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PTA'S PURPOSE

To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Be a hero! Join Today!



CALLING ALL HEROES!

The PTA needs your help!

Be on the lookout for ways you can volunteer and participate on the Beaver Tech PTA board. Interest surveys are attached to this edition of the newsletter and will come home in your child's Thursday Folder as well.

For more information please see the president article on page 2. Or contact one of the current PTA board members. We'd be happy to answer your questions.

SUPER BIRTHDAYS

February 1	Nancy Young
February 12	Valerie McElroy
February 13	Jennifer Vandertulp
February 21	Chad Spurlock

BEAVER TECH NEWS

by Jason Adams, Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

February is here and the 100th day of school is upon us! It seems like only yesterday we were preparing for the winter break, and now we're already looking forward to Valentine's Day! Progress reports went home last week, and February 20st marks the end of the fourth grading period. Now that we are in the second half of the school year, it is a good time to talk to students about grades and academic progress up to this point in the year. Regularly talking to students about grades and academic progress is a great way for them to learn about individual responsibility and setting goals. As always, our teachers and staff are available to work with you if you have any questions or concerns about how your student is performing academically.



Feedback

Involving stakeholders in the decision making process has always been an important part of the culture here at Beaver Technology Center. I would like to thank all of our parents who took the time to complete our parent perception survey. As of today, we have had just over 60 parents complete the survey. Our goal is to have at least 250 parents complete the survey by the end of the year, so we still have a ways to go. Congratulations to Mr. Hulshult's and Mrs. Pierce's classes for winning our survey contest by having the highest percentage of parents from their homerooms complete the survey. Beaver students will also have an opportunity to take a survey to tell us about their experiences at school. Feedback from parents and students is extremely helpful as we move forward. If you haven't had the chance to give us your input, please take a few minutes to complete the survey, which can be accessed on our website at <http://www.garlandidschools.net/page.cfm?p=781>.

Electives

The first elective cycle ended last Friday and the new cycle kicks off this week. Students were able to register on-line and received one of their top three choices. The purpose of this program is to support 21st century skills and provide opportunities to explore new areas of interest or to study a particular area in depth, beyond the traditional curriculum. Twenty-two courses were offered in the following disciplines: basic engineering, computer science, science studies, multimedia, and interdisciplinary studies. Visit our website to access the course catalog with a complete listing and descriptions of courses available to students.

Assessments

Third, fourth, and fifth graders will take unit assessments in February and during the first week in March. Data from unit assessments helps us provide individualized instruction in preparation for the upcoming STAAR tests. It is extremely important that you communicate with teachers about your child's performance as we move into assessment season. Your involvement is important as we continue to meet the individual academic needs of students. The first round of STAAR testing begins with our fourth and fifth graders on March 30th. For additional resources and information about state standards and assessments, please visit www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

"The spring parent-teacher conference window begins next week and our spring conference night is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24. These meetings provide a great opportunity for parents and teachers to share insights and information about how students are doing at school. Research shows that when parents and teachers work together, everyone benefits: students earn higher grades, perform better on tests, attend school more regularly, have better behavior, and show more positive attitudes toward themselves and toward school. Teachers will be contacting you over the next few weeks to schedule conferences, but please do not hesitate to contact us if you have concerns or questions before then. As always, thank you for all you do to make our school so special.

PTA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PTA NEWS

by Cassandra Hart, PTA President



It's time to start the process of electing the 2015-2016 PTA Board. All PTA Board positions are a one year commitment from May to May. The process starts with the Interest Survey which can be found at the end of this newsletter. It lists all of the positions and a brief description of the responsibilities of each. At the end of the survey is a list of current officers and chairmen and their contact information. If you have any questions about a certain position, you may contact the board member that currently holds that position or me to get more information. Select up to three choices and mark them in order of preference. Interest Surveys are due back to school by Friday, February 28th.

A Nominating Committee will review the surveys and come up with their nominees for each position and we will vote on the new officers at the

March General PTA meeting scheduled for March 18th at 6:00 p.m. If you are a current PTA member and are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee please contact me at Kassandra.hart@gmail.com.

