



THE MONTHLY MESSENGER

ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY'S
JUNE 2009 NEWSLETTER



In summer, the song sings itself. ~William Carlos Williams

Have a FUN and SAFE Summer!

Important 2009-2010 Back to School Dates at RAE:

Wednesday, August 12th - KISD will be mailing your children's teacher for the upcoming '09-'10 year in a postcard on this day, this is a new procedure for the district...please check your mailboxes!

August 17th - 20th - Registration Open

Wednesday, August 19th - Meet the Teacher Night

Monday, August 24th - First Day of School & Tears at Cheers at 8:30am



Hey, incoming 2009-2010 6th Graders! Here are important BDJH summer dates:

August 11- Cub Camp - new sixth graders get a school tour, meet each other, play games, get info on 6th grade

August 20- Beckendorff Blast 6th Grade- 3pm-5pm - Meet the Teacher Night- get schedules and lockers, buy school supplies & spirit wear, and contribute to the BDJH PTA fundraiser.

- *There will be a summer mail-out with specific times & info on*

Cub Camp.

“School’s Out!!” RAE Spirit Night at

Victor’s Casa Garcia



Thursday, June 11 – from 6pm until 9:30pm

Victor’s Casa Garcia Mexican Restaurant

is located at 1939 N Fry Rd

Come support one of our favorite KISD Partners in Education...plus, a percentage of the night’s dining income will go directly to the RAE PTA! Come have some Summertime Fun!



Announcing Summertime ALL Day Dining/Fundraising with Papa John’s...Pick-up or Delivery!!!

All Day Saturday, July 4th - “We LOVE the USA”

All Day Sunday, August 23rd - “Back to School”

*when you order, *please* mention “RAE”...



and the RAE PTA will get 20% of all noted sales!
Please mark your calendars & call Papa John's on North Fry 281-347-7272



PTA Winner's Circle:



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEAR OF SERVICE & COMMITMENT
TO THE FOLLOWING 2008-2009**

RAE PTA EXEC BOARD MEMBERS:

President – Ashley Vann	4 th VP, VIPS – Krissy Garcia
1 st VP, Programs – Monica McDivitt	Treasurer – Kristy Dorsett
2 nd VP, Membership – Patricia Sebaugh	Secretary – Susan Sweeney
3 rd VP, Ways & Means – Kristen Evons	
Historian – Debbie Castell	Homeroom Coordinator – Kari Sezonov
Parliamentarian – Laura Wiik	International Liaison – Lourdes Plazas
Arts in Education – Stephanie Folse	Hospitality – Jennifer Chapman & Vicki Henley
Community Outreach – Shelly Chamberlain	Legislative – Melanie Ellis
Council Delegates – Kelly Mallinger, Sandy Swierc & Gayle Weber	PR/Yearbook – Katia Anderson
Environmental Protection – Audrey Schneider	Youth Protection – Kim Clinard

...thank you to the many, many committee members and chairman that served with these leaders, too! The RAE PTA is a better stronger organization for having so many dedicated volunteers!

Thank you to all **RAE Special Buddies parent volunteers** who helped out at our year-end ice cream celebrations! All of the kids had a great time and enjoyed the sweet treat! Thank you to Gia **Edwards, Mona Altabbit and Jooyeon Nam for being great homeroom parents to our children in PPCD and Pre-K!** From your Grade Level Coordinator, Monica McDivitt

Some Big Thank You's from Krissy Garcia, 4th VP – VIPS...

- * To Susan Lynch & Nikki Chang for all their hard work on recording the volunteer hours all year
- * To Suzie Johnson for marquee all year long, Great job!!
- * To the RAE Teachers and Staff for all their hard work & wonderful creativity on the Volunteer Brunch.
- * To each and every volunteer that gave of their time this year! We are so grateful and We couldn't have done it with out them!!!
- * To All those that helped with RAE PTA Free Family Movie Night...Kristen Evons, Deb Castell, Carrie Zamora, Ashley Vann, Jennifer Chapman & Shelly Chamberlain

* To Ashley Vann for typing the past 59 newsletters (total from 2007-2009), you helped keep us well informed, so we don't miss a beat on behalf of RAE. I am so grateful for all your hard work all year with the Monthly Messenger and numerous flyers. You are so appreciated!!!!!!!

