor roll recipients, as well as our STARS award winners.

Coming up in February, students will be introduced to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade course selections. Students will be given their course selection sheets and have an orientation to receive explicit information. Course selection sheets will be due back to Ms. Patterson by **March 3**.

**Reminder: TAKS Writing for 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.** Please eat a good breakfast and get plenty of rest the night before. I know teachers and students are all working hard to prepare. Have a great fourth six weeks!

Anissa Myers Kiener, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal  
Diana Patterson, 7th Grade Counselor

## 7th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll (All A's)—Third Six Weeks

Alexander, Anne	Hong, Sabrina	Parker, Cassandra
Cho, Samuel	Hu, Gene	Riddle, Lauren
Choi, Yee Na	Jones, Christina	Sun, Erin
Curran, Bradley	Josey, Emily	Tendall, Ellen
deMoya, Kelly	King, Peter	Uno, Erika
Dennis, Tess	Klingen, Mary	Valach, Alison
Gaw, Christophe	Koehn, Rachel	Vazquez, Erika
Grace, Rebecca	Kruger, Shane	Wilkinson, Thomas
Hakone, Anzu	Leyden, Katrina	Williams, Allison
Halliday, Nicole	Mai, Claire	

## 7th Grade Regular Honor Roll —Third Six Weeks

Acosta, Andrea	Gentry, John	McMurtry, Molly	Rustico, Federica
Barazi, Ghaith	Heins, Marshall	Meador, Morgan	Salazar, Valentina
Bentel, Jackson	Heisch, David	Nettles, James	Scheffler, Nathan
Bettencourt, Henry	Hudson, Chase	Newton, Abby	Snelling, John
Bond, Zoe	Jenkins, Kyle	Nikkel, Jonathan	Stagg, Sarah
Calderon, Miki	Jerez, Javier	Osso, Teresa	Stewart, Clayton
Calkins, Christopher	Jerez, Michelle	Ostrowski, Danika	Sturm, Thomas
Caton, Ryley	Jerez, Monica	Palughi, Kristen	Temple, Alexandra
Choi, Hae Min	Kim, Eu Bin	Peifer, Tatyana	Tendall, Laura
Clayton, Stephen	Kim, Su Su	Pena, Jeffrey	Thomas, Loren
Clayton, Travis	Kim, Yeon	Pichon, Marielle	Trapnell, Kristen
Cobb, Kristin	Kitterman, Sarah	Pipitone, Kelsey	Wahl, Kathleen
Crump, Lela	Kuni, Kelly	Powell, Kendall	Wang, Jing Yi
Davis, Lauren	Lee, Joyce	Prescott, Ellen	Ward, Zachary
Djuvik, Kimberly	Leggett, Alexandra	Quoyeser, Alexander	Whitmire, Ryan
Douglass, Elizabeth	Leung, Shuting	Rabenaldt, Brian	Wohlfort, Laura
Dye, James	Lund, Grant	Reilly, Patrick	Wyat, Richard
Faith, Andrew	Lynn, Eric	Robinson, Taylor	Yauw, Adriana
Frey, Brandon	Marnitz, Zachary	Roland, Matthew	
Gee, David	Marquette, Pierce	Rommelmann, Sarah	
Gentry, Brooke	Marucci, Gina	Russ, Alexa	

## 6th Grade Principal and Counselor

Students and Parents welcome back and we hope you all had an exciting and restful holiday!! Time has flown by and all of our sixth graders have done a fabulous job of completing their first semester of middle school. It has already been a busy second semester with starting our new Pre-AP Math and Pre-AP Language Arts classes. Many students have had schedule changes due to the development of our Pre-AP course and I want to thank all of our students for handling the changes so gracefully. Keep in mind students who are enrolled in the Pre-AP courses that the work load will increase and move at a faster pace, please adjust your study habits to

accommodate these new classes. Congratulations to all of the students who are on the honor rolls. Keep up your dedication and wonderful citizenship that you have demonstrated. The second week of February we will be starting the 7<sup>th</sup> grade course selection process, please ask your students what they have learned and be on the lookout for information that they will be bringing home.

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Lisa Weir, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal  
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## 6th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll (All A's)— Third Six Weeks

Baek, Joon	Hurtte, Mason	Rathjen, Beau
Barnett, William	Jackson, Kyle	Roeder, Miles
Bender, Lauren	Jacobson, Claire	Ruzinsky, Aaron
Bornman, Eliza Ann	Karba, Christopher	Saidi, Nooshin
Bourdon, Jeffrey	Kim, Esther	Schreiber, Blake
Bradshaw, Scott	Kim, Jay	Scioneaux, Samantha
Brickhouse, Kyle	Kim, Joo Young	Simon, Brandon
Buchanan, Mitchell	Kuhn, Hanna	Simpson, Riley
Cai, Elizabeth	Lathrop, Matthew	Singo, Audrey
Carl, Benjamin	Lee, Daniel	Sladic, Caroline
Carroll, Angela	Lemmer, Alyson	Stirl, Kimberly
Crouch, Kendall	Luck, Emily	Stone, Madeline
Dahesh, Cameron	Martin, Melanie	Sturm, Henry
Dennis, Nicholas	McClurkin, Margaret	Swank, Griffin
Dharma, Indra	Morris, Emily	Sykes, Steven
Dickey, Kelley	Muncey, Spencer	Titus, Mary
Dobbins, Kyle	Nah, Yun-Ah	Tran, Margaret
Donnan, Emily	Nazareus, Laura	Trimble, Sarah
Dunn, Rebecca	Orellana, Rebeca	Vederman, Rachel
Fricks, Amy	Osso, James	Wallace, Brooke
Gibler, Hayley	Owens, Caitlin	Watkins, Madeleine
Graham, Kevin	Park, Joon Su	West, Rachel
Grooms, Katie	Perrin, Patricia	White, Michael
Ha, Yun Jung	Picone, Alexandra	Wiggins, Brooke
Hackworth, Lauren	Puntarelli, Richey	Wile, Abigail
Hays, Matthew	Radney, William	Yoon, Won Hee
Hu, Angela		

