



From the Principal –

On behalf of the Tippit Middle School Staff, I would like to welcome you to a brand new school year! We would like to send a special welcome to all new students and families to TMS. The Tippit Middle School staff looks forward to the honor of working with the parents and community to provide another year of educational opportunities and a quality education for the youth of the Georgetown School District. Our focus is to provide the type of education that enables each student to have the courage and academic understanding to reach for any goal and overcome any challenge so that every child can truly realize they have the ability to become anything they dream. I would like to challenge each student attending the TMS Campus during the 2011-2012 school year to have the courage to reach for their dreams and to have the commitment to complete the hard work it takes to achieve the goals that often seem out of reach. Developing courage and backing it with hard work will help allow each student to have confidence in their abilities so they

can earn successes they can be proud of accomplishing. We will be working very hard to ensure every single student will **R.I.S.E.** to their personal best! **Respect, Integrity, Safety, Excellence.**

At Tippit, we emphasize building a love for learning and we encourage you to become involved in your child's education. Please help us make your child's school year successful by establishing good study and attendance habits.

Your child's safety is very important to us. You can help us by following a few safety procedures when you deliver or pick up your child. Please be alert for children in or around our school. Go slow and watch for children not paying attention. Please follow the parking, drop-off, and pick-up procedures and please observe signs that indicate no parking. Be patient and follow procedures as every child's life is very precious.

We encourage you to visit school often and get involved through a variety of volunteer jobs. Teachers always need your help. According to the law, and for safety reasons, *you*

must sign in at the office and wear a visitor badge while visiting Tippit.

Help us keep your child safe.

We want to communicate with you. Please check your child's Thursday take-home folder. Expect periodic school newsletters and classroom newsletters. Also, check our school website at:

www.georgetownisd.org/tippit

Every teacher has a classroom web page.

Please read the Student Code of Conduct to be informed about the rules and regulations. Discuss them with your child. I look forward to our partnership in ensuring that the great things that have happened continue and that we bring Tippit Middle School further than it has ever gone! Please do not hesitate in communicating your questions, concerns, and celebrations.

We hope to see you often at school as a mentor or a volunteer. Together, we can make this the best year yet at Tippit!

Rise To Your Personal Best!

Brian Dawson, Principal

A note from the PTA Board –

We hope you'll find the Tippit Times newsletter useful for you and your child during this school year. The PTA newsletters will be distributed electronically in Tippit E-News releases and are also available on the Tippit website. To sign up to receive the very informative Tippit E-News releases, go to www.georgetownisd.org/tippit/Tippit%20Midde%20School/Newslist.html (The E-News link is also available on the Tippit homepage under *Sign-Up for Tippit's Email List.*) The Tippit PTA website and future newsletters can also be accessed directly at www.tippitmspta.org or from the Tippit homepage, www.georgetownisd.org/tippit (select the PTA tab).

To conserve resources, note that only this first newsletter will be distributed as paper copies being sent home with the students, as well as electronically. Future Tippit Times will be distributed electronically only. If you wish to continue to receive the PTA newsletter, please sign up for the E-News releases or check the Tippit PTA website periodically.

Finally, we'd love to hear from you! If you have any suggestions for material you'd like to see in future newsletters, please contact us at communications@tippitmspta.org. Thank you, and have a fantastic school year! ☺

Reflections

The 2011-2012 Reflections Theme is

DIVERSITY MEANS...

The Reflections program is a wonderful opportunity for students to express themselves creatively.

Entries are accepted in the following categories: Dance

Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Musical Composition, Photography and Visual Arts. All Tippit students are encouraged to participate.

More information to come regarding due dates and a gallery night for public viewing of the entries. Students can create their Reflections entries now and submit as many entries as they like.

Questions? Contact Luci Whorton, Tippit Reflections Coordinator, at reflections@tippitmspta.org

Tippit School Fundraiser!

Tippit will have a QSP School Fundraiser during October.

Items for sale will include great magazines and gifts; students can earn prizes for participating.

More information to follow.

Interested in Volunteering?

You are invited to get involved at Tippit through the PTA's Volunteer Program. Tippit PTA supports our wonderful school in a variety of ways, and there are a multitude of opportunities to lend a hand. Even with just a few minutes to spare now and then, you can make a difference.

Please contact Shannon Martin at volunteers@tippitmspta.org

PTA Membership

A fun and easy way to feel like a connected member of the Tippit family is to join the PTA and get involved in our mission to be "a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child."

PTA membership is \$5. By signing up you'll be able to receive great discounts from businesses including Dell, Barnes&Noble.com, Schlitterbahn, SeaWorld and more, just for being a member of Texas' largest child advocacy group!

To join, please contact Membership Chairperson Samantha Fisher at membership@tippitmspta.org

School Store

The Tippit school store is in the cafeteria. It contains t-shirts, school supplies, and more. The store is not yet opened for this school year. Additional details coming soon about the store's operating days and times.

The school store is operated by PTA and staffed by parent volunteers. If you'd like to help or have questions, please contact Kirby Tyndall at schoolstore@tippitmspta.org



Tippit 6th Grade Social

"Let's Go to the Movies"



Friday, Sept. 16th

4:00-6:00 pm

Tippit MS Cafeteria



FREE popcorn, drinks, hot dogs & candy!

DJ, Karaoke, Games and FUN!

Win Prizes—Movie tickets and more!



Parents & Guardians...If interested in chaperoning contact Christy Schaller at 635-9688. We are gratefully accepting donations of bottled water or soda. Please bring to Tippit office by Thursday, Sept. 15th.