The full 2015-2016 PTA Board, including Chairmen, will be announced at our April General PTA meeting scheduled for April 14th at 6:00 p.m.

SPIRIT STICKS

by Heather Bryant

Beaver will have its normal Spirit Stick sale on the first Friday of this month, February 6th during lunch. If you or your child has not had a chance to check out some of the newest sticks available, be sure to do so. We now have various sports, as well as Harry Potter, Lego, and grade levels sticks. Be sure to check them out before they are gone.

Future Spirit Stick Sales Events:

March 6, 2015

April 10, 2015

May 1, 2015



HOSPITALITY

By Melissa Elliott

The PTA along with our 3rd grade families will be hosting a special "sweet treat" for our teachers and staff, this month. Please watch your Thursday folders for further information and volunteer opportunities.

As always, I am open to any suggestions to ensure we express our appreciation to our staff and teachers. I can be reached at melliott0508@yahoo.com

VAL-O-GRAMS

by Heather Bryant

Valentine's Day is around the corner and "Love" Spirit Sticks will be on sale during lunches from February 9th through February 12th. You can buy one for a friend, a teacher, or just collect them for yourself. There will be cards available to fill out and attach sticks to for delivery to those special Valentine friends. We have a limited number of valentines sticks available, so be sure to get yours before they are gone.

YEARBOOK

by Rebecca Thiehoff

Hi Beaver Star families! I would like to thank everyone that has ordered their yearbook so far. The deadline for ordering your \$20 hardcover yearbook is March 24th. This is quite a value considering that this is a 3D yearbook.

I would also like to thank everyone that has sent me pictures to be used in the yearbook. There is still time to submit pictures! Please send them to beaverptayearbook@gmail.com.

We are now giving you an opportunity to tell your child, a friend, or a favorite teacher how much they mean to you by having a note published in the yearbook. The cost of the note is \$5 for 100 characters (letters, punctuation, and spaces).

An example of this would be:

Dear Johnny, we are so proud of your hard work this year, especially in math! Love you, Mom and Dad (97 characters).

If you have more you want to say, then pay \$10 for 200 characters. Please write legibly, and double check your submission. Place the note in an envelope with your payment (cash or check made out to Beaver Tech PTA) with your child's full name and the name of their teacher. Deadline for the notes is February 27th. Submissions received after the deadline will not be included, so please get them in on time.

We will also be accepting baby pictures of your favorite 5th grader. So please dig through your photo albums and send it to me by February 27th. Be sure to put the child's name and teacher on the envelope with your photo so I can return those to you when I am finished with them. Or you can always send them via email to beaverptayearbook@gmail.com.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

by Susan Elliot

Thanks to everyone who saved Boxtops, we had a successful Boxtops collection this past fall. With the money received from Boxtops, we are ordering two iPad minis for the music room. We still need more, so please keep sending your Boxtops to school.



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ROOM REP COORDINATOR

by Jo Herrador

Hello Beaver Parents!! I hope you all enjoyed your holiday break! I want to take the time to thank all of you that helped out for our winter parties. We had so much fun!!! You will soon be receiving information regarding our Valentine's parties.

There are still classrooms without a room rep. If you are interested in helping our wonderful teachers please feel free to contact me at any time.

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VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

By Esteban Mojica

Hello Beaver Volunteers,

I hope you all had a great Christmas and Happy New Year! The Campus and Community Cleanup date is set for March 28. This is a great volunteer opportunity. Follow up reminders will be sent home with your students in the coming weeks. I hope you can join us to help make our school and community a little bit cleaner.

I wanted to say a special thank you to our dads that attended the 1st Annual Beaver Tech Watch D.O.G.S. Kickoff Party. We had a great turnout of dads who are ready to make a difference at Beaver. If you are still interested in being part of Watch D.O.G.S., but were unable to attend the kickoff parties, please feel free to contact me so we can discuss the processes and expectations of this wonderful program. It is a great opportunity for you to be a part of your children's school lives and to get a better understanding of what goes on at Beaver. Thank you again Watch D.O.G.S. dads. I'm looking forward to great fun and fellowship with you all. Please keep your eyes open for upcoming announcements.

