

COUNCIL TALKS

Garland ISD Council of PTAs Newsletter • November 2013

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

- 6 **PTA Council Meeting**
Harris Hill Annex
Garland & Rowlett rooms - 9 a.m.
- 12 **Board Work Session**
6 p.m. - Board room
Harris Hill Annex
- 14 **Tradition Rich.
Future Ready.**
Help Garland ISD plan for the future by sharing your opinions at Summit Meeting #1
Curtis Culwell Center - 7 p.m.
- 18 **Tradition Rich.
Future Ready.**
Education Summit Meeting #2
Lakeview Centennial H.S. - 7 p.m.
- 22 **Fifth Grade Greeting Card
Contest** entry deadline
- 26 **Early Dismissal
Board Meeting**
6 p.m. - Board room
Harris Hill Annex
- 27-29 **Thanksgiving Holiday**

DECEMBER

- 3 **Tradition Rich.
Future Ready.**
Education Summit Meeting #3
Rowlett H.S. - 7 p.m.
- 4 **PTA Council Meeting**
Harris Hill Annex
Garland & Rowlett rooms - 9 a.m.
- 10 **Board Work Session**
6 p.m. - Board room
Harris Hill Annex
- 20 **Early Dismissal**
- 23 **Winter Break Begins**

The President's Pen

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COOLER WEATHER HAS ARRIVED. Yea!!!

Pumpkins, scarecrows and other fall decorations are popping up. Leaves are changing colors and starting to fall. I enjoy the cooler weather as it has reinvigorated the desire to have flower beds that are cleaned out and spruced up. At our house, fall means the acorns are falling also. Acorns can be somewhat messy and are difficult to walk on.

Now would be a good time for you to take a deep breath and take stock of what you have in your PTA. Are volunteers succeeding in their positions or is it time to do some shuffling? Extra-curricular activities have a tendency to become quite cumbersome and demanding. As with plants, fall can be a good time to “transplant” those “not-quite-as-happy-as-i-thought-they-would-be” board members to a position that is a better match for their strengths. to ensure success for your Board.

MEMBERSHIP IS YEAR ROUND.

The first membership submission deadline of the school year has passed. If you have not turned in your list of members and dues to Texas PTA, then please do so immediately!! Your local members need to have their membership cards so they can register and be eligible for the benefits PTA offers. Like discounts at Staples or access to the wealth of knowledge posted to the state and national websites.

My 2013 Membership Challenge is quite simple - as many PTA members districtwide as our school enrollment. Every child enrolled in this district deserves to have one adult who is their advocate via their PTA membership. Encourage not only the parents, but the extended family members, the school staff, school volunteers, campus improvement team members, etc. to become members of your PTA. The price of membership is low, but those individual dollars added together build an amazing support system for our children. March 15, 2014 is the next membership deadline.

Leadership Development

I've had many locals request that we offer more leadership sessions. Since my fellow Council Board members are busy with their own responsibilities, we cannot offer another large-scale training session this fall. However, what I've decided to do is offer short table-top Q&A sessions for local presidents, membership chairmen, and secretaries immediately following the monthly Council PTA meeting. And, as always - If you have a question or are unable to find something, ask & we will help you find the answer!

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PROGRAMS

Kathy Parks, 2nd Vice President-Programs

Did you know that Texas PTA has free programs that you can schedule for your school?

NOVEMBER COUNCIL PTA PROGRAM

On November 6th, come and meet Larrian Curtis, Parent Education Programming Chairman for Texas PTA. Her presentation will cover the variety of programming available FREE OF CHARGE - that your Programs Chairman or Vice President can book for your school. She will provide an overview of each program as well as the process to request a particular presentation.

DECEMBER COUNCIL PTA PROGRAM

For the past several years, we have had one of the GISD school choirs come to get us in the holiday spirit with a selection of seasonal songs.

This year, Freedom, the show choir from Lakeview Centennial High School, under the direction of Carolyn Butterworth, will be our guest choir. Don't miss this chance for a glimpse of the musical talent that Garland ISD boasts!

NEED A PROGRAM FOR YOUR MEETING??

Come to the November Council meeting on the Wednesday, November 6th at 9 a.m. to find out about the variety of free programs available via

"Ready, Set, Achieve"

on the **txpta.org** website.

GISD COUNCIL OF PTAs FACEBOOK FAN PAGE!

