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GEORGETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
(ASOCIACIÓN NACIONAL DE PADRES Y MAESTROS)
2009-2010

AUGUST 2009 NEWSLETTER

Next PTA meeting: August 27th from 6.30-7.30pm in the Multi-purpose room.
...followed by a Parent Information program from 7.30 – 8pm: How to get involved at school / How to help with homework.

Upcoming PTA-Sponsored Activities

August

- *Thursday, August 27, 6:30 – 7:30pm / 7:30 – 8:00pm*
PTA meeting / Parent Information (Parent connection)
- *Saturday, August 29, 9:30 – 11:30am (Dad connection)*
DOGS information / planning meeting (see page 2 for details)

September

- *Tuesday, September 8, 3:35 – 4:30pm*
Karate Club (After-school)
- *Friday, September 11, 10:45am – 1:05pm*
DOGS Do Recess – *proposed* (Dad connection)
- *Tuesday, September 15, 3:35 – 4:30pm*
Karate Club (After-school)
- *Wednesday, September 16*
"Teachers Rock the Flock" (Faculty connection)
- *Wednesday, September 16, 5 – 8pm*
Wendy's Night (Family Dining Night)
- *Thursday, September 17, 7:00 – 8:30pm*
Curriculum Night (Parent connection)
- *Tuesday, September 22, 3:35 – 4:30pm*
Karate Club (After-school)
- *Thursday, September 24, 7 – 8pm*
PTA meeting (Parent connection)
- *Friday, September 25*
Georgetown PTA Spirit Day (Student connection)
- *Tuesday, September 29, 3:35 – 4:30pm*
Karate Club (After-school)

October

**Autumn fundraiser kick-off
Student Directory publication**

- *Fridays, October 2, 9, 16, 23*
"You're a Treat to work with" (Faculty connection)
- *Thursday, October 8*
Skate Night – *proposed* (Family connection)
- *Tuesday, October 13, 3:35 – 4:30pm*
Reading Club – *proposed* (After-school)
- *Monday-Friday, October 19-23*
Red Ribbon Week – *proposed* (Student connection)
- *Tuesday, October 20, 3:35 – 4:30pm*
Reading Club – *proposed* (After-school)
- *Thursday, October 22, 6:30 – 7:00pm / 7:00 – 8:00pm*
PTA meeting / Parent Information (Parent connection)
- *Saturday, October 24, time tbd*
DOGS Sports Clinic – *proposed* (Dad connection)
- *Tuesday, October 27, 3:35 – 4:30pm*
Reading Club – *proposed* (After-school)
- *Friday, October 30*
Georgetown PTA Spirit Day (Student connection)
- *Friday, October 30, time tbd*
Halloween room parties (Student connection)

Thank You to Our Volunteers:
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New Student Orientation: Elaine and Katie Benson, Juanita Brown, Amy Meyers, Annette and Jenna Treacy; **Teacher Appreciation:** Kris Harvey, Annette Treacy*; **Ice Cream Social:** Elaine, Katie, and Megan Benson, Kris*, Scott, and Allison Harvey, Lisa Smith; **School Supply Kits:** Elaine Benson, Juanita Brown, Leslee Dreyfus*, Asura and Avery Osborne, Lynda Schmittinger; **Student Directory:** Susan Schillmoeller*, Lisa Kirby*; **DOGS:** Bryce Gordon; **After-school Club:** Nancy Rodriguez*; **Spiritwear:** Peggy Dye, Mary Jansa, Kim Hammelman, Tracie Schmidt, Annette Treacy*; **Box Tops for Education:** Juanita Brown*, Marineta Saunderson; **Historian Committee:** Tina Rossi*, Scott Harvey; **PTA Executive Committee:** Elaine Benson, Juanita Brown, Amy Meyers, Lisa Smith.

