

Purefoy PTA



Purefoy Elementary PTA Newsletter

September/October 2015

President's Letter

Dear Purefoy families,

It has been a great first month of the school year! We have loved seeing all of the new families at Purefoy and catching up with our old friends! Your PTA board was hard at work over the summer planning fun, educational events for our Purefoy students. A few of the activities include: a Purefoy University monster-themed book fair, a family concert in the courtyard, our first Healthy Hat Trick Zone health fair, High Tech/High Touch, Team Big Air and other great programs, GRIT Up and Go fun run, carnival, running club and our 2nd annual 5K, Reflections program, Multi-cultural night, spirit nights and so much more!

September was a very busy month at Purefoy. Our first PTA meeting was held on Thursday, September 24th at 6:30 P.M., followed by a Purefoy University Monster Bash Family Night. This year's monster-themed book fair, along with Donuts with Dad and Lunch with Loved Ones, was a huge success! Teacher's classroom libraries were enhanced, kid's personal book collections grew, and we were able to donate a large number of books to a local school in need. We also had two very fun spirit nights at Pump it Up and Urban Air Trampoline Park. Plans are in the works for our first annual Healthy Hat Trick Zone health fair, as well as our GRIT Up and Go fun run. Stay tuned for more information. Our teachers were pampered during September with a tasty luncheon by the 5th grade parents, back to school treats, and a coffee and pastry bar during book fair week. Finally, our Reflections program kicked off with entries due October 23rd.

If you haven't already checked out our awesome PTA website, please be sure to do so at www.purefoyppta.org. You can search for volunteer opportunities, view the spirit night calendar, join PTA, keep updated on all Purefoy events, purchase spirit wear...basically anything you need to know is at your fingertips! Also, we will be holding weekly drawings for a bundle of spirit items for families that have registered on our website and joined PTA. And you students will receive an "I love my school" spirit stick with a family membership, as well as a student directory.

We encourage you to invest in your child's education by joining the PTA. You can join online at www.purefoyppta.org or you can fill out the membership form from the PTA packet you received on Meet the Teacher Night. As a member of the Purefoy Elementary PTA, you are a voice for our students and part of the largest child advocacy program in the world.

Thank you in advance for your support and we are looking forward to another fabulous year at Purefoy!

Warmest regards,

Stephanie Sudomir
PTA President

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A Note from the Principal...

Happy October!

We have a fun month filled with many activities. Please make sure to check your grade level newsletter weekly to stay informed about upcoming events.

Please don't forget to sign up for a parent conference time with your child's teacher for the conference day on October 12th. There will be no school for students on October 12th, so please plan ahead to ensure you have child care for that day. We truly want to partner with every parent to ensure we are working together to meet the needs of our students. If you have not scheduled a conference already, please contact your child's teacher today to get a time set up.

Looking forward to a great October at Purefoy!

Thank you again for sharing your children with us. It is a pleasure getting to know our students and families of Purefoy.

Sincerely,

Mary Webb

Important Dates

- Oct 1 - Watch Dog Pizza Kick Off Meeting (6 P.M.)
- Oct 8 - Chili's Spirit Day (Lunch and Dinner)
- Oct 12 - Teacher/Parent Conference Day (No School)
- Oct 14 - 4th Grade Hosted Faculty Luncheon
- Oct 19 - Fun Run Pep Rally (2:15 P.M.) (Students Only)
- Oct 20-21 - GRIT Up and Go Fun Run
- Oct 26-30 - Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 29 - Team Big Air Program/ Assembly

Upcoming Spirit Nights



October 8th

Lunch and Dinner
Chili's Restaurant

Eldorado/Dallas Tollway

SPRING-CREEK
BARBEQUE

November 10th

5pm-9pm

Spring Creek BBQ

Preston/Warren



December 15th

Lunch and Dinner
Palio's Pizza Café

Eldorado/423





PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM 2015-2016 *"LET YOUR IMAGINATION FLY"*



This year's PTA Reflections Theme is "Let Your Imagination Fly!"

Reflections is a National PTA Program designed to cultivate achievement in the Arts. It is open to children in grades Pre-K through grade 12.

There are six areas where students have the opportunity to express themselves creatively through their Reflections Projects: **Photography, Visual Arts, Literature, Dance Choreography, Film Production and Musical Composition.** Artwork should be inspired and created by the student. Entries will be judged on interpretation of the theme as well as skill.

Submitted artwork will be judged first at Purefoy by a panel of judges. Qualifying student entries will be sent to compete at the State Level.

The deadline to enter is October 23, 2015

Special Artist Division

The Texas PTA Reflections program is also accepting entries for the Special Artist Division. The Special Artist Division is limited to students whose physical, cognitive, or mental health challenges meet ADA guidelines. Qualifying students entering this division create their own artwork but may receive non-artistic accommodation and assistance from an adult. At the national level, one Special Artist from across all arts categories will be selected to receive an Outstanding Interpretation Award. Up to five additional Special Artists may be selected to receive national Awards of Excellence. Our hope is that you will encourage your child to participate in the Reflections Program. This program is wonderful opportunity for your child to enhance his/her artistic abilities. The program helps encourage creativity and lifelong learning and offers recognition for your child's artistic endeavors.