## 6th Grade Regular Honor Roll (All A's)—Third Six Weeks

Alexander, Christie	Faisal, Annum	Livingston, Macy	Shivitz, Reagan
Alexander, Cullen	Falick, Jacqueline	MacCrory, Michael	Sikora, Kelly
Aven, Hannah	Fuller, Thomas	Maranuk, Thomas	Siqueiros, Nicholas
Azam, Hani	Gardner, Maggie	Matthews, Emily	Smith, Kelsey
Barr, Meegen	Graham, Madeleine	Mattson, Emma	Smith, Kirby
Bergez, Emmalee	Guldner, Sutton	McArthur, Emily	Smith Lien, Matthew
Berwanger, Mars	Han, Seungho	Meador, Mason	Stimson, Kelsey
Bondarenko, Alina	Hays, Natalie	Miller, Daniel	Story, John
Bone, Michael	Hendrickson, Sarah	Ney, Sarah	Su, Fan
Bredthauer, William	Herrington, Ashton	Nommensen, Mary	Sutton, Emma
Brown, Jared	Hickman, Julia	Oh, David	Tinsley, Andrew
Burrows, Susan	Hoagland-Sorensen, Julia	Pennington, Robert	Tolson, Drew
Bushong, Katherine	Hogan, Robert	Pohl, Nicholas	Topp, James
Busmire, Rebecca	Ji, Sun	Purhonen, Essi	Vu, Henry
Byth, Janice	Jones, Rebecca	Rebentisch, Joseph	Wesselink, Danielle
Camero, Mark	Jordan, Amy	Roberts, Ford	Whitaker, Eleanor
Davis, Eve	Katayama, Mikihiro	Sanborn, Joan	Wilde, Wilson
Depena, Christina	Kelley, Shannon	Scavone, Joseph	Wilson, Kelly
Diaz, Anthony	Kim, Sejin	Schreiber, Caroline	Yoon, Yu
Drell, Laura	Koch, Kyle	Scofield, Erin	Young, William
Driver, John	Lai, Charles	Sen, Ajita	Zare, Ashlyn
Eddy, Clayton	Lee, Jeffrey	Shillings, Conrad	

## STARS — Super Terrific Absolutely Remarkable Students

Commission Steve Radack has a program in place to recognize and reward some remarkable students. He is interested in finding students who might not ordinarily receive recognition but who, nonetheless, are deserving! **STARS** (Super Terrific Absolutely Remarkable Students) program recognizes these students.

The criteria for identifying these students are simple:

1. Any student who demonstrates the qualities of a good citizen by **helping** another student, a teacher, or the school.
2. Any student who shows a **special effort** in some area such as improvement of grades, attendance, behavior, attitude, etc.

We would like to thank Marble Slab ice cream for donating their time and ice cream for our celebration.

### 8th GRADERS

Bain, Nick  
Baker, Marcie  
Botello, Alyssa  
Bourgeois, Jeffrey  
Choi, Susie  
Faisal, Samara  
Garnier, Jake  
Gonsoulin, Eric  
Gorny, Natalie  
Hancock, Cody  
Kimble, Grace

Krause, Carly  
Leyden, Jacinta  
McHolick, Kate  
Prince, Andre  
Roberts, Lauren  
Sarvi, Venus  
Scott, Megan  
Smith, Brian  
Thorne, Gayle  
Vry, Patrick  
Wesselink, Corey  
West, Kathryn

Xu, Alan

### 7th GRADERS

Andrew Walker  
Brandon Frey  
Christy Kottwitz  
Dani Ostrowski  
Dorcas Leung  
Drew Faith  
Ellen Tendall  
Eric Lynn  
Garrett Jones  
Kelli Rainey

Kim Boyd  
Laura Wohlfort  
Loren Thomas  
Mariel Braun  
Maureen Bass  
Nathan Scheffler  
Sarah Kitterman  
Sarah Troutner  
Season Olds  
Shane Kruger  
Yifan Chen

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## More STARS

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### 6th GRADERS

Bender, Lauren

Bowser, Spencer

Ceja, C.J.

Davis, Chloe

Driver, John

Fuller, Thomas

Gentry, John

Hamidivala, Mohsen

Heineich, Annie

Janssen, Jenny

Ji, Sun

Jones, Rebecca

Kelsey, Smith

Koehn, Rachel

Kuhn, Hanna

Littman, Eva

Lloyd, Sasha

Ma, Jeff

McClurkin, Maggie

Plaster, Kaitlyn

Purhonen, Essi

Satterwhite, Allie

Sax, Casey

Schaper, Katie

Simpson, Allen

Smith, Kirby

Tinsley, Andrew

Torre, Tori

West, Rachel

Whitaker, Ellee

Yauw, Adriana

## Orchestra News

### Houston Symphony Rehearsal

As part of the HSO "Community Connections" outreach program, the Memorial Middle School Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestras will be taking a trip to Jones Hall to observe a regularly scheduled rehearsal on **February 2**. This has been a fantastic experience for our students as they learn how these professional musicians prepare for a concert. We are very fortunate to have the Houston Symphony supporting us by allowing us to attend!! We will leave at 9:00 am, attend the rehearsal 10:00-11:00 am and have lunch at the Aquarium Restaurant. Students in Philharmonic and Symphony will return to school at 12:45 pm.

All Orchestra students that fulfilled their fund-raising goal will celebrate with a **Bowling Party** at the Bunker Hill Lanes on Friday, **January 13** for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and Friday, **January 20** for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. After enjoying pizza and cold drinks the **Top Sellers** will draw from the **money** box for their cash prize!!

