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# HUSKY PTA NEWS

## A NOTE FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

Dear Huffines Families,

The Huffines Middle school PTA hopes that your first six weeks of the school year have gone well and that the students have successfully settled into their schedules and routines at school. PTA has been busy from before school started with the sales and delivery of school supplies, PE uniforms, and spirit wear items at Pup Camp, the first day of school and Open House. PTA also organized the Fall Social on September 18<sup>th</sup>, which was a huge success thanks to the many parents and teachers that volunteered that evening. Hundreds of students attended the event and enjoyed the music, refreshments and outdoor activities.

During the next six weeks PTA will be sponsoring Red Ribbon week and the Top Dog program. Red Ribbon Week is a drug awareness program that educates students about the dangers of drug use and encourages students to be drug free. The Top Dog program recognizes hundreds of students who demonstrate good citizenship, responsibility, good behavior and have no unexcused tardies or absences during the six week grading period. These students earn a PTA sponsored Top Dog treat. In addition to Top Dog awards, A and AB honor roll students also earn a treat. PTA will continue to work with the cafeteria and the counselors' office to provide this program for each of the six weeks. We look forward to rewarding students who join the Top Dog ranks. This is an amazing way for students to receive recognition, in a variety of ways, for all their hard work.

The Huffines PTA works hard to keep the parents and students informed on what is going on at our school and in the community. We print this newsletter ever six weeks and post it on the school web page. We also send emails and email news "blasts" in between the printed newsletters. This keeps everyone up to date on what is happening at our school. If you have any questions or information that you would like to share, please contact any of the board members listed on the left side of the front page of the this newsletter.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Woelke  
President  
Huffines Middle School PTA

### Classroom Supply Request:

Flu season has started early this year. The school would like to request that all students donate a bottle of hand sanitizer and a box of tissues for use in their classroom. Please have students bring items as soon as possible and turn them in to their 2nd period teacher. This will help Huffines students stay healthy during this flu season. Here are some steps we can take at home to protect our children - have them wash their hands frequently, get lots of rest, and not to drink or eat after anyone.

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For more information and updates on Huffines and PTA events, please visit the school website at:

[www.lisd.net/schools/huffines/](http://www.lisd.net/schools/huffines/)

## Workroom Volunteer Needed

We are still needing a copy room volunteer for Friday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Misty Funk at [mistyfunk@msn.com](mailto:mistyfunk@msn.com)

You will need to have completed a background check with LISD. Their website is: [www.lisd.net/employment/volapp.html](http://www.lisd.net/employment/volapp.html)

## Spirit Wear & PE Uniforms

All Spirit Wear and PE Uniform orders have been delivered. Please have your student write their name inside their PE uniform.

If your student did not receive their Spirit Wear please contact Joanne Polei at [jopolei@yahoo.com](mailto:jopolei@yahoo.com).

If your student did not receive their PE uniform please contact Janet Atkins at [janetatkins@verizon.net](mailto:janetatkins@verizon.net)

Thank you for your support of Huffines Middle School and the PTA.

# Huffines Middle School PTA<sup>®</sup> *everychild.onevoice.®*

GET BACK TO  
BASICS



WE WANT YOU

## Shooting for 500 Members!!

Huffines PTA needs your help! We would like to see more members this year than ever before. The PTA has already earned 3 awards this year and we have an opportunity to receive 2 more which has never been done before. One is the 500 member award and the other is a 10% increase over last year's total membership.

Did you know that with a PTA membership you get discounts at La Quinta Hotels, AFLAC Insurance, Schlitterbaun, Sea World, Fiesta Texas, T-Mobile, Sharp Electronics, Southwest Vacations, Nationwide Insurance, Barnes and Noble. All you have to do is show this card and you get the discounts. PTA is also the best resource for staying informed and involved with your child's school. We use electronic email notices, newsletters and the school website to keep our members informed. Membership dues collected go right back to Huffines to help make our children's school the best it can be.

So please show that Huskie Pride and be an important part of your child's school by joining today! If you are one of our 400+ members -thank you for your support. Please encourage your friends and family to join HMS PTA.

We cannot do it without your help!

Sincerely,  
Jill Durocher  
Huffines PTA Membership Chairman

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### Huffines PTA Early Bird Membership - 2009-2010

Name/ Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name & Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name/Department \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Options <input type="checkbox"/>	Qty.	Price	
Single Membership	<input type="text"/>	\$8.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I would like to be contacted by email about PTA events
Double Membership	<input type="text"/>	\$16.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I would like to be a PTA Volunteer. Please contact me.
Life Member	<input type="text"/>	\$5.75	

Current Life Members Only

Payment of Local and National dues

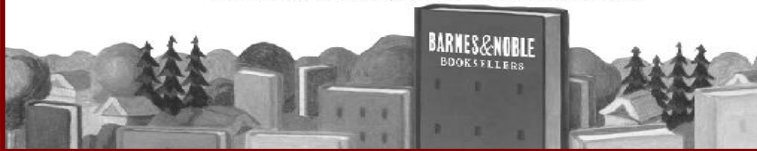
**SAVE THE DATE**

Texas PTA  
**Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR**

**Monday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Barnes & Noble**  
**Locations Across Texas – Visit Your Local Barnes & Noble!**



- Visit The Texas PTA Website at [www.txpta.org](http://www.txpta.org)  
Or call the Texas PTA at 1-800-TALK-PTA



**Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR**

Supporting  
**Texas PTA**

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Barnes & Noble

Locations in Texas

Please present this voucher prior to making your purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be donated to your school/organization.\*

**Bookfair I.D. Number 592287**

\*The purchase of gift cards, Barnes & Noble memberships, text books and magazine subscriptions are not included in bookfair totals. Our discount purchasing program may not be applied to bookfair purchases.

