

PUREFOY PTA



Purefoy Elementary PTA

May/June 2015

From the President...

As crazy as it seems, the end of this school year is quickly approaching. I will cherish so many memories and fun times, such as: our first ever outdoor Movie Night, the Super Hero crew that energized us for the Fit Flash Dash, Mrs. Webb and Mr. Wheelless spending the day on the roof, all of our new healthy lifestyles initiatives, like the Running Club, Wellness Council and Early FX, our dapper coaches dressed up for Jump Rope for Heart, 5th grade Pine Cove adventures, Dinosaur George and Drum Café, the super fun Carnival that thankfully didn't get rained out, watching the kiddos have a blast in the new gaga ball pit and so much more! And we still have a lot going on before the bell rings on June 5th—Teacher Appreciation Week, Field Day, Open House, Family Game Night and End of Year parties to name a few.

I would like to thank the current PTA board members for all of your hard work over the past school year. You have accomplished amazing things for our students and school. I am grateful to have worked with you all this year! We will miss those of you moving on from the board and are truly thankful for your dedication to PTA and Purefoy. We will also miss our graduating 5th graders and wish you all the best at Griffin—and we are excited to meet all of the new incoming kindergarteners at Kinder Orientation on May 21st.

A special THANK YOU to all of the parents who have volunteered countless hours over the school year as well! It is because of your time, talent and financial support that the PTA is able to accomplish so much and to give back to our school so generously. We truly appreciate your support of the PTA and Purefoy!

Be sure to mark down Friday, May 15th from 6:30 – 8 P.M. for our 2nd annual Family Game Night in the Purefoy cafeteria. We will be playing BINGO and will have pizza, snacks and prizes. This is not a drop off event, so parents please plan to stay and play with your kiddos. We would love for you to join us for this free fun family evening!

As we wrap up the 2014-2015 school year, I want to thank you for your faith in me to lead the PTA. It has truly been an honor to serve as PTA President the last two years. I am grateful to have worked with such awesome teachers, administration, PTA board members, volunteers and all of the families and kiddos. I am beyond blessed to have had this opportunity and thankful for each of you that makes up our Purefoy family. I know that the PTA will be in good hands going forward under the leadership of the incoming President, Stephanie Sudomir. She has another fantastic board slated and is ready to dive in to the new year.

Thank you again for your support, enjoy the last few weeks of school, and have a fabulous summer!

Jennifer Coleman
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From the Principal...

Thank you families for another wonderful year at Purefoy! It is an honor to work with your children each day.

We had a wonderful month of April with many exciting events. PTA hosted a fabulous carnival! It was a beautiful day and lots of fun! This year, teachers participated in the basketball tug-o-war. It was so much fun! Thank you to the carnival committee for the many hours of planning. Thanks for joining us!

This year Field Day will be on Friday, May 22nd. Students will participate in track activities at Griffin Middle School and outdoors activities at Purefoy. Please check with your teacher for your student's schedule for the day. We are still looking for volunteers for many fun activities.

This year we have emphasized the character traits of Grit and the Growth Mindset. We have seen many of our students embrace the concept and apply this into their effort at school and home. We are very excited to continue our Grit focus next year!

As we wrap up the school year, it is a time for celebrating the growth of our students. We have enjoyed the children and look forward to another great year! Have a safe and fun summer.

Sincerely,

Mary Webb

Spirit Night



Scotty P's Hamburgers
Eldorado Location

May 13th
Lunch and Dinner

Alex Chapman

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Important Dates for May & June

May 4-8 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6th - Bike to School Day

May 7th - Open House

May 8th - Fisd Roughriders Night

May 13th - Scotty P's Spirit Night

May 15th - Family Game Night

May 21st - Kindergarten Orientation

May 22nd - Field Day

May 25th - NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

May 31st - Purefoy Running Club 5K

June 3rd - 5th Grade End of Year Class Party

June 4th - End of Year Class Parties

June 5th - Last Day of School/
Celebration of Learning

Purefoy PTA Spirit Wear



Online Spirit Store

www.purefoyppta.org

(pay by credit/debit card)

Spirit Store Calendar

Good Morning Purefoy
May 15th

Remember, all proceeds benefit our children and teachers through PTA sponsored programs and activities throughout the year!

Thank you again for supporting Purefoy.

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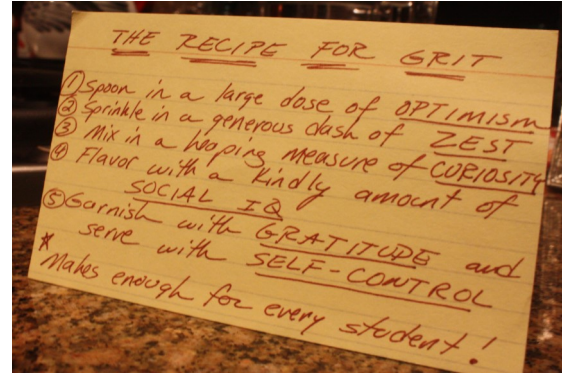
THE RECIPE FOR GRIT?