Our *Chamber Music Evenings* will be held on **January 23 and 24** at Pines Presbyterian Church. There are two performances each night at 6:30p.m. and 7:45 p.m. After each performance everyone is invited to the delightful reception with delicious gourmet desserts. This performance is in preparation for students in Symphony and Philharmonic to perform in the **SBISD Solo & Ensemble Festival** on Saturday, **January 28** at Spring Forest Middle School.

### Things coming up for Orchestra...

#### Open House for 5<sup>th</sup> graders

**Tuesday February 7**

Please choose **4:00-5:00** or **5:00-6:00pm**.

We will provide instruments to all visitors to learn to play a song on a violin, viola, cello, and string bass. It is important for 5<sup>th</sup> graders to reserve a time by calling Mrs. Feazell or Mr. Tavilson so we can assure every child an instrument. You may also reach us by email.

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[Matt.Tavilson@springbranchisd.com](mailto:Matt.Tavilson@springbranchisd.com)

#### District Orchestra Festival

If you are zoned to Stratford, your performance is **Tuesday, February 28** and if you are zoned to Memorial, your performance is **Thursday, March 2** Both concerts are at the Coleman Coliseum at 7:30 pm.

#### UIL CLINIC AND PARTY!!!

FOR SYMPHONY AND PHILHARMONIC

**Friday, March 24**

3:30-8:00 pm snacks, work with clinician, dinner

8:00-9:30 pm party!!!!

#### Happenings in April

Galveston Festival-April 7

MS Orchestra UIL - April 10, 11, 12

## Choir & Musical Theatre News

**"Hear the Future"** Concert with the Houston Chamber Choir, Sunday, January 29 4pm at South Main Baptist Church, 4100 Main Street. Admission is Free

In July '05, the MMS Choir was officially invited by the director of the Houston Chamber Choir to participate in the Seventh Annual "Hear the Future" Concert. This event features three choirs from the Houston area: one High School, one Middle School, & one Elementary School. Each school will perform a 10-15 minute program, the Houston Chamber Choir will also perform briefly, and then all the singers will join in a concluding anthem. The official billing is as follows:

*The Rice School Honors Choir*  
Holly L. Holt, Director

*The Memorial Middle School Choir*  
Jennifer Robbins, Director

*The McCullough High School Choir*  
Robert Horton, Director

The concert is sponsored by the Houston Chamber Choir, Houston's first professional choral organization, which is also celebrating its Tenth Anniversary Season this year. The Hear the Future Concert traditionally recognizes area choral programs for their excellence in choral music. Given the high caliber of music in the public schools in our area, to be chosen is truly an honor.

Additionally, many area choir directors will attend the concert, eager to hear what is going on at MMS.

### 7th & 8th grade Choir

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir students will give a preview performance of their program on Wednesday, January 25 at 1:15pm in the auditorium for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade activity classes. Parents are welcome to attend.

### 6<sup>th</sup> grade Choir

#### Swing Music Revue

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade Choir will be singin' and swingin' to your favorite Swing Music Hits on January 27 & 28 at 7pm. Does miss this fun toe tapping evening!



### Important Dates:

- January 21** Region Choir Auditions in Cy-Fair
- January 28** 6<sup>th</sup> grade Swing Music Revue
- January 29** Hear the Future Concert
- February 24 & 25** Region Choir Dance, Clinic, & Concert

## The Music Man Junior



MMS Choir  
Presents

April 28 4pm & 7pm  
April 29 7pm

## Band News

### Important Band Dates

- January 11** Elementary Fine Arts Tour
- January 13** 7th & 8th grade band student Bowling Party
- January 24** Band Begins Cookie Dough Cheesecake Fundraiser
- January 31** Band End Fundraiser
- February 4** Concert and Symphonic Band Solo & Ensemble @ Northbrook Middle School
- February 7** Open House for 5th grade students 4:30-7:30 Memorial Middle School band hall
- February 22** Beginner Solo & Ensemble Contest Memorial Middle School
- March 21** Concert & Symphonic Band Pre-UIL Contest
- TBA March 31 or April 1** Concert Band UIL Contest Mayde Creek HS
- TBA April 7 or 8** Symphonic Band UIL Contest Cy-Ridge HS!

## Library News



The library is planning an event to celebrate our new updated look. Please mark your calendars for **February 14-17 "Love your Library" week**. We are going to have a unique book sale that we hope will become a yearly event. We will resell at great savings to you - books donated by parents & teachers. So don't throw away those slightly used books. We will have a section for adults & for our students. To donate books, please e-mail Karen Rodgers at [karen.rodgers@springbranchisd.com](mailto:karen.rodgers@springbranchisd.com) or call MMS Library 713-365-5400 x 3611. You can drop books off at the Library anytime between 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

\* Books that are not sold will be donated to charity.

### *Out with the old & in with the new!*

The profit from our book sale will help us continue to update our collection. Right now, we have the lowest number of books per student for a middle school in our district & our shelves are still antiquated in some areas. For instance check-out the average age of these subjects:

Science/Math - 1984, History - 1981, & Literature - 1971.

We appreciate all the help from our many volunteers to make our library the best for our students!!

Check out our website @ [mms.springbranchisd.com/library](http://mms.springbranchisd.com/library)

Karen Rodgers, Library Media Specialist

Shanda Fraser, Library Media Assistant

## Reflections Contest Winners

### Reflections Contest Winners

Congratulations to all students who entered the Reflections contest. The judging is complete at the Council level and all entries placing 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> will be forwarded to District level judging in January. We are pleased to recognize the following MMS students who received an award:

#### VISUAL ARTS

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Hallie Byth

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Emma McRae

Honorable Mention - Kelly Sikora

#### LITERATURE

4<sup>th</sup> Place - Alijandro Fallick

Honorable Mention - Lana Baumgartner

**CONGRATULATIONS and GOOD LUCK in District Judging!!!**

Claire Howard and Robbin Spafford, Reflections Chairs

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

Honorable Mention - Patrick Webb



## Volleyball News

Congratulations to both the 8th Grade A and B Volleyball Teams for attaining their season long goal of capturing the district title!

