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2011

## Environmental Chair Needed

Our wonderful Environmental Chair, Jens Eltze, has informed us that he and his family will be moving and he needs to resign his position. The Allen PTA Board would truly like to thank Jens and Tanja for the wonderful contributions they have made to Allen PTA over the past couple of years. While Jens was our Environmental Chair his wonderful wife Tanja was in charge of our Directory for the 2011-2012 year. Tanja has graciously agreed to complete the directory before she moves. Jens and Tanja have also developed software that has made all of the data entry easier for both our directory and membership chair. Jens and Tanja we wish you and the girls all the best as you start your new life in the Pacific Northwest. Your family will be missed

If you have a passion for the environment and are interested in joining the PTA Board please email PTA president Deb Heisel at [president@allenpta.org](mailto:president@allenpta.org). Duties would include planning two walk to school days, two trash pickup days at Beaver Bend Park, maintaining the flower pots in the front of the school as well as attending the Allen PTA Board Meetings. We have a fun group of men and women on the PTA Board and if you are looking for a way to get involve at Allen please consider this position.



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## Letter from the PTA President

**Welcome back to School.** While you all were enjoying the lazy days of summer, your Allen Elementary PTA Board was busy making sure the 2011-2012 school year is the best.

What a whirlwind of activity this first month of school has been. I have been delighted and astounded by the wonderful families who have turned out for our school events. Did you know:

- That we had over 50 families turn out for our New Family Welcome/Tears and Cheers Kindergarten Welcome on the first day of school. A huge thanks to Ms. Wilkinson, Ms. Treadwell and Ms. Meyers for taking time out from their hectic schedules to welcome these families and reiterate what all of us already know-Allen is the Best School in Frisco!
- That over **200** people turned out for our first PTA meeting. After hearing about the wonderful things PTA has planned for 2010-2011, we all enjoyed delicious ice cream with toppings served by our wonderful Allen Staff!
- That at our Watch DOGS kick off campaign we had over **220** Dads and kids eat pizza and hear about the exciting way we have for Dads, Brothers, Uncles, Grandfathers, etc to get involved with Allen Elementary.
- That this year PTA was able to give each teacher mini grants to buy educational materials for their classrooms

- That on September 12<sup>th</sup> PTA funded our first school program called "I Love to Read" which was thoroughly enjoyed by the entire school

Thanks so much to each and every one of you for supporting our activities so far. I am really excited about our upcoming PTA fundraiser - **Run for the Gold**. This fun family event will be on October 21st and this will be our Major fundraiser. No selling chocolates, cookie dough, or coupon books. All that is required is for your children to walk/run laps and collect pledges. Everyone is a winner with this event! We will be announcing what we will be using our funds for at the Run for the Gold Kick Off on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Other upcoming events include our next PTA meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup>. At this PTA meeting we will have a chance to see a wonderful performance by our 4<sup>th</sup> graders. We also have our Book Fair (October 17<sup>th</sup>-21st) and we are gearing up for Reflections as well. Keep a look out in the Thursday Folder as we are working on dates for Reflection Workshops as of this writing.

I look forward to meeting you all at the upcoming events. Don't hesitate to email or call me (214-705-1151) with any questions, comments or idea's you may have!

## Volunteer for PTA!

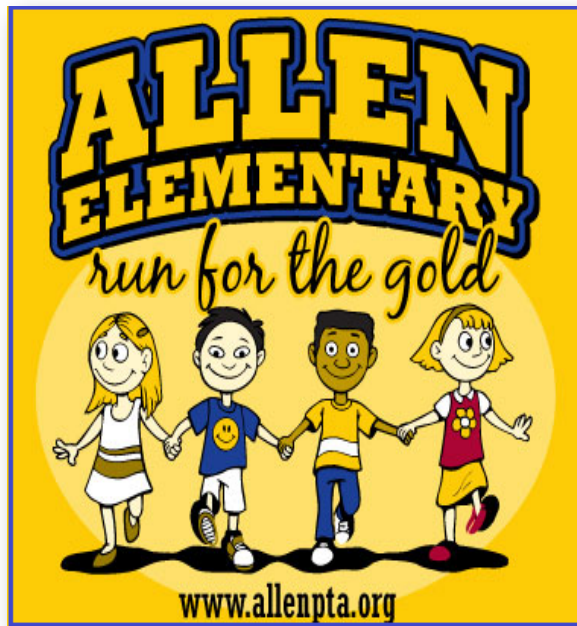
Thank you to all of our wonderful parents who have signed up to volunteer for the PTA this year!