NEXT TIME YOU'RE ONLINE,
LOOK UP THE
GARLAND ISD
COUNCIL OF PTAs
ON FACEBOOK,
AND "LIKE" US!

Fifth Grade Greeting Card Contest

RULES AND ENTRY INFORMATION ARE POSTED ON THE
COUNCIL PTA WEBSITE:

www.gisdpta.org/GreetingCardContest.html

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL WINNERS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2013 AT 4 P.M.

DECEMBER IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK!

The GISD Council of PTAs conducts our part of Reflections contest judging in early December. This year, local entries will need to be turned in to the Council Reflections Chairman in the Harris Hill Administration Building Annex either:

Friday, December 6th from 3-7 pm or **Saturday, December 7th** from 8-10 a.m.

Late arrivals cannot be accepted, as judging will begin promptly at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

CHECKLIST

Before bringing your entries to Council, please ensure that they are properly prepared and you have completed the following items:

- Ensure that your local unit has paid their Council dues.
- Please complete the local PTA participation form online through the Texas PTA website. <http://www.formsite.com/txpta/form881229016/index.html>
- Please complete the Advancing Entries Spreadsheet and forward a copy to the Council Reflections chair, s.waincott@verizon.net, prior to December 6th. Local PTAs may advance up to 20% of each grade division and arts category, or at least one from each grade division and arts category.
- Properly prepared entries (see lists elsewhere on this page)

LITERATURE ENTRIES:

- One original and one copy of the entry submitted in a manila file folder. The original entry should be stapled inside the folder unless it is being submitted in booklet form. Keep one entry on file at your campus for your records.
- Pages numbered, student's name written on the back of each page, in case the pages get separated.
- Entry form placed in a sheet protector stapled to the back (outside) of the manila folder.
- Color dot is placed on the back of the manila folder

PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRIES:

- Measure the photograph. It cannot be larger than 11" x 14" including the mat.
- Mount photo on a cardboard mat, poster board or some other sturdy material.
- This year, Texas PTA has recommended entries be covered with a lightweight paper flap that can be lifted for viewing photographs.
Do not shrink wrap or cover in plastic.
- Place the entry form in a clear plastic sheet protector and tape it to the back of the photograph. Do not tape over the opening to the sheet protector.
- Color dot is placed on the back of the work






VISUAL ART ENTRIES:

- Measure the artwork—it should not be larger than 24' x 30" including the mat.
- Mount entry on a cardboard mat, poster board or some other sturdy material.
- This year, Texas PTA has recommended entries be covered with a lightweight paper flap that can be lifted for viewing artwork.
Do not shrink wrap or cover in plastic.
- Place the entry form in a sheet protector and tape it to the back of the artwork. Do not tape over the sheet protector opening.
- Color dot placed on the back of the work.

COLORED DOTS

Colored "garage sale" dots are used by council to quickly identify the entries during judging. If you have some of these dots in the appropriate color(s), you can save a little time by putting these on your entries before coming to Harris Hill building. However, we will have dots available for you to use. (Do not go and purchase them just for this.)

NOTE: If you are an elementary school and you do not put dots on before bringing the entries to council, please have the entries separated by grade level (grades prek-2 and grades 3-5).

	Grades Prek-2nd: Red
	Grades 3rd – 5th: Blue
	Grades 6-8: Yellow
	Grades 9-12: Green
	Special Artists: No Dots

MUSICAL COMPOSITION ENTRIES:

- CD should be in a plastic or cardboard container. Identify both the CD and the container with student's name, grade division, state, and year.
- Place the CD and musical score (if required) inside a manila envelope
- Entry form in a sheet protector taped to the back of the envelope
- Color dot on the back of envelope

see Reflections, page 4

REFLECTIONS

Continued from page 3

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY ENTRIES:

- CD or DVD should be in a plastic or cardboard container. Identify both the CD/DVD and the container with student's name, grade division, state, and year.
- Place the CD/DVD in a large (9x12) envelope.
- Entry form in a sheet protector taped to the back of the envelope
- Color dot on the back of envelope.

FILM/VIDEO PRODUCTION ENTRIES:

- CD or DVD should be in a plastic or cardboard container. Identify both the CD/DVD and the container with student's name, grade division, state, and year.
- Place CD/DVD in a large (9x12) envelope
- Entry form in a sheet protector taped to the back of the envelope
- Color dot on the back of envelope



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Join your fellow students
on a journey to inspire!

