

PTA Newsletter

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Issue 1



The countdown to our first school-wide holiday party has officially begun! Our students have voted, the nearly 650 ballots counted, and the name of this year's celebration will be ROPERS' WONDERLAND!

Congratulations to the boys and girls in Mrs. Harris/Mrs. Curry's first grade class who submitted the winning entry in the naming contest, capturing 44% of the vote. Also, a tremendous thank you to all our parents who continue to participate in the planning of this event, all those who sent in/are sending in donations, and all who will volunteer on Friday, December 16th!

Please be watching for a sign-up genius invitation to help out at Ropers' Wonderland (it will circulate after Thanksgiving break). More information will also come home with students revealing the fun activities planned and the day's schedule. Until then, mark your calendars for Friday, December 16th, and anticipate a joy filled day!

Important Dates:

NOVEMBER:

23rd – 25th – HOLIDAY

28th – Farmyard Petting Zoo

30th – Dinner with Dennis

Mitchell

DECEMBER:

4th – 9th – Barnes and Noble

Fundraiser

16th – ROPERS'

WONDERLAND



THANK YOU TO OUR ROPER FAMILIES!!!!

FOOD DRIVE

On Sept. 26th-30th we conducted a 'healthy' food drive and thanks to all your donations, we successfully collected boxes full of goods for our Bulverde Food Pantry. A special Thank You to all our roper parents who volunteered and collected donated food items at morning drop off. The Bulverde Food Pantry serves between 300 to 600 families PER MONTH in 4 surrounding zip codes within our community. With the Holidays upon us, the Bulverde Food Pantry will be able to provide this food to many families in our community.

CAR SHOW

On Oct. 29th, a Custom and Costumes Car Show was held at My Place with all proceeds benefitting JRES. A very big Thank You to all Roper families who came out to the Car Show. It was a tremendous success and raised over \$1,000.00.

GAMETOWN PIZZA

On Nov. 15th, the Gametown Pizza Night fundraising event raised \$372.94. Thank you to all Roper Families who attended this event.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECK INFO

In order to volunteer in your child's classroom, chaperone field trips, and for our upcoming **Ropers' Wonderland** you must have a volunteer background check on file. The entire process can be completed on the internet by visiting www.comalisd.org. Select "Volunteers" on the blue shortcut tab on the left side. Complete the "Online Volunteer Form" and submit. Background checks can take up to two weeks to complete.

Johnson Ranch Elementary PTA coordinates volunteer activities through the online program, Sign-Up Genius. Parents who wish to be on the Sign-Up Genius distribution list should send a request to jrespta@yahoo.com.

Any questions, please contact Laura Powell at thepowells1997@yahoo.com.



STUDENT DIRECTORIES

Student Directories are in the process of being delivered. Please be on the lookout for them in your student's backpacks. Directories are free to all PTA members so if you are not a member please contact Missy Carlson at mipcarlson@satx.rr.com. If you have any questions regarding the student directory, please contact me at ashuler68@gvtc.com.

Amy Shuler
Directory Chair

BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR EVENT

JRES Barnes & Noble Northwoods Book Fair and Story Time

Dec. 4th, 2011 1:00 – 3:00 pm

The JRES Honor Choir will perform at 2:00 pm

Can't make it to the store during this time? You can go to the store anytime from Dec. 4th – 9th for the fundraiser. Just let them know at the register you are there for JRES fundraiser. You can also make purchases online at www.bn.com/bookfairs. Anything purchased in the café will also benefit our school.



BOX TOPS

JRES has earned \$1997.00.

We are at 68% of goal for school year 2011-12.

2011 Box Top Contest-Update (Contest ENDS-Dec. 2nd)

Grade Leaders

2nd

1st

3rd

K

Class Leaders

1nd-Harris

2nd-Wilcox

2nd-Hill

2nd-Speer

Student Leaders

Addison D.-Harris (1st)

Jenna F.-Wilcox (2nd)

Alexander E.-Green (K)

Chase C.-Scogna (5th)

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at msgreen4@gvtc.com. **(side note) The parent that ordered from online Halloween costume company through Box Tops, please contact me.**

Michelle Green



the difference
can make.

DINNER WITH DENNIS MITCHELL

Discipline in the Home for Parent Sanity Dennis Mitchell

Wednesday, November 30th, 2011 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Complimentary Family Dinner (6p-7p) and Childcare
Johnson Ranch Elementary School - Cafeteria
30501 Johnson Way, Bulverde, TX 78163 (off 1863)
RSVP by 23rd-www.signupgenius.com/go/dennis2



Dennis is the creator of the program, “The Do’s & Don’ts of Discipline *in the home f or parent sanity*”. He has an extensive background in education. He has been a teacher at the elementary and middle school levels. His administrative experience includes being a principal at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Dennis has worked as an educational speaker and consultant since 1991. He delivers an interactive and inspiring message that leaves his audiences completely excited – empowered and energized. Dennis leaves audiences totally energized with creative and practical strategies. His programs are always presented through a “laugh & learn” approach!

Sponsored by JRES PTA and Timberwood Park Elementary

JOHNSON RANCH SCHOOL STORE

**Our School Store is the perfect place for your students to do some
Holiday shopping!**

They can buy some great gifts for their siblings as well as parents.

Our hours are:

Wed 7:15am - 7:45am

Fri 7:15am – 7:45am

****ALL proceeds from the student store go directly to programs and activities for our students at JRES.**

ATOMIC LEARNING

Comal ISD has taken another step in providing innovative professional development opportunities for teachers, parents, students, and staff. Atomic Learning is an online training resource that provides training tutorials on over 110 of the most commonly used software applications and other technology resources. It's perfect for learning at your own pace. The Atomic Learning library includes short, step-by-step instructions on topics such as Mac Applications, Microsoft Office Suite and new technologies like blogging, twittering, to name just a few.

Please visit the Comal ISD homepage and click on the Parent or Student Tab at the top of the page. Simply type in the user name and password that is listed below and start learning.

Username: svmsparent

Password: comal

Happy Holidays from your PTA!