Thank You to Our Business Sponsors:

**American Institute of Gymnastics, CostCo,
Eagle Academy of Martial Arts, Jacobsen's Flowers and
Gifts, MathWizard, SciTech Museum, The Spicy Pickle**

It's a New School Year!
It's a time of new commitments and possibilities. It's your opportunity to step up and be involved in your children's lives in ways that they will always remember. Please continue reading for ideas about how....

PTA Volunteer Opportunity

Family Connections Coordinators – Let's go skating, or play BINGO. Let's have a Family Dinner, create art projects, plant flowers, or talk about books. Whatever we decide to do, let's do it as a Family!

Coordinators will propose and plan events for our school families – to play together, talk together, make time to be together. Put your heart, your hands, and your head into Family Activities everyone will love.

If you make the time, you WILL make a difference. Please email us at georgetownPTA.ipds@gmail.com if you want to help bring families together at Georgetown.

Note: *Many proposed programs are NEW this year, but without volunteer participation, PTA will not be able to offer them. Please share your time and talents! Event dates / times are tentative.*

PTA is having a MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

2009-10 PTA Membership Goal: 290 members

Current PTA membership: 88

If you become a member of Georgetown PTA (\$5 for a single membership / \$10 for a family membership) between now and September 30th, **you will be eligible to win a raffle prize from one of our generous business donors:**

- a Family Pass to SciTech Museum in Aurora for six people (valued at \$48),
- a birthday party package at American Gymnastics (valued at \$110), or
- a month of free tutoring sessions and materials at MathWizard (\$75 value).

If you have already joined, you are automatically in the raffle!

PTA members:

- receive a free copy of the 2009-10 Georgetown Student Directory (regularly \$5),
- have an opportunity to purchase retired Georgetown Spiritwear at a 50% discount over last year's prices,
- are eligible to receive a free consultation / registration fee waiver from MathWizard tutoring service, and
- have exclusive PTA voting rights.

Pick up a membership form at the school office, download it on our website (<http://georgetown.ipds.org/Subpage.aspx?id=72>), or check backpack mail for a green PTA form.

Guys... Have you gone to the DOGS?

If you are a dad, a grandpa, an uncle, or a positive male role model in the life of a Georgetown student, you are already one of the DOGS – "Dads of Great Students" at Georgetown Elementary!

We would like to start a new program to raise the visibility of the men in our school community. When men get involved at school, kids *really* take notice. We know that getting men involved in school can be challenging – you are juggling a lot of responsibilities already. But, that doesn't mean you can't make a difference at school.

We have some fun ideas– like a Chili Cook-off, Sports Clinic, school improvement projects, 'Mom's Shopping Night Out,' reading to the classrooms, or being a presence during lunch recess. Some events may happen during the school day, and some might be weekend projects.

We are having an informational/planning meeting on Saturday, August 29th from 9.30-11.30am at Panera Bakery (in the Showplace shopping complex at Rt. 59 and Cantore Dr.). We hope you will join us – **put it on your calendar now. Your kids will be awed!**

Dear Georgetown Families and Friends,

PTA is your voice in the school. PTA is your connection to parenting resources. PTA is an opportunity to be involved in your child's life...and to make a real and lasting difference! We hope to have you as a member and we look forward to serving your students!

My personal thanks to the many volunteers and businesses that have supported PTA already this year. My thanks to Principal Stephens for her patience and enthusiasm in our planning and coordination process!

We are going to have a great school together!

*Stephani (Osborne) Gordon
PTA President 2009-10*



Student Directory Advertising Notice: For the first time ever, our PTA is offering advertising opportunities in its Student Directory. If your business, or another business you know of, would like a cost-effective way to reach the Georgetown School community, please consider buying a 1/4 page ad for \$30 in our Directory. The benefit to advertisers is exposure to Georgetown PTA members' families in a document they will keep and reference throughout the year. Discounts for larger ad spaces are available. Deadline for advertisers is September 15th. For further information, contact Directory Co-Coordinator Lisa Kirby (kirbyslam4@aol.com or 630-499-9885), or contact us via the Georgetown School office at 630.375.3456, or at georgetownpta.ipds@gmail.com.