



Dragon Tales

Carroll Elementary School PTO Newsletter

December 2007

A Note From Beth

Our December meeting was short and sweet! Our special visitors this month were Kacy Hankins and Gina Faris of Carroll Education Foundation (CEF). They presented us with two checks for a combined total of around \$500; the checks were proceeds from ticket sales of CES patrons to the annual CEF culinary event. We really appreciate all that CEF does in our district to raise funds for many grants and scholarships.

We also heard several committee reports. Our Outreach chairwomen (Greta Parr and Sarah Wilson) did an amazing job organizing our annual Christmas is For Children Angel adoption. In all, CES adopted over 225 angels which is more than any other school in our district. The generosity of our CES families never ceases to amaze me. Thanks to everyone who helped with adopting one or more children and for all those who helped on the collection day. Finally, the "Cookies and Caroling" at Mimosa Manor was a huge success and brought so much joy to the residents.

Many other committees have been working very hard as well. Our Spirit Shop has done such a great job this year, and we love all of their great merchandise! Our Student Activities chairwomen announced that birthday books for birthdays between August and December should be distributed by the end of this month. We also heard from James Keoughan regarding the CES Dad's Club. James is working with Nathan Taylor to get a Dad's club started at CES. They will be holding an informational meeting in January, so be sure to look for more information about it after we return from our break.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year! We have accomplished so much already this year, and I appreciate being able to serve again this year as PTO President. I look forward to a great spring semester, and I encourage everyone to attend our Denim, Diamonds, and Dragons Spring Fundraiser event on March 1, 2008. It will be a night to remember!

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Important Dates

December

18th- Dragon Pride projects due

20th Holiday Parties

21-Winter Break Starts

January

1st & 2nd- School Holiday

21st & 22nd- Student Holiday

Mark Your Calendar!!!

PTO GENERAL MEETING DATES

Dec 11th, 2007

ABOVE AND BEYOND

Many thanks to Kathy Clements and Kim Koskay for organizing our volunteers for our Special People Luncheon in November. Everyone had a great time!

Thanks to Jill Stephenson, Anette Snook, and Sherri Matheson for organizing all our library volunteers this year. They also did a fabulous job organizing volunteers for the Book Fair. Thanks for going Above and Beyond!

Rebecca Shragin, Janet Plummer, and Kathy Connell, and Carolyn Teakell have done a great job this year running the CES Spirit Shop! We appreciate all their hard work as well as all of the ladies who serve so faithfully in the shop each week.

Thanks to the hard work of Sheila McVay and Sue Kopic, CES received a check for \$725 from the proceeds of our directory advertising. The multi-school advertising campaign was a great success, and we really appreciate Lisa Wettig for coordinating the effort.

Outreach

Christmas is for Children

Thank you for making our adopt-an-angel program so successful! CES again adopted the most angels of any school in the Carroll District. We also filled a 14 foot U-haul truck, not once, but TWICE with the gifts dropped off on December 3rd. The generosity of CES is something to definitely be proud of! Thank you again for making our angels' holiday bright

Don't Forget Our Continuing Programs:

- 1) Reading to Rohan
- 2) Sneakers for Schooling – Now collecting sport shoes too!
- 3) Write a letter or draw a picture for a senior at Mimosa Manor

Cookies & Caroling at Mimosa Manor

Our trip to Mimosa Manor to give out cookies and carol was yet another outing that was very well received by the seniors. We gave out close to 100 bags of cookies and sang over 27 songs. Again we appreciate all those who donated cookies (we had over 45 dozen), those who came over to bag and tag the cookies and of course those who helped to give out the cookies and serenade the seniors. Look for our next trip to Mimosa Manor to be in early February. Thanks again!

Need Other Ideas to Serve?

On Saturday, December 15th, Christmas is for Children invites you to participate in its Eighth Annual Food Drive being held at White's Chapel United Methodist Church in Southlake. You can help assemble food baskets that will be distributed to needy families throughout the DFW metroplex starting at 9:00 AM. If you have questions please contact Trisha at 817-723-7100.