**Thank YOU for all your support of the RAE PTA during the year,
financially and with your time!!**

Through your membership in the PTA, support of fundraisers, Boxtop Donations, financial donations and priceless volunteer hours you have given to the RAE PTA.

Here's a glimpse of what the RAE PTA has brought to the Students, Staff and Community of RAE in return:

Replacement of playground tube slide
2 Smartboards
Cafeteria Monitor microphone & speaker
REACH toolkits
Over \$6,000 in Curriculum Café Readers to be purchased soon
Versatiles Math manipulatives (K – 4)
Team Lead supplies in every grade
Continuing education for teachers and staff, including
Love and Logic training kit for the RAE Staff
21 two-way walkie-talkies
Large Screen TV for front office/foyer
PPCD swing for the RAE Playground
Front office scanner
Classroom magazine subscriptions
Some field trip transportation costs
\$300 towards a new clinic refrigerator
Book-a-palooza (students traded used books and gave books to the community)
Winter Classroom Parties
Valentines Classroom Parties
Field Days
5th Grade Party
Morris Brothers assembly on "Bully Busters" 2008
Fall Show for students
Young Audience of Houston '09 Spring Show for students
Reflections

RAE Special Buddies
Hands on Science supplies
Co-sponsor of 2009 RAE Health Fair
2 Free Movie nights at RAE
A 2 year movie license for the school
Teacher Appreciation Week and Teacher hospitality events/treats throughout the year
Fish tank's monthly maintenance in school lobby
RAE school directory computer software and printing of 2008-2009 directory
RAE PTA annual insurance policy
PTA workroom supplies & copy paper
RAE PTA website hosting
Hosted Katy Council Meeting in March 2009
RAE PTA leadership development at the 2009 Texas PTA Summer Seminar
Donuts with Dad
Munchies with Mom
School supplies
RAE spiritwear
RAE yearbook
RAE School Store at lunch
Donation to American Red Cross for hurricane relief after Hurricane Ike
\$1,000 Donation to DARE in honor of Mr. Alexander
Donation to Katy ISD Police K9 Unit

RAE Enbow of Stars Variety Show

PLUS...COUNTLESS and PRICELESS VOLUNTEER HOURS!!! SMILES ON STUDENTS' FACES!!! NEW FRIENDSHIPS!!! THANK YOU!!!

THANK YOU to the RAE PTA Treasurer Committee that has helped with deposits faithfully throughout the year:

Amy Aikman, Christine Ameen, Katia Anderson, Karen Bell, Andrea Berry, Suzanne Brice, Sherry Brooks, Debbie Castell, Shelly Chamberlain, Catherine Christen, Kristen Evons, Cheri Heslop, Laura Kubala, Becky Litton, Shelly Martin, Kathie Meyer, Rasmi Moan, Kristi O'Hara, Jetal Petal, Audrey Schneider, Patricia Sebaugh, Kari Sezonov, Ann Sutton, Ashley Vann, Gayle Weber, Laura White

Special thanks to Andrea Berry and Shelly Martin for handling ALL of April deposits! You're AWESOME!

A Very Big Special Thanks to Kristy Dorsett..you have done an extraordinary job this year as treasurer! Without you so much of what the PTA does would not have been possible! You have a giving spirit and a wonderful heart...plus, you rocked as treasurer!

Thank you for your countless hours and tireless efforts!

RAE PTA Hospitality Committee Rocks!



Thank you for making this year so fun & special! Anytime we asked you gave. Thanks for all you did to make our teachers & staff feel special throughout the 2008/2009 school year.

2008/2009 Hospitality Committee, with the PTA Board:

April Dishaw, Ashley Vann, Audrey Schneider, Candi Archer, Char Drescher, Carrie Zamora, Deb Castell, Debbie Kallina, Gayle Weber, Ghada Launey, Jane Henry, Jennifer Guardado, Jennifer Moser, Jenny Depew, Kari Sezonov, Katia Anderson, Kelly Mallinger, Kim Clinard, Krissy Garcia, Kristen Evons, Kristy Dorsett, Laura Ryan, Laura Wiik, Leslie Brogan, Lourdes Plazas, Mary Goode, Melanie Ellis, Monica McDivitt, Nicole Fayard, Patricia Sebaugh, Sandy Swierc, Shelly Chamberlain, Stephanie Folse, Susan Sweeney

Honorary Committee Members:

To our wonderful Cafeteria Staff and Custodian Staff...thanks seem too little. You all were very patient with us throughout the year. Thanks for allowing us to infringe on your space as well as helping us set-up, clean-up and all the times in between. Your cheerful and willing spirits made our job tons of fun!