The A team finished their season with an undefeated district record, a First Place finish in the West Houston Middle School Tournament and a First Place finish in the End of Season District Tournament!

The B team finished their season with an undefeated district record, a First Place finish in the West Houston Middle School Tournament and a First Place finish in the End of Season District Tournament!

Both teams worked arduously throughout the season on their skills, but more importantly on their teamwork and character! Both teams also remained very focused throughout the season, beating their rival Spring Branch in each of their three meetings!

Way to go girls...Coach Nella is very proud of each and every one of you!

## Boys Basketball

The Boys basketball season is in full swing as all 4 teams are off to impressive starts.

The **7B** team is currently 5-1 overall(3-0 in first place in district play) and recently finished 3rd in the Katy invitational tournament.

The **7A** team is 3-1 and in second place in the district after defeating rival Spring Branch in a big district win.

The **8B** boys are also 5-1 overall and 3-0 in district play as they head towards another district title.

The **8A** boys are 2-2 in a tough district race that will go down to the wire.

## Girls Basketball

The **7A** team is off to a great start this season. The team is undefeated in district play up to this point. The A team will face Spring Branch this week and they will also be competing in the West Houston Middle School "A" team tournament! Good Luck Girls! **7A** Team Members are KRISTEN COBB, BROOKE GENTRY, EMILY JOSEY, MARY HELEN KLINGEN, MACKENZIE MEADOR, MORGAN MEADOR, CLAIRE NEBEKER, AUBREY REBENTISCH, ANALISE RIDDLE, ELLIE TENDALL, SARAH TROUTNER and ERIKA UNO.

The **7B** team is off to a phenomenal start as well. The B team is undefeated in district play up to this point. They are also coming off of a second place finish out of 9

teams in the West Houston Middle School Basketball Tournament. The B team won 3 of the 4 games and made remarkable improvements throughout the two-day tournament. We have dedicated our play in the tournament to Kimberly Djuvik, who unfortunately, suffered a season ending injury in the tournament. Our thoughts are with Kimberly for a speedy recovery. **7B** Team Members are DINA BAASSIRI, RIMA BAASSIRI, LELA CRUMP, TESS DENNIS, KIMBERLY DJUVIK, CYDNEY GHANI, EMILY GLIDDEN, MICAH MARUSKA, ERIN MILLER, OLIVIA MOHLE, RACHEL MOODY, LESLEY NEBEKER, EMILY OTHOLD, KELLI RAINEY, and JENNA SCHMIDT.

The **8B** basketball team have performed beautifully over the course of this year's season. The Lady Eagles remain undefeated in Spring Branch as well as conquered the West Houston Tournament. This phenomenal team consists of talent players: Ali Moses, Emily Lynch, Shannon Linderman, Tracy Ofstrosfsky, Shannon McClosky, Maddie Roeder, Paige Warner, Jessie Lee, Haley Graham, Rachel Bett, Jennifer Shaw, Emma Johnson, Katie Murski, Merrit Shivitz, and Jessica Lake. Nurse-COACH Ruiz along with the team, have worked impressively hard to make the Lady Eagles' victorious lead a true reality. To continue their winning streak, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade "B" team needs as much spirit and support as possible. So remember, to come out to the games. Eagle pride never dies; soar all the way to district!

Passion, Determination, Hustle, Teamwork, and Success are a **FEW** select words to describe the **8A** Lady Eagles Basketball team. Coaches who have twelve young ladies that give 100% are extremely fortunate, and often times rare. It is my pleasure to have the opportunity to work with such fine students/athletes. Our Lady Eagles are undefeated (4-0) for the season with victories over Spring Oaks, Spring Forest, Spring Woods, and Spring Branch. With only two remaining district games, the Eagles will strive to bring home another District Championship. Our goals for the rest of the season are: win the A team tournament, stay undefeated for district play, as well as going undefeated for the entire season, and win the End of Season Tournament. Please congratulate these fine young ladies for their outstanding classroom work ethic, and their athletic abilities. **8A** team members are Emily Brickhouse, Allie Clark, Laura Dunn, Nicole Lioliou, Mary Ellen Luck, Stephanie Marett, Taylor Miller, Laura Murray, Erin Pence, Anna Perry, Kelli Tomlinson, and Kathryn West and team manager Karina Ruiz

## More Athletic News

### Cross-Country News

Results of the Spring Forest Meet on December 1st.

#### 8th Girls

1st place.....Shannon Linderman(time of 5:33.36)  
6th.....Carly Krause  
7th.....Megan Jaicks  
8th.....Lauren Gundlach  
9th.....Grace Kimble

#### 7th Girls

2nd place.....Sterett Frank(time of 7:00.51)  
4th.....Alesandra Wike  
5th.....Courtney Zander  
6th.....Lauren Davis  
7th.....Cailey Cotner  
11th.....Gina Marucci

#### 7th Boys

2nd place.....Tim Stephens(time of 5:31.2)  
4th.....Chase Brooks  
7th.....Hunter Von Feldt

#### 8th Boys

1st place.....Marshall Holland(time of 5:15.9)  
10th.....Seung Jin Hong  
17th.....Colton Neal  
19th.....Grant Shillings  
23rd.....Cameron Jones  
27th.....Eric Parker

#### Upcoming Schedule:

**January 19** at Memorial Middle School  
**January 26** District meet at Spring Forest MS

### Football Thank you

We want to recognize TCBY (Town & Country) for donating the frozen treats for the 8th grade football party in December, which honored the 8A, 8B, and 8C football teams, as well as Coach Crawford and Coach Brewer. MMS really appreciates TCBY's generous donation and their support of the school and the football program. The next time you visit the store, please give them a great big THANK YOU for their support.

