



# The Bobkat Banner

## The Moulton ISD PTA Newsletter

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**President's Pen...** As our year winds down, our activities seem to get busier and busier. One way I find to keep my children focused during these last few months of school is to get them outside before we do homework. The fresh air always wakes us up, and makes homework time a little easier. On April 6, Lariann Curtis, the Membership Chairman for the Texas PTA, will come to our High School and present a program called Party 101, during activity period. Our scholarship deadline, April 30, 2010, is coming up, so send in your applications soon. The PTA will be donating board games to all the elementary classrooms this spring! We hope they will be a good addition to all the classrooms when they need a little break on rainy days. Also, Trooper Bryant will be coming again to Moulton in May, for a Bike Rodeo! More details to follow!

Last, but not least, the PTA will be having board elections in May. I have served two terms, so I can no longer serve as president. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve you and I look forward to seeing the PTA continue to grow and reach its potential. Enjoy the rest of the year and see you at our last two meetings. Please note, we have changed our start time to 6:30 pm.

*Cindy Cinadr, PTA President*

### PTA Happenings...

- ♦PTA raised \$918 from selling over 600 Valentine cookie grams!
- ♦PTA bought every elementary teacher 3 board games for their classrooms.
- ♦PTA donated a digital camera for the Jr/Sr. prom raffle drawing.



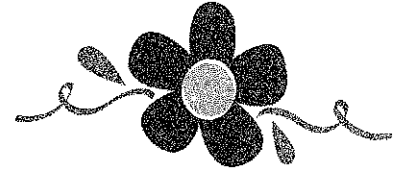
**Hext's Huddle...** It may seem a little difficult to accept the fact that this school year is rapidly coming to a close. Upon returning to school after Easter, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have TAKS testing April 7-8. The fifth six weeks ends on April 9<sup>th</sup>. TAKS testing continues again April 27-30 where 7<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking various tests. Please check the district calendar for the exact testing dates and tests your child will be taking. Our students and faculty have been working hard to maintain the high standards of excellence in our TAKS testing that has been and is the banner of Moulton ISD.

On April 8, our outstanding Student Council will travel to Arlington for their state convention. On April 12, our Spanish classes will take a Field Trip to San Antonio to tour Spanish sites. Then, our Seniors and Juniors will have their Prom, April 17—hurrah! Then on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, the junior high and high school band will have their band concert at the new gym. Shortly thereafter, in the evening, May 27<sup>th</sup>, the last eighth grade class to have a graduation ceremony will graduate. Then, at night on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May, which to some will be a happy evening and yet a sad day, our Seniors will graduate.

Our students and coaching staff are continuing to strive for the district trophies and beyond in baseball, softball, track, tennis, and golf. Continue checking our webpage for dates and times, or please call the high school at 596-4691.

It has been a wonderful year to date. With the continued support of our super PTA, parents, students, faculty and staff, it will be a grand year. I for one am glad to be associated with such fine students, parents, faculty and staff.

*Dr. George Hext, High School Principal*



### Upcoming PTA meetings:

April 6 @ 6:30 p.m.

May 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

All meetings held in MISD Cafeteria.



Bike Rodeo coming in May. Watch for details!

PTA Board elections are coming up. We need nominations! See attached memo for more info.

### Missed a PTA meeting? Didn't get a newsletter?

Get all the latest PTA news at [www.moultonisd.net](http://www.moultonisd.net) and click on PTA. Check it out!!

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## Brown's Buzz...

Yippee! The Elementary School is the Moulton Donkey Basketball Champion! Way to go Team Elementary!

We just received our UIL Medals for the competition we attended in Burton. We still have to go through them to verify we have what we need. When we complete that inventory we'll have our UIL awards assembly. The students will be told when that will be and parents are welcome to come.

All went well with the fourth grade TAKS Writing test we took on March 3, 2010. The students worked very diligently and there were no issues or irregularities. While awaiting those results, we have been busily preparing for the fifth grade TAKS Tests in math and reading. We will be taking those exams on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

We are nearing the end of the fifth six weeks. At this point the school year seems to fly by. The calendar is filling up quickly with end of the year activities.

Remember, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at the Elementary office.