WIND FARMS

By Susan Elliott

Stand underneath a wind turbine and it's easy to be awestruck.

Above you is a structure as tall as a 30-story building, with turbines as large as a football field and blades rotating at over 200MPH on the tips. It is an impressive example of energy innovation, and yet one of these mammoth wind towers provides clean, renewable energy by a simple mechanical feat -- the spinning turbines turn a generator that provides power for hundreds of homes.

Wind works. Over the past four decades, wind has provided an increasing amount of the energy we use. Today, wind farms generate about 50,000 megawatts of clean, renewable energy -- the equivalent of the energy produced by 12 Hoover Dams.

Clean, renewable energy is just the start of what we get from growing the number of wind farms across the country. The wind industry now employs 75,000 Americans. Wind energy is giving American companies the chance to participate in a new and exciting global industries, American workers the chance to apply existing skills and seek new opportunities in a growing sector, and American communities the chance to prosper from truly clean, renewable energy.

Information for this article is from: <http://www.nrdc.org/energy/american-wind-farms.asp>

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

by Claudia Mojica

Welcome Back from the Winter break! We had a great turnout for the Watch D.O.G.S. kickoff parties. This is a great way for dads, uncles, grandpas and great grandpas to get involved in their children's school lives. If you would like more information, please contact Esteban Mojica or myself and we'll be happy to share information on the program and how you can get involved. It's not too late to join the group and sign up to spend a day with your child(ren).

Our annual Campus and Community Cleanup event is scheduled for Saturday March 28. The time is still to be determined, but we'll send out reminder letters in the coming weeks with more details. Last year, it was great to see students and families working together to improve our community. I hope you can join us to make the experience even better this time around. So save the date on your calendar for our annual school clean-up. Thank you all for your continued help in keeping our school beautiful.



BE YOUR KID'S SUPERHERO! BE PTA!

by Mariah Rice

Thanks to all the Superheroes that joined during the PTA membership drive. We look forward to everyone joining us to celebrate during our annual **PTA Skate Night on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at Westlake Skate starting at 6pm.**

Below is a list of the classes that won. If your child is in one of the classes listed below they get to skate for free! Everyone else who wants to skate will be \$5.00.

Westlake Skate Center
413 South Yale Drive
Garland, TX 75042

ABC Classes	Aldrid
Kindergarten	Lowery
First Grade	Estefano
Second Grade	Flanagan & Pierce (tie)
Third Grade	Derrick
Fourth Grade	Rohmer
Fifth Grade	Hobbs



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BEAVER TECH-NICOLOR RUN 2015

By Heather Bryant

Say "so long" to the days of pushing catalogs as Beaver Tech has their first ever Technicolor Run on April 17th! Similar to the big color runs that have become so popular, Beaver students will become the canvases for some fantastic color fun. Best of all, this is our spring fundraiser! The PTA's goal is to purchase drawstring backpacks for every student to use on fieldtrips.

How can you help?

By ordering a 2015 Beaver Technicolor t-shirt, your child will get to race through the obstacle course getting covered in non-toxic vibrant color they can wear proudly. Shirts will be \$10 and will be available for pre-order starting next month. We encourage parents, siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents to purchase a shirt and come run with us.

So break out your running shoes and get ready for some messy fun! We would love for this to be a campus wide event and have 100% student and staff participation.

What you need to know

Date: April 17, 2015

Time: Waves starting at 1:00 pm

Cost: \$10 includes a Beaver Technicolor t-shirt and race fee

If you would like to volunteer for this event as a color splasher, please contact Heather Bryant @ hbryant1120@gmail.com.

Stay tuned for more details!

LIBRARY NEWS

By Cheryl Brooks

The library now has several ebooks. You can download the Follett Brytewave K-12 app. Then login using your student ID number, password is gisd, and Follettshelf URL is wbb23495. You can stop by the library if you need help.