## Foreign Language News



Mrs. Deaton and Ms. Dodson are pleased to announce the results of the Houston Area Teachers of Foreign Languages Farrington Contest. Five students were selected to compete in this competition, which was held on Saturday, January 7, at Memorial High School. Students from various districts and private schools in and around Houston participated in the competition.

All five MMS students were among the top students in the written test and advanced to the finals, which was an oral test. The Spanish contestants were **Venus Sarvi** and **Anne Touchstone**. The French contestants were **Isabel Cosnahan**, **Kelly Goodman**, and **Rina Zepeda**. **Isabel** won First Place, and **Kelly** won Third Place in the French competition. They received \$100 and \$35, respectively. We appreciate the effort and hard work of all of the girls!

## Spiral News

It's time to think about the possibility of your SPIRAL student participating in a summer program for GT students. Insights 2006, TAGT's guide to summer programs for gifted students is available through their website, [www.txgifted.org](http://www.txgifted.org). Your child's SPIRAL teacher has information on the Lone Star Leadership Academy, a weeklong residential program designed to help GT students develop leadership skills while they learn about the state of Texas. Summer Institute for the Gifted, based in Stamford, CT, offers summer programs on several college campuses across the nation. Dr. Gibert has information on SIG. If you have questions about scholarships available through TAGT for summer programs, contact **Karen Fitzgerald** at [Karen.Fitzgerald@springbranchisd.com](mailto:Karen.Fitzgerald@springbranchisd.com).

Be sure to check out the PTA website at [www.memorialmiddleschoolpta.com](http://www.memorialmiddleschoolpta.com). It contains an abundance of information regarding ongoing and current events in the PTA and school.

## October Teacher Appreciation

**THANK YOU**

October was filled with pumpkins and turkeys and wonderful pasta! We want to thank our October Chairs- **Renee' Anderson** and **Karen Austin** for chairing the wonderful luncheon. Co-Chair, **Nashieda Hadi** decorated for the luncheon and then decorated the front after the luncheon was completed. Thank you ladies for all

your hard work!

A big thank you to all of our wonderful October volunteers!

6th Grade **Tracie Pierce, Jamie Rebentisch, Tammie Patton, Ann Weir, Kay Stimson**

7th Grade **Susan Bordon, Lynn Clayton, Riham Baumgartner, Beth Kelly, Stephanie Leggett, Ray Rochna**

8th Grade : **Susan Fickart, Jana Whitby, Rhonda Wesselink, Hyun Joo, Ernie Palmer, Susan Hanson**

## November Teacher Appreciation

A huge thank you to everyone that helped at the November Teacher Luncheon. The teachers enjoyed Texas Chicken Caesar Salad catered by Tres Market. The theme of the luncheon was "We are so *thankful* for our MMS teachers".

Chairs

**Sherri Boatwright, Sharon Simpson, Robbin Spafford**

6<sup>th</sup> grade

**Richard Herrington (Ashton),**

**Darlene Khadjeheiam (Arya)**

**Sara Kuhn (Hannah), Martha Lord (James)**

**Frances Rubin (Mason), Nancy Sirgo (Audrey)**

7<sup>th</sup> grade

**Suzanne Borden (Morgan), Megan Frey (Brandon)**

**Ray Rochna (Gregory), Andree Stagg (Sarah)**

**Emily Waltmon (Travis)**

8<sup>th</sup> grade

**Laura Bushong (Brian & Katie), Carla Capetillo (Daniel)**

**Cheryl Cohen (Lindsey), Julie Lynch (Emily)**

**Wendy Moreland (Lindsay), Jean Tomlinson (Kelli)**



## Mark Your Calendars

for these Upcoming PTA Meetings!!

### February 9th

PTA meeting at 12:00 in the MMS library.

A.G. Edwards will be speaking about the expense of college and suggestions for your financial planning to cover this cost. Do not miss this informative and eye opening meeting.

### March 16th

PTA meeting at 12:00 in the MMS library. Come hear a teen psychologist speak about teenage issues and how to help our children (and ourselves) through them.

## Official MMS School Song Contest

Hey—Have you ever heard the MMS school song?

Neither have we!

That's why the MMS Performing Arts are sponsoring a contest to write the official MMS school song.

See Mrs. Robbins for the official entry form and guidelines.

Deadline: Tuesday, February 14th

## The MMS International Club Invites You to Join us

Here is our luncheon schedule for the rest of the year. **Please note: for locations please call Wendy Mixon 713-984-1033. All luncheons begin at 11:00 and end at 1:00.**

**January 19th, Thursday: Pakistan luncheon**

**February 24th, Friday: A Mexican Fiesta**

**March 16th, Thursday: An International Feast at the PTA meeting at the MMS Library. (this begins at 12:00)**

**April 21st, Friday: South East Asia feast, celebrating the Cambodian New Year**

**May 19th, Friday: The "True" Italian lunch**

Please also note: You don't have to be International to join us, you just have to love people and food.

## December Teacher Appreciation

Our teachers were treated to some home cooked holiday cheer for our December Luncheon. Thank you to **Beth Jones** and **Andree Stagg** for hosting our wonderful holiday luncheon.

6th grade:

**Janell Kelleher, Polly Meyer,  
Marlene Stirl, Melissa Mathew,  
Tehmina Masud, Cheryl Aven**  
7th Grade

**Patti Kruger, Suzanne Borden,  
Sherri Boatwright Riham Baumgartner,  
Laurie Moore, Ray Rochna,  
JoAnne Rucker, Carol Mather,  
Allison Whitmire,**

8th Grade

**April Hadley, Mary Beth Bourgeois,  
Emily Brown, Becky Cumming,  
Jane Harris**



**SAVE THE DATE:  
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2006  
ALL SCHOOL PARTY**

All MMS students need to keep their schedules clear for the evening of **February 17<sup>th</sup>**, the night of the 2006 All School Party. The student council will announce the theme as soon as it is decided.