A special thanks goes out to our parent volunteers who helped Ms. Davis on School Picture Day: Tara Bland, Sandra Gordon, Stephanie Mersman, Kim Olsen, Marceen Woods and Karen Zimelman. Thank you for taking time out of your day to help!

It is not too late to sign up to volunteer! If you wish to volunteer this year, you can complete the online volunteer form at [www.allenpta.org](http://www.allenpta.org) and click on "Volunteer Opportunities" at the top of the homepage. Also, all volunteers must receive a background check by the district before working on campus. You can complete the form by going online to <https://forms.friscoisd.org/backgroundcheck/Check01.aspx>.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year at Allen!

- **Leslie Gardiner**  
Allen PTA Volunteer  
Coordinator



## Run for the Gold

This year, the goal is to raise

# \$30,000.

Come to GMA on September 30th  
to hear what the money will go  
towards and all the details!

**Students can run, walk or skip on October 21st to earn money for their school!**

**Run for the Gold** is our big fundraiser at Allen Elementary. All money goes directly to support Allen Elementary and your kids. The students raise money by getting pledges for each lap they run in 20 minutes (the laps are short and most kids run 20 laps!). This year, the goal is to raise \$30,000. Come to GMA on September 30th to hear what the money will go towards and all the details!

Here are the important dates!

September 30 – Kick Off Assembly at GMA; packets/ forms go home

October 18 – Pledge forms are due

October 21 – Run for the Gold

October 28 – All money is due to be counted towards the prizes

November 4 - Prizes are awarded at GMA



If you want to be part of the fun and volunteer, please contact:

**Jenny Hogan:** [Hogantj@tx.rr.com](mailto:Hogantj@tx.rr.com)

**Jennifer Miller :** [jennifer.miller@live.com](mailto:jennifer.miller@live.com)



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## WATCH DOG UPDATE

On Tuesday, September 13th over 100 dads and grandfathers and 120 children attended the 2nd annual **Allen PTA Watch DOGS Kick Off Program**. Watch DOGS is an innovative program being used by schools across America which helps them to be positively impacted by the committed involvement of fathers and father figures in their student's life. Our goal here at Allen is to have at least one dad here at school every day to not only be a positive role model but to help the Allen teachers and staff with various events throughout the day.

I am very proud that I had 220 people attend this event but there are a few people I would like to thank for helping me. A big thanks to Wesley Marshall, Todd Hogan, James Snell, Felix Meneses, Patrick Mihm, Wayne Lewis and Michael Feeney for helping with setup, serving and clean up. I would also like to thank Deb Heisel and Anne O'Donnell for watching all of the children while their dad's attended the meeting. I would also like to thank Ms. Wilkinson and Ms. Treadwell for all of their support and encouragement.

If you were not able to make the meeting but would like to sign up or get more information about Watch DOGS please contact Brian Ansay, Watch DOG Coordinator at [brian.ansay@ionline.com](mailto:brian.ansay@ionline.com). Thanks and I am looking forward to another great year!  
- **Brian Ansay** / Allen Elementary PTA "Top" Dog

## SPIRIT NIGHT Tuesday, October 11th at Palio's.

Next Spirit Night is Tuesday, October 11th at Palio's. It is an all day long event. Just be sure to tell them you are with Allen Elementary PTA\*\*

## ARE YOU LINKED TO KROGER?

We have 166 families linked to Kroger with a goal of 350! Feel free to ask relatives or friends to link too! The students are currently working on bringing in receipts for our classroom contest. Receipts for the contest need to be turned in by October 29th. Be sure to check out the PTA website for the barcode and more information.