The GISD Book Byte contest is underway and runs through March 6. Information was sent home in Thursday folders and is also available on Beaver's website. This is an awesome opportunity to showcase our creative movie making skills. Please come by the library if you have any questions.

Six Flags Read to Succeed forms are due to the library **no later than Wednesday, February 18**. Remember you just have to read 360 minutes to receive a free ticket to Six Flags. What a great incentive to read!

Dr. Seuss Day is Monday, March 2. Please wear your favorite Dr. Seuss costume and bring the book to go with it.

The **Spring Book Fair** is scheduled for March 16-20. We will be open 7:30a.m.-3:30 p.m. every day. We will also be open Tuesday night, March 17 from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. If you can volunteer, please contact Ms. Brooks at cjbrooks@garlandisd.net.

CHOIR PERFORMANCE SEASON

By Susan Elliott

Our Honor Choir and 5th Grade Choir were busy sharing their music and joy during December. The audience packed the gym for the evening performance. Thanks everyone for coming out! A full audience makes performing fun.

Later in the week they took their holiday music on the road, performing at Stonebriar Mall. Many student groups reported that when they went to The Lego Store, the store employees invited them to sing. They were applauded by employees and invited to build a character to keep.

On the Friday morning before break, the choirs gave their last performance of the season for the students and teachers at Beaver. The students in the audience were wonderful, and our singers gave their best. Ms. Calkin streamed the performance, and former Beaver teacher, Ms. Manning, wrote to say that she had seen it in Austin.

Thanks to the singers, riser crew, sound crew, and Head Elf Chase Overose for your effort. Soon we'll be starting on new music. Woot!

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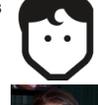
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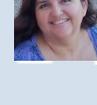
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MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents can access the Morning Announcements at any time from the Beaver Tech homepage. The link will take you to the High School Cube website where you can log in with Facebook or create and account to watch.



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES -DUE DATE

Articles for the February edition of the newsletter are due **Wednesday, February 25, 2015**. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the newsletter, please contact me at kat@katspencer.com.

PTA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

by Valerie McElroy

Congratulations Beaver Stars for another successful Jump Rope for Heart campaign! We had a lot of fun showing off our new jump rope tricks along with learning about ways to keep our heart healthy and strong. Of course a big thank you to parents for allowing your child to participate in fundraising for the American Heart Association.

In February, all 3rd-5th graders will be Fitnessgram testing. The Fitnessgram test is a state mandated fitness assessment on the following: cardiovascular fitness, muscle strength, muscular endurance, flexibility and body composition. Parents/Guardians will receive a report card in May that will summarize their child's performance on each of these components. Additionally, we will be learning basketball skills and games.

Our K-2nd graders will enjoy parachute and balance activities in February. We will also be learning about healthy food choices. Students will get to design a healthy meal representing the major food groups.

Remember to encourage your child to get 60 minutes of physical activity everyday!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ART ROOM?

By Dixie Nambo

Studio 57, the art room, is busy with students creating beautiful pieces of art!

Kinder through 2nd grade have been focusing on cityscapes using marker, oil pastel and watercolor. Lots of detail with line and pattern have been emphasized with a continued focus on color mixing. All students are continuing to experiment with different media and they are learning that it takes effort and concentration to build good technique and quality craftsmanship.

3rd grade through 5th grade have been focusing on creating value in their artwork. 3rd grade students are using chalk pastel as they blend colors and show value with their jaguar portraits.

4th graders are working with Prismacolor as they make desert landscapes and are also working on pieces using warm and cool color schemes.

5th graders are creating pet portraits for their class PBL. One piece from each group will be chosen for the cover of that group's project. 5th graders also enjoyed a rainy day field trip to the Dallas Arts District! They were able to visit The Dallas Museum of Art, the Nasher Sculpture Center, and the Crow Museum of Asian Art.

Quote of the month:

The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls. ~Pablo Picasso

KEEP on DRAWING!!!