Please visit <http://www.txpta.org/programs/reflections/> for official participation rules and student entry forms.

Should you have any questions, please contact your Purefoy PTA Arts in Education Chairperson, Angela Kelso at artsineducation@purefoyppta.org



Purefoy's 6th Annual GRIT Up and Go Fun Run! October 20 and 21

The annual Fun Run is Purefoy's major fundraiser for the school year and allows the students to be actively involved in raising money for their school all while having a FUN time!

We have so many fun things planned for the students during the fun run, including incorporating our wonderful GRIT characteristics into the obstacles. We know they will love this new addition!

Your child will be given a pledge envelope and asked to gather pledges from family and friends. Each student will then be walking or running as many laps as they can during their PE class on their assigned Fun Run day. We then ask that you help your student gather their pledges or donations to help reach the \$27,000 goal. We have a new online system that will help make gathering donations so much easier! Awesome prizes will be awarded, too!

The Fun Run is a favorite among the students and we need everyone's help in making it a huge success! Please look for volunteer opportunities to be posted closer to the big event!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact

Kim Gold- funrun@purefoyppta.org



TIME TO TURN IN YOUR BOX TOPS!

**ALL BOX TOPS SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 9TH
WILL COUNT TOWARD FALL PRIZES!**

Earn a **Box Tops SPIRIT STICK** when you reach **50 Box Tops!**

Fun new **prizes** also awarded for **25, 100 and 200+ BOX TOPS**. The more you save, the more you win!

Plus, one lucky class turning in the most BOX TOPS this Fall will win a class party to Pump It Up in Frisco!



Don't have enough BOX TOPS saved yet for prizes?

No problem! Turn in what you have now, and we will keep a running total as you turn in additional BOX TOPS throughout the school year.

Prizes will be awarded again in the Spring.

Each classroom has a collection bin, and BOX TOPS may be turned in either in a Ziploc bag or on a printable collection sheet available at www.BTFE.com.

Don't forget to mark your name, grade, and class!

Each BOX TOP is worth 10¢ for Purefoy, and our goal this year is to raise \$2,000.

Thank you for supporting our school!

Questions? E-mail Marlene Haas, boxtops@purefoyppta.org

purefoy pta spirit wear

I can't think of a better way to support our school and kids then to wear our Purefoy spirit wear around town for all to see! Let's show Frisco how proud we are of our school.

All proceeds from the purchase of spirit wear benefits our children, teachers and the school through PTA sponsored programs and activities throughout the year. Thank you again for supporting Purefoy.

Spirit Wear will be sold on the PTA website at www.purefoyppta.org, at two Good Morning Purefoys a month, at PTA school events and every once in a while during lunches. Contact Karen Necciai at spiritwear@purefoyppta.org to order or with questions.

Purefoy Headbands \$6

Assorted Spirit Sticks \$1

Girls & Boys Cinch Bags \$18



Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee has already been at work thanking Purefoy teachers and staff for all of their awesome efforts teaching and growing our children!

***Welcome Back to School Treat** - personalized Koozies for all Purefoy Staff

***Meet The Teacher Night** - a Taco Bar catered lunch from Twisted Tortilla for the staff and Kona Ice Snow Kones treat for all Purefoy students!

***August & September Birthdays** - celebrated with cupcakes donated by Coffee & Cream for the staff with birthdays in those months.

***Coffee and Snack Bar** for staff during Teacher Preview for Book Fair! Hospitality and Book Fair committees collaborated on this fun day for the Teachers!

***5th Grade Hosted Teacher Luncheon** - scholarly sandwiches and soups and sweet treats! Thank you fifth grade families for bringing delicious food for the staff! The spread was generous and every staff member was truly grateful!



Healthy Lifestyles Happenings

We did it! We are a designated Healthy Zone – In Training School!

Based on our collaborative efforts during the 2014-2015 school year, Purefoy has earned this award and we are in our first year of official training. What does this mean to you?

It means that our efforts to go above and

beyond in physical, nutritional and whole child health have been a success! Our continued efforts this school year will help us lock in “Healthy Zone” status and receive recognition, rewards and support from fabulous, health-centered organizations. We couldn't have done it without your help!



Purefoy's "Healthy Zone" Hat Trick

Students and adults will have a chance to score their own personal healthy hat trick!

5:30 – 7:30pm on Friday, October 9th! Save the date!!!

As part of our Healthy Zone In Training designation and in an effort to cultivate Whole Child living, Purefoy will host its first ever “health-a-palooza”. This event is designed to get you interacting with the three zones that create and support “whole living”. We will have organizations representing the physical zone, the mental zone, and the life/living zone. Each will bring activities for you to engage in, interact with and explore! You won't want to miss this FUN, FUNCTIONAL, FAMILY evening...there will be prizes, raffles and guest speakers at your disposal.