G.R.I.T.

...STEP FIVE: GARNISH WITH GRATITUDE AND SERVE WITH SELF-CONTROL

I recently read an article in the Frisco Style magazine entitled "They Taught Me." It was written by former mayor of Frisco Bob Warren and he speaks about the role of teachers in his life, the importance that report cards had on his education, and the development of his character. He writes these words:

In addition to reporting our grades in subjects such as reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic, we were graded on deportment, a measure of how well we behaved in the classroom. The report also reflected how many times we were tardy or absent. And the end of every school year, much sought after certificates were awarded to those who were not tardy or absent during the year.



Decades later here we are still providing report cards to students. And we're still giving out awards. This year our awards focus on that powerful four letter word we call "grit". What if our report cards did the same? There is a district in California that is doing just that. Students take home an academic report card and they also take home "grit" report cards that give parents an idea of how students are developing the character traits of zest, optimism, curiosity, social IQ, self-control, and gratitude. There is some debate on whether this is a good idea or not but it does raise a good question: how do we know if our students are truly developing grit?

Our last two ingredients in the recipe for grit might be the answer to that very question: GRATITUDE and SELF-CONTROL. Of all six ingredients they are the most visible signs of the fortitude and character that is building within a student's life.

Around Purefoy we define gratitude as recognizing what other people do for you and showing appreciation for opportunities to learn and expand. It's an attitude that permeates our talk and our walk. If we are truly grateful others will see it. And that's true with self-control as well. We tell students that self-control means paying attention rather than getting distracted. It's remaining calm rather than losing your temper. It's allowing others to speak rather than interrupting. Like gratitude, self-control is an outward expression of the character that is developing below the surface in a person's life. It doesn't take a report card to see these two expressions of grit. You recognize them the moment you're in their presence.

As I was working on this it occurred to me that self-control and gratitude have a shared and powerful danger: entitlement. Ever been around someone who comes across as entitled? These kinds of people don't want to work for something that they perceive as already theirs. They have difficulty showing thankfulness for things that they view already are owed to them. Patience is not their virtue. After all, if it's mine I should have it ... now ... right? Entitlement is a huge block for the development of grit because it keeps us from developing the self-control and the gratitude that is needed for successfully accomplishing our dreams and goals. Like water and oil, grit and entitlement just don't mix.

Garnish with gratitude and serve with self-control. The recipe isn't complete without these two ingredients. When it comes to gratitude perhaps Eckhart Tolle said it best: "Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance." Or consider the very wise words of Benjamin Franklin: "Educate your children to self-control, to the habit of holding passion and prejudice and evil tendencies subject to an upright and reasoning will and you have done much to abolish misery from their future and crimes from society."

So there you have it ... the six ingredients of Grit: zest, curiosity, self-control, optimism, social IQ, and gratitude. When it comes to grit it's good to have the ingredients of the recipe laid out in front of us so it will come out just right in the lives of our students.

Derek Wheelless
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Making The World A Better Place And A Cultural Celebration

The PTA Arts Program enjoyed another successful year with its Reflections Art Program and Multicultural Night. Through student participation, faculty promotion and parent involvement, the arts program has been able to flourish within our school.

We kicked off the school year with the 2014-15 Reflections Arts Program. This year's theme was "The World Would Be A Better Place If." Purefoy had 36 art entries, with submissions in the Literature, Visual Arts, Photography, Dance Choreography and Musical Composition Arts categories. Eleven of those entries advanced to the District Reflections Competition in December, 2014 and one entry advanced to the State Level Competition in March, 2015. All participants were recognized at Good Morning Purefoy, where they received certificates and ribbons for their achievements.



Purefoy students had the opportunity to vote for their favorite Reflections entry. The winners of the "Purefoy's Favorite Artist Contest," Aniruth Vishnupriyan (5th grade), Anthony Pittman (3rd grade), and Taylor Fujihara (5th grade), received an art sketch book, compliments of the PTA!!!



The second half of the school year was ushered in with the celebration of Multicultural Night on January 29, 2015. The purpose of Multicultural Night is to provide students and their families an opportunity to gain a greater appreciation and awareness of different cultures and traditions within their community.

Several Purefoy families and staff came out to enjoy an array of cultural food delights, prepared by Purefoy families and local restaurants. Cuisine highlights included: Italian pizza, spanakopita, kolaches, hummus and pita

chips, taquitos, brownies and European cookies, just to name a few!!!