## 6th Grade Peer Group

### 6th Grade Peer Group Meeting

Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

11:00 A.M. in the MMS Library

6<sup>th</sup> grade parents please join us for our next peer group meeting to discuss 7<sup>th</sup> grade schedules. Lisa Weir and Alison Butler will be present to answer any questions. We will also discuss 7<sup>th</sup> grade athletics. Coaches Heathcock, Thornton and Moore will be present to talk about football, volleyball, basketball, cross country and track. Please call if you have any questions.

Jenni Bredthauer (713)468-6651

Jane Miller (713)787-6224

Mary Roberts (713)468-6961



## Upcoming Calendar of Events

- January 19 International Club Lunch, 11:00am
- January 20 MHS & SHS Counselors visit with 8<sup>th</sup> Graders at MMS
- January 27 8th Grade Spring Casserole Sale
- February 1 Legislative Forum , 7-9pm MHS
- February 7 Founder's Day Dinner, 6-8pm Northbrook HS
- February 8 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- February 9, PTA Meeting noon
- February 10 Holiday
- February 13 Teacher Inservice/Student Holiday
- February 14 Deadline for MMS Original School Song Contest
- February 17 End of Six Weeks  
All School Party, 6:30 - 8:30 MMS Gym
- February 21 TAKS Writing (7th Grade)
- February 23 8th Grade Party Parent Planning Meeting- 7:00pm MMS Library
- February 22 - February 24 Benchmarks
- February 24 International Club Luncheon, 11:00am  
6th Grade Peer Group, 11:00 Library  
8th Grade Student/Staff Basketball Game, 4:00 MMS Gym
- March 1 Newsletter Deadline
- March 6 - March 10 Spring Break
- March 14 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- March 16, PTA Meeting, noon
- March 17 International Club Luncheon, 11:00am

**Next newsletter article deadline is  
March 1, 2006**

**Please e-mail articles to  
Gina Daggett [gdaggett@houston.rr.com](mailto:gdaggett@houston.rr.com) and  
Jana Dundas [jdundas@detect-measure.com](mailto:jdundas@detect-measure.com)**

## 8th Grade Party Update

### 8TH GRADE PARTY DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>January 19</b>	6:30-8:00 Decorating Committee Jennie Baker's house (13614 Perthshire)
<b>January 27</b>	Spring Casserole Sale
<b>February 23</b>	7:00 Parent Planning Meeting- Library
<b>February 24</b>	4:00 Student/Faculty Basketball Game- MMS gym
<b>May 13</b>	8th Grade Party!
Questions???	Call 8th Grade Party Chairs
Jennie Baker	Julie Lynch      Kathy Wiggins

### Attention 8th Grade Parents

Sign up to help with the 8th Grade Party Spring Casserole Sale! Help raise funds for the 8th Grade Party by making a casserole. The MMS Faculty/Staff will place orders from a list of a few predetermined recipes. The casseroles are frozen and can be prepared ahead of time. The Spring Sale will take place on Friday, January 27th. All proceeds will go towards the 8th Grade Party. We are in need of volunteers. To sign up, please contact Katherine Tendall [bktendall@earthlink.net](mailto:bktendall@earthlink.net) or Susan Bonora [sbonora@houston.rr.com](mailto:sbonora@houston.rr.com).

## 8th Grade Party Underwriting

Thank you to the following families for their generous contributions to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Party. It will be a truly memorable event.

Those of you that would like to contribute to this graduation party may still do so. Our goal is 100% participation! Please mail your donation to: Sheri Lathrop, 107 Lakeside Oaks Dr., Houston, TX 77042. Make your check payable to MMS PTA. Thank you for your continued support.

The Bergmann Family	The Fjerstad Family	The Lathrop Family	The Schultz Family
The Bonora Family	The Gallerano Family	The Lee Family	The Sewell Family
The Bowman Family	The Goodland Family	The Linville Family	The Sharp Family
The Bozyk Family	The Graves Family	The Luck Family	The Shaw Family
The Bryan Family	The Hall Family	The Lynch Family	The Shivitz Family
The Burge Family	The Hancock Family	The Marett Family	The Smith Family
The Bushong Family	The Hanka Family	The McCloskey Family	The Sposato Family
The Capper Family	The Harris Family	The McClure Family	The Strain Family
The Casatelli Family	The Hassett Family	The McHolick Family	The Suchman Family
The Clark Family	The Hays Family	The Milazzo Family	The Swank Family
The Cline Family	The Hickman Family	The Moore Family	The Tekell Family
The Cohen Family	The Jodon Family	The Moreland Family	The Thorne Family
The Conge Family	The Jones Family	The Murski Family	The Tomlinson Family
The Cummings Family	The Joo Family	The Norris Family	The Toole and Doty Family
The Curran Family	The Kato Family	The Ostrofsky Family	The Touchstone Family
The Daggett Family	The Kelly Taylor Family	The Palmer Family	The Trice Family
The Davis Family	The Kimble Family	The Patton Family	The Troutner Family
The Douglass Family	The Kirchhofer Family	The Perry Family	The Tura Family
The Dunn Family	The Kleiderer Family	The Reichle Family	The Waddell Family
The Eiser Family	The Koeller Family	The Roeder Family	The Walker Family
The Erickson Family	The Krause Family	The Rogers Family	The Weatherl Family
The Fickert Family	The Lassetter Family	The Scavone Family	The Weeks Family
			The Wild Family

## 8th Grade Video



### Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents! WE NEED PHOTOS FOR THE 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DVD!