ART STARS FROM BEAVER TECH

By Dixie Nambo

We have three shining art stars at Beaver Tech who have been honored for their outstanding artwork in the "Expressions of Gratitude" Art Contest. This contest is sponsored through the Thanksgiving Square Foundation of Dallas and is open to students all over the world. Finalists were from as far away as San Diego, California; Honolulu, Hawaii; and Kenya, Africa. The theme for this year's expression was "I am Thankful for the Golden Rule."

Our shining Beaver Star Artists are Victoria Canchola, Harshil Goyal and Ava Raymond. Victoria received 1st place and Harshil received 2nd place in the K-1st grade category and Ava received 3rd place in the 4-5th grade category. Congratulations to these shining Beaver Star Artists!!

An awards ceremony and reception were held for the finalists at the Nasher Sculpture Center in the Dallas Arts District. All the families of the winners were present along with myself and Mr. Adams. It was a wonderful celebration of gratitude and artistic expression!



PHOTO TIPS FROM KAT: MACRO PHOTOGRAPHY

Ever wonder what that little flower symbol on your camera is for? It is the universal symbol for macro photography. Macro photography is the art of creating extremely close up images of an object. Many cameras and smartphones are capable of focusing within a few inches of a subject and the resultant picture can seem larger than life. Sharp focus is imperative in macro photography, so a steady hand or use of a tripod or other support is very important. Good bright light is also something to consider.



There are many types of subjects that are easily accessible. Consider bugs, coins, small toys, etc. The possibilities are endless. Macro photography is a fun way for your budding photographer to stay interested and learn new tricks!

Did you take an amazing picture at a school event, field trip or class party? Please consider sharing it with your child's teacher or with the yearbook staff (beaverptayearbook@gmail.com). Check our PTA Facebook Page often for more information and opportunities to share, as well. www.facebook.com/BeaverPTA



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PEARLS OF LOVE AND LOGIC:

Special Thoughts on Raising Kids

Avoiding Control Battles

Avoiding controls battles is not always easy, but is an essential, learnable skill. Such battles often occur when a parent gives their teen an order the parent can't enforce, such as: "Pick up that stuff right now." "Move fast," "You're not leaving this house with *that* on." Teens will find many other things to do, rather than pick up their stuff, "right now." No one can *make* a teen move faster. Many teens sigh and move more slowly when asked to speed up.

In most situations, where parents give orders, they should start their sentences with the word "if." "If" can always be used to indicate choices and consequences. For instance, the parent might say, "If you get your stuff picked up by dinner, then you'll be eating with us," or, "If you move really fast, I'll feel like moving fast for you, and I'll start dinner."

Using enforceable statement is another essential element in avoiding control battles. When using these, the wise parent talks about himself or herself: "I will be doing the laundry that has been brought down to the laundry room," or "I will fix dinner as soon as the rooms are clean."

Unwise parents set up control battles by saying things like, "We're leaving at 8:00, and you've got to be ready." Even United Airlines doesn't say, "We're leaving at 8:00, you've got to be ready!" United says, "We're leaving at 8:00 and if you're there 10 minutes ahead of departure, we won't give your seat away."

Control battles can be avoided by parents and teen problem-solving together:

Parent: "Honey, do you have a minute?"

Teen: "Yeah, sure."

Parent: "Lately you've been leaving your school work scattered throughout the house."

Teen: "Yeah, I know."

Parent: "What's a solution? What do you want to do about it?"

Teen: "Put it all away, I guess."

Parent: "Well, that would be great! That would handle it this time. But this seems to be happening a lot. What do you want to do about it all the time?"

Teen: "Put it away after I leave it out."

Parent: "That would be great. What if you still forget? It's easy to forget, you know."

Teen: "You pick it up?"

Parent: "Well, maybe I could. How about if I just sweep through the place and put all your stuff in a garbage bag and put it in the rec room? Then you'd know where it is and it would only take me a second."

Teen: "I think I'll remember to pick it all up."

Parent: "Well, I hope so, but I do understand that forgetting is easy."