*Mr. Nathan Brown, Elementary Principal*



A huge **THANK YOU** to the following community members who baked and donated cookies for our cookie grams: Angeline Jalufka, Alice Fishbeck, Delores Scott, Cindy McIntosh, and Marilyn Stefan. We are also very thankful for the following PTA and community members who helped decorate and package the cookies: Nina Blaschke, Gernadette Geissen, Mary Ann Wenske, Georgie Holub, Bernadette Bacak, Michael Novotny, Cindy Cinadr, and Laura Novotny. It was a very successful fundraiser thanks to these generous individuals!

We will be needing volunteers to help provide food for a staff luncheon during **Teacher Appreciation Week** in May. Please contact Cindy Cinadr at 596-7731 if you are able to help. Let's show our teachers how much we appreciate all they do!



## Counselor's Corner...

I can't believe this school year is already winding down! Where did the time go? I want to thank you all for a great first year experience of being counselor at Moulton ISD. I have been so happy to work with the staff and parents here! I look forward to many more great years!

April marks testing month for us. Students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade will all be taking TAKS tests, and Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, & 2<sup>nd</sup> will be taking the ITBS. We want them all to be successful on these tests, so I've listed some helpful hints from Channing Bete below to make sure they are well-prepared on test day!

Before the test, show your confidence in your student's abilities and remind him/her that the most important thing is to do his/her personal best. Also, teach your student to ease an anxious body and mind by:

- Silently counting backward from 10
- Taking a deep breath, holding it for a few seconds, and slowly letting it out
- Tensing and relaxing muscles
- Imagining being in a favorite or peaceful place

The night before, don't spend a lot of time talking about the test, and don't let your student "cram." Do something enjoyable but not tiring, and prepare for the next morning to avoid a big rush. Most importantly, make him/her go to bed early. Being rested is very important! On test day only give your student medications that he/she usually takes. Cold medicines and other OTC products could make him/her drowsy. Encourage your student to dress in layers or bring a jacket to accommodate for changes in room temperature. Provide a healthy breakfast, and send your student off to school with words and smiles that say, "You'll do fine!"

*Ms. Tara Downs, Counselor*



**REMINDER: PTA Scholarship Applications  
due Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.**





# Moulton PTA

## Nominations & Elections for 2010-2011

- ✓ I want Moulton ISD to be one of the best districts in Texas.
- ✓ I want my child to have a great school year – to learn and to have fun!
- ✓ I want to help decide how PTA fundraising money is spent.
- ✓ I want all the students at Moulton ISD to be successful.

If the above statements are true, then “help us help the school.” Parent involvement is critical for a successful school, so volunteer as a PTA officer for the 2010-2011 school year. Any questions, please call our current PTA president, Cindy Cinadr at 596-7731.

### Officer Descriptions

The PTA Executive Board is comprised of elected officers and school representatives. It meets one morning per month to conduct PTA business. General meetings for the entire membership are scheduled every month. We have one special meeting per year which is held in May to elect officers and approve the budget for the next year.

#### Elected Officers:

**President** – Serve as leader and key contact for the PTA; preside at all PTA meetings; ex-officio member of most committees; appoint chairpersons for special committees; coordinate the work of the officers and committees so that the PTA’s objectives can be met. (Effort: year-round, on-going)

**Vice President** - Act as an aide to the President; perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of that officer to serve; assume other responsibilities as assigned by the Executive Board; coordinate the general activities of any Special Committees created by the Executive Board. Ideally – is willing to serve as President in the future. (Effort: year-round, time varies depending upon roles given)

**Secretary** - Keep the minutes of all general meetings and all meetings of the Executive Board; prepare correspondence and perform all other duties assigned; maintain master documents on computer; help recruit committee chairpersons for all vacant standing committees of the board; keep the calendar of events for the PTA. (Effort: Year-round hours, on-going, includes attending meeting and typing up minutes)

**Treasurer** - Be responsible for and have custody of all funds; make disbursements as properly authorized; be present at all PTA events where money will be collected; assure that PTA policies and best practices are followed with regards to funds; prepare financial reports for each meeting and as needed; prepare the books for an annual audit. (Effort: 6-8 hours per month, average)

If you would like to nominate yourself and/or someone else for a position, please return this form to the school no later than **Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**. The nominating committee will meet after April 16<sup>th</sup> and will then present their recommendations to our general meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. All members are welcome to come and vote that evening. Additional nominations may be made that night as well.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in the position of \_\_\_\_\_

And/or I am nominating \_\_\_\_\_ for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

*“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time: they just have the heart.” Elizabeth Andrew*