

The Tippit Times

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Mr. Coburn's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! As I write this letter, I feel like I am in the school equivalent of Santa's Workshop on Christmas Eve. Counselors are finalizing students' schedules, the custodial staff is putting the finishing touches on beautifying the campus, the office staff and administrators are making final preparations, and (most importantly) teachers are scurrying about preparing for our students. Indeed, school has arrived!!

Of course, one group that did not get mentioned above was our awesome PTA, who has done so much for our campus already. From preparing student folders to greeting our staff to helping educate our students, staff and community about how to prevent bullying and make schools a safer place, the Tippit PTA is as responsible for the successes of this school as any organization, and with a new TEA rating of "Recognized", there is much to celebrate and more success stories to come!

I encourage all of you to join PTA as a way to become involved in our community's school. While the funds raised and the volunteers helping makes a difference for our school, the greatest benefit of PTA membership is that you are investing in the children. Seeing the community and parents supporting Tippit will strengthen students' bond with the campus and help them succeed academically.

Thank you in advance for supporting Tippit and the PTA. Have a fantastic year!!

Joseph Coburn
Principal, Tippit Middle School

PTA Membership Drive

2010-11

Membership envelopes are being sent home now.

Didn't make it home? Not a problem.

You can use any envelope! Just write your name, phone number, student(s) names and 2nd period teacher and enclose \$5 per member. Anyone can join: parents, neighbors, grandparents, aunts and uncles...the list goes on and on! Please make checks payable to TMS PTA. You can send it in with your child to their 2nd period teacher or drop it off in the front office. There are so many benefits to joining. You may visit www.txpta.org for a list of business' which give great discounts to ALL Texas PTA members!

PTA...Building For



Will PTA require a ton of my time?

No! While your attendance at our periodic PTA meetings is encouraged, it is by no means mandatory. You can simply join PTA as a way of supporting Tippit and be a card-carrying member who enjoys the benefits such as discounts through Dell, Barnes&Noble.com, SeaWorld, T-Mobile, Sharp Electronics, Southwest Vacations, La Quinta, Enterprise Car Rental and MORE!

For those members who do have time to spare, our Volunteer Program is a great way to get involved. Please go to our website www.tippitmspta.org to learn more about signing up for volunteer opportunities.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING PTA!

Meet your 2010-11 PTA Executive Board!

Thanks to the following Tippit parents that
have answered the call!

Please note the open positions and
e-mail communications@tippitmspta.org
to sign up to help!

President	Heather Castro
VP	Debra Brewer
Treasurer	Kristee Watts
Secretary	OPEN
Parliamentarian	Christy Foster
Membership	Eve Beach
Volunteers	Peggy Stephens
Hospitality	Kathy Wisian, Christy Foster, Christine Bowman
Reflections	Luci Whorton
Healthy Lifestyles	Debbie Shepherd
Website	Peggy Stephens
Box Tops	Donna Shaw
Concessions	Melinda Orozco, Robin Greene
UIL Chair	Christy Schaller
Council Delegate	Luci Whorton
Environmental	OPEN
Newsletter	OPEN
School Store	
Volunteers	Kirby Tyndall
Financials	Dierdre Madole
Inventory	Dominique Tetrault

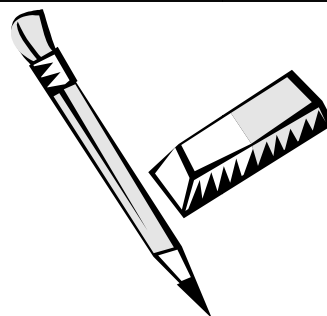
Grade level Representatives

6th	Katie Bradford
7th	Kelly Kalka
8th	Debbie Shepherd and Robin Greene

Did you know that Tippit PTA runs an in-school
store? The Eagle's Nest is located in the school
cafeteria. It's open during lunch from 11am-1pm.

Want to volunteer for a shift??

Send an e-mail to schoolstore@tippitmspta.org



You can help Tippit students by clipping
BOXTOPS!

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/>



You can make a difference for our school every
time you shop for groceries! Just clip the Box
Tops coupons from hundreds of products and
send them to our school.

Another easy way to support Tippit:

Office Depot will give back 5% of qualifying
purchases to Tippit in the form of a
merchandise credit.

When shopping at Office Depot, just tell the
cashier that you want your purchases to go
towards the
"5% Back to Schools" program
to benefit James Tippit Middle School
(School ID: 70097266 – or they can just look it
up for you.)

How easy is that?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/31 GISD COUNCIL OF PTA'S ROUND UP

PLACE NINTH GRADE CENTER

TIME 6:15 CHECK IN

Come out and learn more about what PTA does in GISD.

9/2 FALL QSP FUNDRAISER KICK OFF

9/6 LABOR DAY/NO SCHOOL

9/8 SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

9/9 FIRST TURN IN DAY FOR FUNDRAISER

9/13 SECOND TURN IN DAY FOR FUNDRAISER

9/16 FINAL TURN IN DAY FOR FUNDRAISER ORDER

9/17 PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

PLACE TIPPIT CAFETERIA

TIME 9AM

Anyone is invited to attend board meetings. Tippit Board meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of the month at 9am.

9/30 7th GR. "HISTORIC GEORGETOWN" TRIP

Have you checked out the Tippit PTA WEBSITE?

Go to

www.tippitmspta.org

For all the info you need to keep up with everything happening at TMS. Use the *CONTACT US* button to reach a board member with questions you may have about PTA, school events, or to sign up to help with an event.

Just a sample of what you will find

- Electronic copies of PTA forms sent home
- Current Events Calendar
- Pictures from PTA-sponsored events
- Volunteer opportunities
- School store list and sign up info
- AND MUCH MORE!!!

GISD Board of Trustees and School Board Meeting Information

PTA encourages parents to get plugged-in to what's going on in Georgetown's schools. Monthly meetings of the GISD School Board are open to the public and are a great way to become involved in your child's education.

The School Board meets on the third Monday of each month at the Central Admin Building located at 603 Lakeway Drive. You are always invited to attend and observe or you may address the board in person by signing up prior to the start of each meeting.

The Georgetown Independent School District is led by a Board of Trustees elected by the community. The Board of Trustees governs the district by adopting policy and regulations.

You may also receive School Board meeting agendas and minutes via email by contacting Carmen Domal at domelc@georgetownisd.org with your name and email address.



HUGE thanks to everyone that helped get the school year off to an awesome start!

From stuffing folders, attending training sessions, making hundreds of copies and treating the staff to a yummy lunch; Tippit Volunteers are the BEST!!!!

Want to volunteer this year?

E-mail volunteers@tippitmspta.org

2010 - 2011 PTA Reflections Theme:



Write a story, draw a picture, compose a song,, choreograph a dance, take a photograph, or direct a video! This program sponsored by the local, state, and national PTA encourages all children to participate in creative arts.

For guidelines and more information, visit www.txpta.org/programs/reflections/.

Luci Whorton is the Tippit Chairperson for Reflections.

For questions or to volunteer to help with this fun program, e-mail Luci at luciwhorton@yahoo.com.

Valuable online resources

GISD Home page

www.georgetownisd.org

Tippit E-news

www.georgetownisd.org/gisd/home/newslists.asp

Tippit PTA has a Facebook page!

www.facebook.com and search

"Tippit PTA"

GISD Volunteer Background Check

www.georgetownisd.org/career/volunteers.htm