This parent avoided a control battle by problem solving around consequences, without anger. It's simple once parent practice and get the knack.

Rules for avoiding control battles:

Don't give an order that you cannot enforce.

Tell the teen how you stand, rather than what he or she must do.

Give the teen choices.

Problem solve together while understating your teen's feelings.

Give only reasonable consequences that you can live with yourself.

If you've made a mistake with your teen, admit it without overdoing the apology.

Parent expression of frustration and anger almost always means there has been a control battle, and worse yet, the teen has won!

The information in this article is from The Love and Logic Institute. Love and Logic literature and other resources are available to parents in the Beaver Tech library. Please see Ms. Brooks for more information on how to check these out.

Visit www.loveandlogic.com for more information about this parenting philosophy.

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Angelly Kurion	Greyson Webb
Claire Lambert	Jayden William
Beulah Lastick	Dunya Yaqubi



EVENT COACHES

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 Odillia Espino - Listening
 Hannah Fontaine - Number Sense
 Martha Gallion - Art Contest
 Natalie Gilliland - Oral Reading
 Juana Martinez - Music Memory
 Valerie McElroy - Impromptu Speaking
 Dixie Nambo - Oral Reading
 Lauren Osborne - Spelling
 Sheryl Price - Maps, Graphs & Charts
 Marci Romero - Oral Reading

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Cheryl Brooks	Pamela Gatton
Yuri Castilleja	Carrie Hobbs
Tiffany Clark	Shauna Pierce
Susan Elliot	



2014-2015 BEAVER STAR CALENDAR

February 2015

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

February

- 5 February Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed
 - 6 Spirit Sticks sold during lunch
 - 9-13 "Love" Spirit Sticks sold during lunch
 - 10-13 5th Grade Camp
 - 17 PTA Skate Night @ Westlake Skate Center
 - 18 Spring Portraits by Lifetouch
 - 25 Early Release
 - 25 Beaver Star Gazette Articles Due for March Issue
- ### March
- 5 March Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed
 - 6 Spirit Sticks sold during lunch
 - 9-13 Spring Break
 - 16-20 Spring Book Fair
 - 17 General PTA Meeting and Art Showcase
 - 25 Beaver Star Gazette Articles Due for April Issue
 - 28 Community and Campus Cleanup
 - 30 STAAR TEST - 4th Grade Writing - Day 1
5th Grade Math
 - 31 STAAR TEST - 4th Grade Writing - Day 2
5th Grade Reading

April

- 2 April Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed
 - 3 Student/Staff Holiday
 - 14 Health Fair Expo/Jam The Gym
 - 17 Beaver TECHnicolor Run
 - 21 STAAR TEST - 3rd & 4th Grade Math
 - 22 STAAR TEST - 3rd & 4th Grade Reading
5th Grade Science
 - 22 Beaver Star Gazette Articles Due for May Issue
 - 27 Student/Staff Holiday
 - 30 May Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed
- ### May
- 1 Spirit Sticks sold during lunch
 - 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week
 - 12 General PTA Meeting and Choir Performance
 - 25 Memorial Day-No School

May

June

*All listings on this calendar are subject to change. Please check your child's Thursday Folder for up to date information regarding school events and activities.

April 2015

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March 2015

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**FEB. 17 6pm - PTA SKATE NIGHT
@WESTLAKE SKATE CENTER**

MARCH 28

COMMUNITY & CAMPUS CLEANUP

APRIL 17

1st ANNUAL

BEAVER TECHNICOLOR RUN

E-WASTE

by Susan Elliott

Did you get fun new electronics for the holidays? If you replaced old gadgets and equipment, please save them for our E-Waste drive in March. We would love to get them recycled, and earn some money for our school. With our E-Waste money, I have ordered 24 new hand rhythm instruments for our students to use.



A number of places are available now for recycling ink cartridges and other electronics. Please save those items for Beaver! If they are in your way and you want to get rid of them before March, please feel free to bring them to school earlier. Thanks for your support.

