



### Upcoming Events

April 19 - Garland Goes Green Festival, Firewheel; MOD Walk America at White Rock Lake

April 21 - Last Six Weeks begins!

April 23 - Student Council elections

April 25 - DEADLINE for Student Scholarships

April 26 - CRAFT FAIR 9 - 5, cafeteria, commons, B-gym for Class of 2011; PTA Spring Conference; GYC Fashion Show

April 29 - 30, May 1-2 TAKS Testing, all GHS

April 30 - Deadline for PTSA Teacher Grants

May 2 - 3: UIL Academic State Meet

May 3 - SENIOR PROM at Dallas World Aquarium; SAT testing (away)

May 5 - 16 - AP testing  
May 5 - 23 - IB testing

May 6 - Academic Awards Night for 9-10-11, 7 pm (aud)

May 7 - GISD BBQ for March of Dimes, 5-8, SEC

May 10 - School Board Elections

May 19 - Senior Awards Night, 7 pm (aud) and PTSA Installation

May 23 - Senior Exams A1-A2-A3-A4

May 26 - Memorial Holiday (no school)

## Garland High School PTSA

Sherry Orman, PTSA President

April, 2008

Diana Cooley, Newsletter Editor

# GHS PTSA Newsletter

## FROM THE PRESIDENT - SHERRY ORMAN

Do you ever wonder what PTSA does at Garland High School? After all, our students aren't babies anymore so we don't pitch in to buy playground equipment, they don't really care about having a carnival, and the teachers don't even need room mothers. Here are some of the things we've been up to this year:

Fish Camp  
Freshman Parent Brunch  
Staff Breakfast  
Parking Lot Auction  
Student Directory  
Rachel's Challenge  
Meet the Teacher Night  
Can-struction

Reflections  
SHARE Night  
Teacher Scholarships  
Donkey Ball  
Angel Flags  
donations to Ronald McDonald House  
revising our 10-year-old by-laws  
Teacher/Student Appreciation Days

Environmental Contest  
Student Scholarships  
Dessert with the Principal  
Senior Information Fair  
Teens in the Drivers Seat

Throughout the year, the PTSA has been a source of support and communication, providing that necessary link between parents, teachers, and students. Working closely with the best principal in Garland, John Morris, as well as Melanie Hensleigh-Parsons, Student Activities Director and the heartbeat of the school, we've published a monthly newsletter, maintained a website featuring contact information, calendars, and forms for download and helped to coordinate and promote countless functions throughout the year.

Earlier this month, officers were elected to serve for the 2008-2009 year:

President  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Membership  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Programs  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Student Membership  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Sherry Orman  
Kathy Jagielski  
Susan Swanson  
Trey Orman  
Vickie Askew  
--- VACANT ---

In addition, Sharron Smith was appointed Parliamentarian and our Historians will be Zara Black and Lauren Spann. If you would like to serve on the board, please contact me at [orman4789@msn.com](mailto:orman4789@msn.com) as there are still positions open for our committees. Officers will be installed at the May 19th meeting.

If you happen to see Sue Vale or Terry Gaus wandering around in a "my baby's a Senior" stupor, please thank them for their years of service. Again, thanks for being a member and supporter of PTSA, the biggest booster club at GHS.

## THE GREAT GISD BBQ SMACKDOWN

Dr. Curtis "A+Sauce" Culwell and John "BBQ King" Washington will be testing their grillin' skills against the culinary talents of the Mayors of our three cities, Garland, Rowlett and Sachse, to help raise funds for the GISD March of Dimes campaign on **Wednesday, May 7**, from 5-7 pm at the GISD Special Events Center. Come cheer for your favorite team!

- Choice of a Burger Plate or a Chicken Sandwich Plate, prepared by Conference Hospitality Gorup (CHG), Two Rows Classic Grill, and GISD Food Services
- Dessert Specialties by GISD Food Services available for sale
- Dreamer Kettle Corn cooked fresh on-site and available for sale
- BBQ samples served up by schmoozing contestants
- Music to boogie to provided by the Cedric Barret Concept (GREAT jazz and R&B band!) and the North Garland Steel Drum Band

Tickets are \$7 for Adults and \$4 for Kids age 10 and under, and available at the Special Events Center or from your local campus team captains. Join the fun and support March of Dimes!

**The Garland Youth Council presents  
FASHION FOR FOOD  
Fashion Show and Food Drive  
Fashions designed by teens for teens**

When: Saturday, April 26, 1-3 pm  
Where: Garland Civic Theatre  
108 North Sixth Street  
Admission: Donation of non-perishable food items, such as ketchup, mustard, sugar (small bags), flour (small bags), candy bars, juices, and drinks.

Sponsored by Garland Civic Theatre. Donations will benefit Good Samaritans of Garland. Current GISD students who would like to enter a fashion design in the show can download an application at [www.garlandyouthcouncil.org](http://www.garlandyouthcouncil.org) or contact Dorothy White, (972) 205-2879.

## MARCH OF DIMES SUCCESS!

from Melanie Hensleigh-Parsons

Thanks to everyone who has supported all the fundraisers for March of Dimes this year! We have exceeded our \$10,000 goal! We had 7 students raise over \$200 each, most notably Carole Jane Hensleigh who raised just over \$2,000, and 16 students meet or exceed their \$100 goal. This has been achieved with GREAT support from faculty and administration for our many activities ranging from a summer orchestra concert performed by students, to TWIRP week activities led by Seniors, to bake sales and chili cook-offs done by teachers, baby contests supported by all of the GHS teams and clubs, and Team GHS shirt sales. Walk America envelopes are coming in this week from students, parents, and teachers. There is a tremendous amount of work that goes in to reaching our goal each year, and the Owls always embrace and support this great cause. We will have our final total after the GISD Walk America on Saturday.