## ALLEN PTA MEMBERS NEEDED!

Thank you so much to all of the families that have joined Allen PTA. We current have 378 members and our goal this year is to have at least 440 members so we are a little bit short. Please consider joining Allen PTA. PTA is the number one resource for family engagement at all schools. **Not only does it give you a voice in Allen PTA but it also gives you discounts at:**

- Enterprise Rent a Car
- Schlitterbahn
- SeaWorld
- Dell Computers

Your membership also entitles you to a **FREE** student directory-limit one per household. Texas PTA has a deadline of October 15th for memberships to be turned in and Allen PTA is asking that all memberships be turned in by October 7th in order to ensure that you receive your FREE directory. You can use the attached form to apply for PTA membership or go to [www.allenpta.org](http://www.allenpta.org) and sign up online. Don't hesitate to email our membership chair Paula DeHaven at [membership@allenpta.org](mailto:membership@allenpta.org) with any questions or concerns. Thanks for joining Allen PTA!

## How to find information on the Allen PTA

<http://www.allenpta.org>  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Allen-Elementary-PTA/24557630>

## REFLECTIONS Diversity Means...

The deadline for submission is October 31st !!!

For complete contest details visit <http://www.txpta.org/programs/reflections>

Emphasis is on participation!  
All participating students will be recognized!

Have Fun!!!

**- Lilly Aderman-Meneses**  
Cultural Arts  
Chairman  
Allen Elementary



**Attention Allen Parents!!!**

### Take our POP QUIZ

Circle the best answer:

- My child can draw/paint
- My child can write
- My child can play music
- My child can take a photo
- My child can dance
- My child can use a video camera

If you circled an answer (any answer) your child is qualified to enter:

the annual  
PTA REFLECTIONS Program  
This year's theme is  
"DIVERSITY MEANS..."

The deadline for submission is October 31st !!!

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## LAST CALL - Don't be left out of the School Directory



The **Allen School Directory** is the main resource to look up addresses and phone numbers of neighbors and friends for many reasons, including the sending of birthday invitations.

If you haven't provided your information yet, please click [here](http://www.membersandmore.com/parent-student-info) (<http://www.membersandmore.com/parent-student-info>). This form is used for directory purposes and to become a PTA member. To become a member, just follow the Paypal link after submitting the form to conveniently pay with a credit card. Only Allen PTA member families will receive a copy of the school directory.

We extended the deadline until **Friday 09-30-2011** to include your family! If you are not sure if we have your information, to request a paper form, or with any other question, please contact Tanja Eltze at 214-618-1367 or email [directory@allenpta.org](mailto:directory@allenpta.org)

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# William and Abbie Allen Elementary Parent Teacher Association

PTA...Building For



By joining the PTA, you will have a direct impact on your child and your child's education!

Member #1	Name:	Address:
	Phone:	City/Zip:
	Phone:	Email:

Member #2	Name:	Address:
	Phone:	City/Zip:
	Phone:	Email:

Member #3	Name:	Address:
	Phone:	City/Zip:
	Phone:	Email:

Student #1 Name:	Teacher/Grade:
Student #2 Name:	Teacher/Grade:
Student #3 Name:	Teacher/Grade:

## **CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**

- STUDENT     
  PARENT/GUARDIAN     
  COMMUNITY MEMBER  
 FACULTY/STAFF     
  TEXAS LIFETIME MEMBER (Pay only \$7.75)

Number of Adults x \$10.00 = \$

- CASH     
  CHECK\*     
 Check No:



\* Please make checks payable to "Allen PTA"

# Allen Spirit Wear Order Form

**\*\*Forms must be returned with payment on or before September 27<sup>th</sup> \*\***

Many of these items have limited quantities; so grab them while you can!

Childs Name:	
E-mail:	Phone #:
Teacher:	Grade:

Cash or check accepted. Please make checks payable to Allen Elementary PTA.

Item	Price Each	Quantity Ordered	Subtotal
Allen 5 Color Highlighter	\$2.00		
Allen Eraser Stick	\$2.00		
Allen Zipper Pencil Pouch	\$3.00		
Allen Car Decal	\$3.00		
Allen Bobble Head Pen	\$4.00		
Allen Leather Bracelet	\$5.00		
Allen Silver Engraved Cuff Bracelet	\$5.00		
Allen Insulated Water Bottle	\$5.00		
Allen Insulated Tumbler with Straw	\$7.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>			

Filled orders will come home with your child by the week of Oct.3<sup>rd</sup>!

Actual items are for viewing in the wooden display case in front entry way at school and at [www.allenpta.org](http://www.allenpta.org).

Contact Leigh Gibson at [leigh.gibson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:leigh.gibson@sbcglobal.net) for any questions.

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