We need pictures of your 8<sup>th</sup> grade student for the DVD that will be made to commemorate our graduates' middle school years. This video will be shown continuously during the 8<sup>th</sup> grade party, and there will be footage of the party added to it. You will have the opportunity to order a DVD of this special memento (more information to come).

**START LOOKING THROUGH YOUR PHOTOS NOW!** Send your prints to school in a baggie or envelope marked "8th GRADE DVD". There is an "8<sup>th</sup> Grade DVD Photos" drop box in the school office. We are requesting **three** pictures of your 8<sup>th</sup> grader:

1. A picture from elementary school or younger
2. A current picture
3. A picture with family and/or friends

Please write your child's name AND activity teacher

on the back of each print in ball point pen (no Sharpies). Photos should be no larger than 4x6. Horizontal formats work best.

We also need group pictures of MMS extra-curricular activities, such as, school parties, clubs, choir, orchestra, band, plays, talent show and athletics. Please make sure these photos are of MMS 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and identify all students in the picture. Label these photos on the back with an "E" to distinguish them from the other 3 photos of your child. (We may not be able to use all of these photos in the video). \* Please, no weapons in any photo, or they cannot be used in the DVD.

**These pictures will be collected until March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006.** So if you want your 8<sup>th</sup> grader to be in the DVD, send in your photos! Photos must be labeled with child's name and activity teacher in order to be returned after the 8<sup>th</sup> grade party.

If you have any questions, call Tracy Thornton at 713-464-5888.

## 8th Grade Basketball Fundraiser

### STUDENT & FACULTY BASKETBALL GAME AND RAFFLE BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT

Friday, February 24 @ 4:00

MMS Gym

#### Teams:

8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls A & B Basketball teams

VS

Brave faculty of MMS

**Entry \$3.00**

Students and Adults

Tickets will be pre-sold during lunch on February 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
and are available at the door.

#### RAFFLE

\$1.00 per chance to be chosen for shootout  
10 MMS students will be chosen at Halftime  
(Must be a MMS student - any grade)

#### Prizes:

\$5.00-free throw line

Trade-up

\$10.00 3 point line

Trade-up

\$20.00 center court

Concessions will be sold during the game!!!

## Holiday Home Tour 2005 Thank you



### HOLIDAY HOME TOUR 2005

This year's Holiday Home Tour was a great success!!! We had beautiful weather and outstanding attendance! Many thanks to everyone who attended, with your support we made over \$7,400! A very special thank you to our homeowners: the **Lindley Family**, the **Reeter Family**, the **Simpson Family**, the **Thornton Family**, and the **Waltmon Family**. Your homes were just beautiful and we couldn't have done it without you!! We also want to thank the 65+ hostesses for giving your time to help at the homes.

A big Thank You to **Sherry Barker** and **Jackie Smyre** of Greenwood King Properties for underwriting the invitations for the December Holiday Home Tour! We appreciate your generosity.

Thanks! The Holiday Home Tour Committee:

**Leslie, Kottwitz, Kim Robinson, Jo Anne Rucker, and Sandy Walker**

## Spring PTA Membership Drive

If you missed joining the MMS PTA in the fall or are new to the school, the **Spring Membership Drive** is underway.

This is your last chance to join the Memorial Middle School PTA and show your support! Please send in the following form no later than February 15, 2006!! If you are not sure you joined in the fall, please call **Suzie Davis** at 713-973-2610.

### SPRING PTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FAMILY \$10.00/ INDIVIDUAL \$5.00

Parent's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Life Member yes/no

\_\_\_\_\_ Life Member yes/no

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to MMS PTA.

Have your child turn it in to their activity teacher or mail to:

**Suzie Davis**  
12612 Broken Bough  
Houston, Texas 77024

## Write-a-Check Update



The Write-A-Check campaign has surpassed the \$60,000 goal! Many thanks to the 312 families, individuals and companies who have generously donated **\$67,266**. Donations are still welcome. Donor forms are available in the MMS office and on the MMS PTA website, [www.memorialmiddleschoolpta.com](http://www.memorialmiddleschoolpta.com).

Questions? Call Co-Chairs Anne Roland (713-464-1614) or

Karen Linville (713-781-2441)

Many thanks to the following who have made contributions between November 1, 2005 and January 1, 2006.

## Write-A-Check Donations 2005-2006

### **Soaring Eagles (\$1500 +)**

Wade Jones Family

### **Platinum (\$1000 - 1499)**

Alan Patton Family  
Valach Family

### **Gold Eagles (\$500-999)**

Apache Corporation  
Kurt & Jan Byth  
Dobbins Family  
Bob & Cindy Dye  
Scott & Nancy Hassett  
McCloskey Family  
Tim & Shelley Murray  
Sandy, John & Clark Norris  
Ron & Courtney Schultz  
Leonard, Mary Jane,  
Marissa, Brandon & Noelle Simon  
Wyatt Family

### **Silver Eagles (\$250 - 499)**

Anonymous  
AIM Foundation  
Alan & Marianne Blackshear  
Fricks Family  
The Janssen Family  
Krueger Family  
Lipnich Family  
Luck Family

Diane & Mark Lund  
Hal Miller Family  
Randy Morris Family  
Moses Family  
Nowlan Family  
Radney Family  
Ranger Family  
Denise & Gary Roeder's Family  
Shelton Family  
Jeff, Val & Kelly Sikora  
Slaughter Family  
Bruce & Katherine Tendall  
Steve & Diane Wright

### **Bronze Eagles (\$100 - 249)**

Anonymous  
Air Liquid  
Aitken Family - Teddy,  
Patrick & Katherine  
Bushong Family Cemex  
Cragg Family  
Devlin Family  
Diaz Family  
Dickey Family  
Glendinning Family  
Glover Family  
Gremmel Family  
Hancock Family  
Herrington Family  
McClure Family  
Gary & Luana Owens  
Alison & Mark Stewart  
Suchman Family  
Kitty & Harris Jackson  
Jodon Family