Purefoy visitors also had the opportunity to view the beautiful displays, full of pictures and information created by Purefoy families, to showcase their cultural heritage. The Griffin Middle School Orchestra and the Purefoy Honor Choir added to the festivities with music and cultural songs from around the world.

The PTA would like to thank all of the volunteers, families, staff members and local businesses, who donated their time and resources to help make this year's art program so successful. You truly make a difference in the lives of our children and the community you serve.

It's been a pleasure serving as Purefoy's Arts in Education Chairperson this school year. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how to make the PTA Arts Program even better, I would really like to hear from you! Please email Angela Godwin at artsineducation@purefoypta.org.

PTA Membership

We had a wonderful year for membership. We finished the year with a 95% membership from our teachers and parents here at Purefoy! Thank you everyone for the support for our children and students.

It is the end of the year and time to close a chapter as the VP of Membership. I have enjoyed my two years in this position. I am looking forward to my new role as VP of Programs starting next year.

Thank you for supporting our kids!

Cindy Slavin (Proud Mom of Paul David and Ashley)
VP of Membership, 2013 - 2105



Website/Communications

We have had a great success with our new website this year! In case you are one of the few who have not visited it yet - check it out at www.purefoyppta.org!

During the summer, we will be contacting you to update your information and re-activate your account! Watch for that email and re-activate your account so you don't miss a bit of exciting information from the Purefoy PTA!

If you don't have an account - get one today! www.purefoyppta.org

Directory

Do you want to set up a playdate over the summer? No worries! Refer to your Purefoy Directory for addresses, emails & phone numbers. Need a new dentist, real estate agent, restaurant or urgent care? We've got you covered in the Purefoy Directory!

Don't have a directory? It's not too late to purchase one.

Contact Karen Necciai at directory@purefoyppta.org

Thank you to all our partners, sponsors and 5th grade advertisers for participating in the 2014-2015 directory.

Room Parents

Lainie Myer
Room Parent Coordinator

Wow! What a terrific school year we have had!!! It is Party Time again - the End Of Year parties will be held outside on Thursday, June 4th at 1:30pm for Kinder thru 4th grade and on Wednesday, June 3rd for graduating 5th graders (specific information will be emailed from your Room Parent and teacher). We hope to see you there celebrating another terrific school year!

Thank you so much to our AMAZING Room Parents and Teacher Representatives for adding many wonderful memories to this School Year! Thank you for supporting our teachers and staff with weekly tasks and special events. We appreciate all of the time and efforts in planning and executing the Winter Party and Valentines Party....and we look forward to the super fun End of Year Party. A big Thank You to all of the parent volunteers who assisted the Room Parents throughout the year! We appreciate your commitment and dedication to the students, teachers and staff of Purefoy Elementary! Have a great summer!

Hospitality

The PTA Hospitality committee has been busy all year hosting monthly luncheons and celebrating each of our teachers' birthdays!

At the beginning of the year, we hosted a "welcome back" lunch along with the Tears and Cheers Breakfast. In the Fall, we held our first movie night with a showing of "The Lego Movie." During Bookfair, dad and kids enjoyed Donuts With Dad. We also provided a special snack for the faculty and staff during STAAR testing, just to name a few activities.

We have a week filled with treats, lunches and surprises for Teacher Appreciation Week to let the faculty and staff know how lucky we are to have them!

Don't forget to save the date for our **2nd Annual Family Game Night!** Friday, May 15th, we will have Bingo and pizza with fun prizes for the kids! This is a free event for all Purefoy families! Look for the flyer that will be sent in next week's Thursday folder for more details.

Carnival

This year's Spring Carnival was a huge hit! Thank you to all the families that participated from all the amazing donations to coming out and having fun with us! The kids had a blast from the bounce houses, to the games, to face painting, cakewalk, food trucks and of course our awesome DJ! We had an incredibly successful year once again with raising more than \$20,000! Purefoy Elementary simply rocks!



Healthy Lifestyles

Frisco RoughRiders Fun Fitness Challenge

- Duece will be a special guest at GMP May 29th
- Those who complete the challenge win FREE RoughRiders Tickets



Mile Makers Club

Don't forget to keep logging your miles...especially with Purefoy's Running Club!!

Last day to log miles is Friday, May 1st!!

Miles must be turned in by Friday, May 8th!!

Prizes will be awarded at GMP 5/22 and 5/29

For more information...