**You Make The Difference**

Kids with involved parents and guardians do better in school. For involvement help, check out:

[SchoolFamily.com](http://SchoolFamily.com)

**Nominate your Favorite Teacher**

Teachers. We've all been inspired by one over the course of our life. Here is your chance to recognize a "Class Act" who has made an impact on a child's life, someone who has accomplished the extraordinary or that special person who makes you say Wow!

KDAF-TV, The 33, wants to recognize those special teachers in North Texas. Every week The 33 will profile a deserving teacher. At the end of the month visitors to the33tv.com website will be given a chance to vote for the "Class Act of the Month." The school with the teacher who has the most online votes will receive a \$500 donation to their General Fund in honor of that teacher.

To nominate a teacher please visit the website below:  
[www.the33tv.com/community/contests/classact/](http://www.the33tv.com/community/contests/classact/)

**A special thanks to everyone who showed their Farmers Pride last week during Spirit Week.**

**BEAUTY IS...**



**2009—2010 PTA Reflections Program**

**Student Participation Rules:**

Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted. Student eligibility through locale PTAs students may participate in the Reflections Program through a local PTA/PTSA in good standing. It is the responsibility of the state and local PTA/PTSA to determine each student's eligibility in the Reflections Program. A student may develop and entry in or outside of school.

**Art Areas**

- Students may submit works in any of six arts areas:
- Dance choreography
  - Musical composition
  - Film production
  - Photography
  - Literature
  - Visual Arts

Entry deadline is Friday, November 6th - All entries to be turned into the Library.

For additional information, please visit the following website:

<http://www.txpta.org/programs/reflections/>

## Recycle Programs: Be a Hero - Save the Earth & Help the



Recycle these items:

- laser cartridges
- laptops
- iPods
- inkjet cartridges
- PDA's
- video consoles
- video games
- DVDs
- digital cameras
- cell phones

Currently, the PTA redeems any brand of ink or toner cartridge at Staples and receives \$3.00 per cartridge, in reward vouchers. These vouchers are redeemed for supplies at Staples. We also collect and recycle small electronics with a local vendor. Join us in our efforts to recycle, help us conserve the planet, and raise funds for Huffines PTA.



**No School Monday,  
October 12th.  
Have a great 3 day weekend!**

## Simple Ways to help The School Corporate Incentive Programs

### Clip and save programs—The Collecting

Clip Box Tops from your favorite products. Look for the 10¢ Box Tops coupon on hundreds of your favorite products. You can find Box Tops on brands such as **Cheerios®**, **Betty Crocker®**, **Pillsbury®**, **Ziploc®**, **Kleenex®**, **Hefty®** and more! Send it in to the PTA and it will benefit the Math Department at Huffines.



#### You Can Make A Difference!

Save your Labels and participate in Huffines PTA's **"Race for the Golden Ladle"** during the 2nd 6 weeks of school. The winning team will receive a special treat for turning in the most label points!

Labels for Education™ has been awarding free educational merchandise to schools across the U. S. for over 30 years. **Be a part of it!**

Visit <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/> for more information about this program.

### Shopping programs: You shop—Students Win!



You will find a set of Albertson's community partner cards included on this paper. Scan the code and every time you shop 1% of your purchase will be donated to the school by Albertson's. Even small purchases add up.

Take this flier to Kroger, on June 1st and scan the bar code to enroll your KrogerPlus Card for the current year of the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program. Every time you shop at Kroger and use your enrolled KrogerPlus Card, Kroger will contribute a percentage of your eligible purchases to Huffines.

J.L. HUFFINES MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA



Kroger cashier: Please scan customer's KrogerPlus Card at the beginning of the order, and then scan the above barcode.

The customer's Kroger Plus Card is now enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program.

Take a moment to fill out this form with your Tom Thumb Reward Card information. You can return it to the school's office and the PTA will take care of getting your information updated, drop off the form at the Tom Thumb courtesy booth or fax it to 713-917-8006.

- Central Elementary #11389
- Degan Elementary #2035
- Valley Ridge Elementary #3327
- Huffines Middle School #5630
- LHS PTSA #10667

**GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM** DALLAS

Complete this form to link your Reward Card to the charity of your choice. You can choose to link up to three charities. Contact your charity of choice and ask if they are a member of our Good Neighbor Program or ask the Courtesy Booth for the GNP number of a particular charity. To learn about the Good Neighbor Program, go to [www.tomthumb.com](http://www.tomthumb.com).

REWARD CARD NUMBER:

Don't know your card number? Call Customer Care at 1-877-723-3929.

Charity to be added to your card:	Charity to be deleted from your card:
1. Charity # _____	1. Charity # _____
2. Charity # _____	2. Charity # _____
3. Charity # _____	3. Charity # _____

APPLICANT NAME (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD TOM THUMB COURTESY BOOTH

OFFICE USE ONLY: STORE # \_\_\_\_\_  
COURTESY BOOTH: SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE MAILROOM - ATTN: DATA CENTER OF ARIZONA