Todd Guest Family  
Brad & Emma Kirchhofer  
Steve & Randa Jackson  
Kottwitz Family  
Randy Jones Family  
Mathews Family  
Settegast Family  
Amin Nosrat Family  
Misha Sharp & Family  
Steininger Family  
Randy & Judy Smith  
Von Feldt Family  
Falick Family  
Whitaker Family  
Mark & Juli McArthur  
Eckert Family  
Zoanne & Bill Sharp  
Family of Brooke Evans  
Washburn Family  
Hillin Corporation  
Liesse Family

### **Eagles (under \$100)**

Anonymous  
Kent & Betty Bradshaw  
Bulota Family  
Regan M. Burrows  
Hadley Family  
Peifer Family  
Rebentisch Family  
Jim Shadowens Family  
Ken & Julie Sykes  
Tura Family  
Wohlfort Family  
Larry & Rhonda Wesselink

## MMS PTA's Soaring Eagles

Thank you to....

Nominating Committee Chair **Karen Crawford** and her committee, **Lisa Clayton, Mary Roberts, JoAnne Rucker and Fran Story**, for their work in slating a fabulous group of nominees to serve on the PTA Executive Board next year;

VP Membership **Suzie Davis** for conducting the PTA's Spring Membership Drive;

Library volunteers **Fran Buchanan, Lynn Clayton, Patti Kruger and Karen Tinsley** for conducting a successful and fun Winter Bookfair at Barnes and Noble;

Marquee volunteers **Susan Bourdon and Beth Shaw** for continuing to keep our most visible means of communication—the marquee—up to date at all times;

Newsletter Editor **Gina Daggett** for diving right back in and editing this edition of *The Messenger* as well as those for the remainder of the school year;

Newsletter Distribution volunteers **Karen Bard, Christine Phifer and Tracie Pierce** for ensuring you receive your copy of the newsletter each six weeks;

Reflections Chairs **Claire Howard and Robbin Spafford** for organizing and overseeing MMS' entries in the Reflections contest;

Teacher Appreciation Co-Chairs **Dawn Kindred and Terrell Sherman** for overseeing the monthly luncheons and for offering assistance to the monthly luncheon chairs;

October Teacher Appreciation Chairs **Renee' Anderson, Karen Austin and Nashieda Hadi** for providing a wonderfully spooky Halloween luncheon for our faculty and staff;

November Teacher Appreciation Chairs **Sherri Boatwright, Sharon Simpson, and Robbin Spafford** for providing a fabulous fall celebration for the teachers and administration;

December Teacher Appreciation Chairs **Beth Jones and Andree Stagg** for treating our teachers to a wonderful holiday celebration;

International Club Co-Chairs **Margie Cooper, Wendy Mixon and Diane Sachs** (who has moved) for keeping the IC running smoothly;

**Mary Ranger and Jenni Bredthauer**, Co-Chairs, and their committee **Kari Krause, Sherri Boatwright, Polly Meyer, Stacy Cheeseman, and Martha Lord**, for providing a delicious lunch at the January PTA meeting;

PTA Secretary **Sheri Lathrop** for her marvelous organizational skills and fine job recording the minutes of each PTA meeting; and

PTA Treasurer **Laura Riddle** for her ongoing work handling the finances of the MMS PTA.



## Upcoming District Events

### SPRING BRANCH ISD HOSTING LEGISLATIVE FORUM

Spring Branch ISD is hosting a Legislative Forum on Wednesday, **February 1st** at Memorial High School from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. All of the State Senators and State Representatives have been invited to attend.

### ANNUAL CRYSTAL AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHERS

Since 1933, the Spring Branch Education Foundation has sponsored this annual event in partnership with the Houston Chronicle and other local businesses. Six educators receive honors as "Outstanding Teacher" and are selected by the Houston Chronicle from over 1,600 nominees from Gulf Coast area public and private schools throughout Harris, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Waller, Montgomery, Liberty, Chambers and Galveston Counties. This year's event will take place on **February 3** at the Hilton Post Oak. For more information, log on to the Spring Branch ISD website at [www.springbranchisd.com](http://www.springbranchisd.com) and click on Community/Education Foundation/Events.

### COME AND CELEBRATE FOUNDER'S DAY!

Annually the SBISD Council of PTAs hosts a Founder's Day Dinner to celebrate the founding of National PTA on February 17, 1897. At this event, the Texas Honorary Life Members for 2005 from schools throughout the district are recognized, along with the annual School Bell Award winner--an outstanding SBISD educator who promotes the objectives of National PTA. MMS honorees for 2005 include teachers **Mark Miller, Gloria Montalbano and Meredith Pickett**, and parents **Shelly Caton, Colleen First, Carol Ann MacDonald and Monica McCloskey**. Please make plans to join us in celebrating the dedication and commitment of these individuals to MMS. The event will take place at Northbrook High School on **February 7** from 6-8 p.m. Advance reservations are necessary. For more information, email Founder's Day Chair **Lisa Trammell** at [lisafram13@aol.com](mailto:lisafram13@aol.com)



### **Are you cleaning out your closets this winter?**

The Stratford High School Junior Class Garage Sale workers are looking for "gently used" furniture, sports equipment, appliances, electronics, household items, clothing, and shoes.

**Please bring your donations to the Stratford High School parking lot  
(south side of the school off Dairy Ashford)**

**Drop off date is:**

**Saturday, January 14, 2006 (9am -12 pm)**

**Saturday, March 25, 2006 (9am-12 pm)**

Pick up for large items can be arranged by calling Peggy Maranuk at 713-984-8968 (no mattresses)

Tax deductible receipts will be available

Mark your calendars now for the Big Day

Stratford Junior Class Extravaganza

Garage Sale, Bake Sale, and Car Wash

Saturday, April 1, 2006 8am - 2pm

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Happy New Year

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