We would also like to thank Kari Sezonov, the Homeroom Coordinator, as well as, all the grade level coordinators and their homeroom parents for sending out our need lists and helping the planned activities go without a hitch.

For all the parents, grandparents, and students, who gave generously throughout the year with your donated items, borrowed crock pots, bowls, etc. and most of all your time.... **THANK YOU!!!**

We have been so blessed & honored to serve our wonderful teachers and staff this year...we would not have been able to do it without each & every one of you. Thank you once again. Have a great summer, Jennifer Chapman & Vicki Henley, '08-'09 Hospitality Co-Chairs

Thanks again to everyone for their participation in the StingRAE Bash! Here are the Updated StingRAE Bash totals...
Total Income: \$32,462.00 Total Expenses: \$10,445.97
Net Profit: \$22,016.03!!



RAE Free Family Movie Night!



...Thanks to all of the families who attended the RAE PTA sponsored Spring Family Movie Night, "The Tale of Despereaux" It was a lot of fun!

Parents, stay tuned for another one planned in the Fall!



Thank you to all of the families who turned in Boxtops for Education this year!

In total, for '09-'09 we raised...\$1662.50!

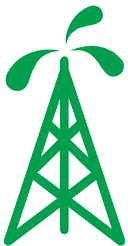
And you thought all of those \$.10 Boxtops wouldn't add up to a lot!?
Thanks for collecting them and support the RAE PTA with your efforts!
Thank you to Mary Presley and Audrey Schneider (and her daughter)
for helping with the collection and counting of these boxtops!
PLEASE Save them over the summer, too!

**Thanks to all who participated in the 2008-2009
Texas PTA Environmental Awareness Contest.
This year's theme was "I've got ENERGY!"
Congratulations to all the winners from RAE!**



Area Council Winners:

Photography: 1st grade Award of Excellence
News Article: Kindergarten Award of Excellence
1st grade Award of Excellence
2nd grade Award of Excellence
3rd grade Award of Excellence
3rd grade Award of Merit
3rd grade Honorable Mention
4th grade Award of Excellence
Print Ad: Kindergarten Award of Excellence
1st grade Award of Merit
1st grade Honorable Mention
3rd grade Award of Excellence
3rd grade Award of Merit
4th grade Award of Excellence



Robert Haefner
Anton Fedotov
Francesca Ramshaw
Carmen Bechtloff
Tejas Kolhatkar
Eshan Gaitonde
Patrick Chai
Shreya Gupta
Trisha Teredesai
Alyssa Kovalski
Xiaowei Luo
Patrick Chai
Anooj Shah
Aniket Joshi



These entries were sent on to the State level competition and we are awaiting word on the results. A certificate will be sent home soon to all Area winners.



**A final note from the
RAE PTA Outgoing President...**



After writing my 59th and last RAE Newsletter, I am honestly breathing a sigh of relief and feeling bittersweet at the same time. Thank you for allowing me to "lead" our wonderful parent organization for the past two years...two years that have been some of the best, toughest, funniest, busiest and most cathartic years of my life.

I am so blessed to have made so many life long friends through our organization, and hopefully not too many lifelong enemies... ☺ I have come to not only understand people better, but myself too! My heart and soul have been touched and changed in many, many ways. Thank you.

Wow - what an amazing volunteer organization we all belong to and call our own!! We should all be very, very proud! Never will should we forget or regret the time we have all given, because I truly feel that the gift of our time and effort is the greatest gift of all...and ALL of RAE benefits from the hours of service our organization

gives. Overall, I am so proud of all of the work we have done & will continue to do, all with heart, passion and commitment to our main focus – the students and staff of RAE.

Thank you for taking this journey with me...

many great things are still on the horizon...

but, now is it Kari Sezonov's turn to drive!

Good luck Kari, I will always be in your corner!!

Have a Great Summer & See You Next Year - Ashley Vann