Purefoy Running Club Sets the “Pacers” & Gary Burns Fun Run

The Purefoy Running Club is off to another great start this fall season. In addition to training up new Kinder friends, we have started “pacing” different times each week. We've had groups of kids pace at 10 min, 11 min and 12 minute miles so far! Remember the running club does have running objectives in mind. We are training for another group 5k run. This fall we hope to have all our Purefoy “Pacers” join us for the Gary Burns Fun Run 5k right here in Frisco. Here's the link to race information and registration: Cost is only \$15 for student until 10/22/15!

<http://www.friscoisd.org/departments/frisco-education-foundation/gary-burns-frisco-fun-run>

Purefoy Pacers t-shirts coming soon...stay tuned!

Healthy Lifestyles Happenings (cont)

Early FX Returns to Kick-Start the Day!



Tuesdays and Wednesdays
beginning Tuesday, October 13th at 7:15am
in the Purefoy Gym

Tuesdays we host students in grades 3-5 and Wednesdays are grades K-2 and older siblings.

Additional information and waivers can be found here:

[https://purefoyppta.membershiptoolkit.com/assets/00211/images/HealthyLifestyles/
Early_FX_Permission_Slip.pdf](https://purefoyppta.membershiptoolkit.com/assets/00211/images/HealthyLifestyles/Early_FX_Permission_Slip.pdf)

Purefoy Power Pack Welcomes New Members

Purefoy has selected its new Power Pack (aka Wellness Team) members for the 2015-2016 school year. We are thrilled to announce the following students will be leading the school in our Healthy Lifestyles and Whole Child initiatives. Be on the lookout for their leadership in these areas!

4th Grade

Grace Bond
Abi Bacon
Brennan Myer
Connor Young

5th Grade

Avery Necciai
Carly Necciai
Elizabeth Ashford
Travis Godwin





From Book Fair and work room to covering teachers' doors for College Week and stuffing Thursday folders, volunteers at Purefoy make a difference. It's been a very busy month but our volunteers have met the challenges so I just want to thank you for all that you do to make Purefoy a special place for our students and staff.

If you didn't get a chance to help out last month, we have plenty more opportunities coming your way in October. Please be on the lookout for volunteer sign-up opportunities for Fun Run, Watchdogs, Running Club, workroom and more. Getting started is easy...

Step 1: Go to www.purefoyppta.org.

Login or create an account
Click on the volunteer tab

Step 2: Complete Your Yearly Background Check

Click on Background Check and complete the form. **This must be done each year.**

Step 3: Explore Volunteer Opportunities

Click on Volunteer Interest Form and fill out this form so we can keep you informed of opportunities that may be of interest to you.

Click on Current Volunteer Opportunities to access jobs we are currently looking to fill. Choose the one that's a good fit for you and sign up. Each job has a description, date, and time. This section is updated throughout the year. So keep checking!

Step 4: Attend Volunteer Orientation and Sign a Statement of Commitment

Volunteers must attend just ONE TIME. There is no need to attend yearly.

The orientation will discuss Frisco ISD procedures and school policies, guidelines on confidentiality, and expectations of volunteers.

Contact me to set up a time to go through the orientation materials.

Thank you for all you do!

Andra Tenkhoff
Volunteer Coordinator

volunteers@purefoyppta.org



Watch D.O.G.S. Kickoff Pizza Party

Thursday October 1st at 6:00 PM

in the cafeteria

Any questions, contact Watch D.O.G.S. Coordinator
Curtis Weems at watchdogs@purefoyppta.org

www.fathers.com/watchdogs

What is WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students)?

WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father-figures who volunteer at Purefoy as part of an initiative to increase father involvement and provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important.

What do WATCH D.O.G.S. do while volunteering?

During the day, Watch D.O.G.S. may read and work on flash cards with students, play at recess, eat lunch with your student(s,) patrol the school entrances and hallways, help with carpool and any other assigned activities where they actively engage with not only their own students, but other students as well. There are many other opportunities for WATCH D.O.G.S. to assist throughout the school year, such as fun run, book fair, carnival, family fun night, field day and so much more!

How do I become a WATCH D.O.G.?

All Watch D.O.G.S. must complete a FISD background check and be a member of Purefoy PTA to volunteer. We will have an informational kick off pizza party for future Watch D.O.G.S. and their kiddos where they can learn about the various opportunities and sign up to volunteer.

We are proud to introduce our 2015-2016 Purefoy PTA Partners! The generosity of these businesses helps make possible the many great programs, activities, and events our children enjoy throughout the year. Thank you all for your support! The Purefoy PTA Partners are awesome!

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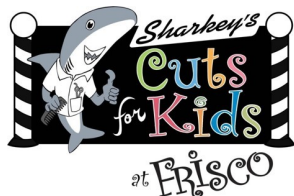
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