**VISIT PTSA WEBSITE :**

<http://sites.garlandowls.com/PTSA>

## ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS WINNERS

By Patti Clark

The following students were winners at the Council Level of the PTSA Environmental Awareness Contest and will advance to the State Level of competition. Each of these students will receive their awards at the "Garland Goes Green Festival" at Firewheel Town Center on Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m. Congratulations!

Amanda Inman	Photography	1st place (10th grade)
C. Adam Brinkley	Photography	1st place (11th grade)
Leslie Applegate	Photography	1st place (12th grade)
Miguel Huerta	Print Advertising	1st place (10th grade)
Jovanna Martinez	Print Advertising	2nd place (10th grade)
Erika Clark	Newsletter	1st place (9th grade)



Out of more than 60,000 entries for the State of Texas, Garland High School came away with five winners. Congratulations to the following students - we are so proud of you!

- Morgan Hallmark\* *Award of Excellence in Visual Arts*
- Aaron Hernandez\* *Award of Excellence in Visual Arts*
- Rita Yeung\* *Award of Merit in Visual Arts*
- Sun Paek Overall *Overall Award of Excellence in Visual Arts*
- Aaron Sopoco *Overall Award of Excellence in Photography*

It is quite an accomplishment to receive an award at the state level. GISD Council had 29 entries advance to state. Entries were ranked as follows: Overall Award of Excellence, Award of Excellence, Award of Merit, and Honorable Mention. Entries receiving Overall Award of Excellence advance to National PTA for judging at the national level.

Texas PTA may award only one Overall Award of Excellence in each category at each of the four grade levels (prek-2, 3-5 grade, middle school, high school). This is the second year that Garland HS has had entries advance to nationals.

*\*Entry has been selected for an exhibit in Austin.*

### GARLAND HIGH ART ON DISPLAY

Garland High School has several student exhibits in the GISD Advanced Art Show currently on display at the South Garland Branch Library through Monday, April 21st.

We also have student entries in the IB Senior Art Show on display at the North Garland Branch Library through Tuesday, April 22nd, which concludes with a reception for the artists at 6 pm.

### Class of 2011 hosts 10th annual Craft Fair

Join us for a day of shopping at the annual Craft Fair, April 26, 9 - 5 at GHS in the cafeteria, commons and boys gym. Contact Jean Stokes for more information at [Stokes1028@aol.com](mailto:Stokes1028@aol.com).

## **GIRLS TALK BACK: MAKING YOURSELF HEARD**

The deadline has been extended to May 1st to apply for the new "Girls Talk Back: Making Yourself Heard" summer camp at SMU for rising 11th grade girls. This program is a one-week summer camp for outstanding young women entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade; it is a first-time partnership between SMU's Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development and the Foundation for the Education of Young Women.

"Girls Talk Back" is a program aimed at high-achieving girls who want to attend college in the near future. The program will provide an on-campus living experience and challenging classroom learning by giving participants a taste of life on a college campus. Learning opportunities will include enhancing communication skills, making new friends, and expanding personal growth in a supportive, enriching, and safe environment. For more information and an application, visit <http://smu.edu/education/gsi/GirlsCamp/default.asp>

## **SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS MAY 10TH**

Three candidates are vying to fill the vacancy on the GISD Board of Trustees, **Cindy Castaneda, Jeff Johnson, and Stephen Stanley**. Trustees are elected at-large to three-year terms and serve on an entirely volunteer basis. Rick Howard, a GHS graduate, was elected to the board in 1999 but died of cancer on April 11.

## **SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE EXTENDED!**

The GHS PTSA is offering FIVE student scholarships for \$250 each to be used toward tuition or expenses at a college or technical school. Please go to the PTSA Website or the Counselor's Office to get an application form and eligibility rules. If you have questions, contact Jacki Hulm at [jhulm@msn.com](mailto:jhulm@msn.com). **The deadline for submitting applications has been extended to April 25, 2008.**

## **PTSA TEACHER GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE**

The GHS PTSA has added an endowment fund to our budget for supporting the educational needs of GHS teachers and students. Due to the success of our fundraisers this year, we are able to offer several teacher grants for special programs, teaching resources, or classroom materials. Applications are available through the school office or by contacting Diana Cooley at [ECooleytex@aol.com](mailto:ECooleytex@aol.com). **The deadline for applications is April 30th.**

Garland High School won the Outstanding PTA of the Month from the Garland Council of PTAs in February for our "Dessert with the Principal" and again in March for our School Safety Flags community service project.

## **Area 14 PTA Spring Conference Saturday, April 26**

**Rockwall-Heath High School,**  
801 Lawrence St., Heath.

On site Registration      7:15 - 8:15 am  
Workshops                      10 - noon  
Awards Luncheon            12:15 - 1:30

For more information, contact [kariblocher@aol.com](mailto:kariblocher@aol.com)

*Remember to visit the school website often for current information and to view the daily powerpoint announcements at [www.garlandisd.schools.net/GarlandHighSchool/index.asp](http://www.garlandisd.schools.net/GarlandHighSchool/index.asp)*