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Join Beaver Technology Center PTA Board

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email Address _____ Child's Grade _____

Child's Name _____ Child's Teacher _____

It is time to elect the 2015 – 2016 PTA board. It is very important for us to have parent involvement in our school and being a PTA board member is a great way to participate in planning fun activities for the teachers, students, and families of Beaver Technology Center. Any member of the Beaver Technology Center PTA can serve on the board. The term is for one year, from May to May. Below you will find a brief description for each position. If you are interested in a position(s), please be sure to indicate which one(s) on this Interest Survey and number them in order of preference.

Return the enclosed Officer and Chairman Interest Survey **on or before Friday, February 28th**. **This form is just to gauge your interest – you are not agreeing to accept a position just by filling it out.** The nominating committee will meet to select the nominees for these positions based on the responses given on this form. The nominees will be presented and voted on at the March General PTA meeting. The Standing Committee Chairman positions will be announced at the April General PTA meeting

Officer Positions

Interested	Position	Description
	President	Presides at all meetings of the association, attends committee meetings, attends GISD Council meetings, coordinates the work of the officers and chairman committees of the association, and proof all documents before distribution
	1st VP – Membership	Encourages parents, staff and community members to join PTA throughout the school year, plans a membership table to be present at all PTA and school functions, maintains an accurate membership roster at all times, submits dues to Texas PTA, distribute membership cards to all members.
	2nd VP – Fundraising	Coordinates fundraisers, actively promotes and coordinates all shopping rebate programs, coordinates the annual school supply sale, coordinates school restaurant nights.
	3rd VP – Communications	Compiles, prints and distributes the monthly newsletter, coordinates and distributes publicity on PTA events, provides date information to publish on school and PTA websites and the campus marquee.
	Secretary	Records the minutes of all meetings of the association, maintains, sends meeting reminders to board members, and distributes an accurate board directory.
	Treasurer	Keeps accurate and complete accounts of money received and spent, makes disbursements and deposits, presents a financial report at every meeting, presents a proposed budget to the association, files all tax documents, reconciles bank statements monthly.
	Parliamentarian	Willing to learn about parliamentary procedure; will become familiar with our bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order; updates bylaws as amendments are made; advises President on questions of parliamentary law when needed.

Standing Committee Chairman Positions

	Environmental	Plan and coordinate activities that encourage and promote awareness of preserving the environment, participate in the Texas PTA Beautification Award Program, EPA/ Texas PTA Poster Contest, and coordinate all campus recycling programs.
	Health, Safety and Legislation	Publicize matters of child health and safety via newsletter articles and other printed materials, plan health and safety events to take place at the school carnival or other appropriate school event, serve as Legislative Action Chairman by keeping members informed of PTA legislation and any legislative actions that are being undertaken by PTA, inform members of community events such as voting days.
	Hospitality	Plan refreshments for parent education programs, coordinate meals/snacks for school staff during Meet the Teacher Night and parent-teacher conferences, coordinate monthly Teacher Appreciation Meals, arrange Teacher Appreciation Week activities, and send notes of condolence, congratulations, etc. Provide hospitality/refreshments at the request of the PTA board.
	Room Representative	Work with the Volunteer Coordinator and the Bilingual Liaison to plan and coordinate the volunteer and room representative training by the six week of school. Select a grade level coordinator for each grade and one room representative for each classroom. Act as liaison between individual room representatives and the executive board.
	Volunteer Coordinator	Distribute volunteer interest surveys, hold Volunteer Training within first few weeks of school, coordinate volunteers when requested by PTA board or school, distribute background check forms during the second week of school, submit volunteer hours to Council PTA monthly, coordinate with the Room Representative Chairman to plan and coordinate the volunteer and room representative training.
	Yearbook	Compile materials needed to design and have printed the yearbook, take pictures of school events and collect pictures from parents and teachers to include in yearbook, take pre-paid orders and organize distribution of yearbooks.
	Website	Maintain PTA website.

If you have questions about a position, feel free to contact the current Board Member to get a first-hand perspective or contact the President.