[Purefoy PTA Healthy Lifestyles](#)

Early FX

*Early FX is a 30 minute, movement-FULL, jump-start to their learning day!
When the body moves, the mind moves!*



Early FX Wraps Up on June 3rd

Tuesdays 7:15-7:45am

Grades 3 - 5

Wednesdays 7:15-7:45am

Grades K - 2 and older siblings



Wellness Team

Team will meet Friday, May 1st @ 7:15am in the Gym

This will be the last meeting of the year!! Thanks WT for all your contributions!!

Healthy Habits Corner

This month is "May's Movement Mayhem" - The last challenge of the year is to pick something each day that gets you Moving...try walking, biking, jogging, running, dancing, swimming, you get the idea!

1. Start with your favorite activity that gets you moving.
2. Pick an amount of time that you can commit to the activity each day.
3. Complete your movement for 30 times this Month!



Healthy Lifestyles



May 6, 2015

Purefoy Elementary is participating in Bike to School Day on **Wednesday, May 6th, 2015**

Join children and adults around the nation to celebrate
the benefits of bicycling and walking.

About our event:

For families living in Country club Ridge and El Dorado Fairways a group will be meeting at Sabino Court right off the first entrance to Country Club Ridge. We invite you to drive to this location and ride/walk with the group the rest of the way if distance is a concern.

For families living in the Fairways that are too far away to ride/walk please drive to meet at the Tennyson/Del Largo corner then walk/ride the remainder of the distance to school.

Small prizes available while supplies last so get there early!

Learn more at

walkbiketoschool.org



Bike to School Day, coordinated by the National Center for Safe Routes to School,
is a part of the League of American Bicyclists' National Bike Month.



Purefoy Running Club

"Kids Run the Nation"



**Register for the
Purefoy Running Club /
Love is Louder than Cancer 5K!**

***May 31st @ 1:30pm
@ Frisco Commons Park!***

We are SO excited to offer the first Purefoy Running Club / Love is Louder Than Cancer 5K event! You can join this family friendly event on Sunday, May 31st at Frisco Commons Park OR choose the Virtual Option and run the 5K on your own schedule. All registrants will receive a T-Shirt and medal for their \$25 registration fee!

For more information about the Love is Louder than Cancer foundation, visit www.liltc.org. Love is Louder Than Cancer Foundation is a registered 501c3 charitable organization with the IRS and a non-profit registered in the state of Texas. Donations are tax deductible.



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School Programs

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It's been another great year of Educational Programs filled with fun, excitement, laughter, and learning!

Dennis Lee and his puppets brought us a great lesson called "Buried Treasure". He taught us that if we open our hearts and minds, we will find that we are all a treasure of value and importance.



VENTRILOQUIST,
COMEDIAN AND SINGER



The High Touch High Tech Scientist brought amazing hands-on science lessons to our classrooms. Each grade level enjoyed a lesson that enhanced their curriculum.

During Red Ribbon Week, the High Flying Plano Police officers demonstrated their trampoline and karate skills while teaching us about the importance of staying drug free.



Drum Café presented in our gym this year. This was an interactive program about community-building, anti-bullying, and self-esteem. Every student in the gym participated with their own drum. It was definitely loud in the gym that day.

Dinosaur George brought his traveling museum to Purefoy for the first time ever in February. Our students toured the museum during their Specials Time and completed a grade-appropriate scavenger hunt. It was an amazing exhibit and Dinosaur George was a great presenter!



Marilyn Morris, from Aim for Success, spoke to many of our Purefoy parents during an evening presentation called "ABC's of the Birds and Bees".

Still to come...

Catherine Fowler, a historian and storyteller, will speak to our Third Graders about Frisco history on May 7th and May 8th this year.



Note from the Nurse:

I cannot believe we only have a month left of school! Time flies when you are having fun!

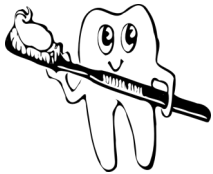


All of our kinder, 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders had their vision and hearing screened in October, and a lot of them are now sporting their new glasses!



I attended Pine Cove camp with our 5th graders in December!

We had a rough flu season in December and January, but we survived! I discussed proper hand washing in some of our classes and the students got to see the germs on their hands under our “special” glow light!



In February, the Tooth Fairy flew here even in the snow and ice and visited our kinder students to talk to them about dental health.

In March, our 5th graders participated in the annual Maturation program that everyone looks forward to!

We had our annual Kinder Round-Up in April where all of the new incoming kindergarten students are registered for “big” school. It’s been an awesome year!

A few reminders – all meds and supplies must be picked up by Friday June 5th. Anything left will be thrown out.

Remember that when you are completing Infosnap on your student next year that you will be prompted to complete Action Plans and Med Forms. These have to be done EVERY school year. They do not carry over. Action Plans have to be completed by your child’s physician and be dated for the current school year.

Have a GREAT SUMMER!!

Nurse Fleming

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