Reflect on the theme, Create an
original work of art, be Recognized.

Create as many entries as you wish,
in six different categories:
Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature,
Musical Composition, Photography & Visual Arts



Choose the day for dads to rule your school
between November 12-15, 2013.

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OUTSTANDING PTA

Rodney Rowan, Outstanding PTA Chairman

SEPTEMBER ELEMENTARY WINNER

Florence Parsons - 100 families participated in a "Lights, Camera, Action" production. They introduced a brand new PTA Newsletter with an all new CALENDAR to keep everyone better informed. The event was an Oscar winning production promoting the PTA. Students performed the school song and parents and teachers loved it! Principal Dr. Bonnie Barrett. PTA President Celenne Hernandez.

SEPTEMBER ELEMENTARY HONORABLE MENTION

Couch Elementary - Honorable Mention - Over 250 people attended the Title 1 meeting presented by Principal Susanne Hill. PTA provided hot dogs, nachos for a small price. A representative from STAPLES gave a presentation on how the school, the PTA, and Staples can work together. After eating, students watched a movie while parents attended various educational classes: Accelerated Reader, Parenting with Love & Logic, the on-line grade book, and many more. PTA President Tamara Love.

SEPTEMBER SECONDARY WINNER

Classical Center at Brandenburg Middle School - "Off to a SWEET START!!!" The new PTA Board met and brainstormed ideas to gain new memberships and educate parents. They wore t-shirts with "WE HAVE THE SCOOP" printed on the back. Set-up a 50's Diner in the library which treated staff to a back to school breakfast. Served chicken and waffles, maple syrup and sweet tea! On a Saturday, the PTA and staff welcomed the new 6th graders and parents on campus with tour guides. Current membership for the first month of school is equal to all of last year. SWEET!!! PTA Board members were on hand the first week of school helping 6th graders with "melt downs". Students were glad to have help readily available. Principal Mrs. Elise Mosty. PTA President Jody Luna.



Garland ISD is gathering feedback from the community to help develop our strategic plan. We want to know what matters to you. Please make plans to attend one of the **Educational Summit Meetings** and share your vision for Garland ISD.



6-8 p.m.
Curtis Culwell Center ballroom
4999 Naaman Forest Blvd • Garland, TX 75040



6-8 p.m.
Lakeview Centennial High School auditorium
3505 Hayman Dr • Garland, TX 75043



6-8 p.m.
Rowlett High School auditorium
4700 President George Bush Turnpike • Rowlett, TX 75088

In addition, an online survey will also be available online from **November 11 - December 4**

Tradition Rich

GARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Instructions: Please type or print clearly in black or blue ink (do not use pencil). This form must be completed in its entirety. If additional space is needed, please continue onto the back or a separate sheet of paper and clearly mark with your full name.

Please submit your entry and this form to your PTA by _____

Grade _____
Gender []M []F
Grade Division: [] Primary: preschool–grade 2, [] Intermediate: grades 3–5, [] Middle/Junior: grades 6–8, [] High School: grades 9–12, [] Special Artist *
Arts Area (check one): [] Dance Choreography, [] Film Production, [] Literature, [] Musical Composition, [] Photography, [] Visual Arts

* Please refer to the Special Artist Guidelines if you believe your entry qualifies for this division. Special Artist entrants should select both their grade division and the Special Artist box.

Required Title of Work: _____

Required Artist Statement:

Explain how your work relates to the theme. (At least 10 words Max 100 words)

[] See attached (Please print your name on any attached sheets.)

REQUIRED INFORMATION

Did you use film, music or photo editing software?

[]yes []no []N/A If so, which software? _____

Do you have background music?

[] yes []no []N/A Title, Composer, and Performer _____

Visual Art: Describe the medium (crayons, oil on canvas, etc.)

Photography: Location/Date of shot _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

First name _____ Last name _____
Student Address 1 _____ Student Address 2 _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Parent Phone (____) _____ Parent E-mail _____
Campus Name _____ School District Name _____
PTA Chair Name _____ PTA Chair Email _____

I grant to PTA an irrevocable, unlimited license to display, copy, sell, sublicense, publish, and create and sell derivative works from, my work submitted for the Reflections Program. PTA is not responsible for lost or damaged works. Entries may not be returned. I understand that I must participate in the Reflections Program through a PTA/PTSA in good standing. I affirm that this is my own original work. I understand that the submission of my entry into the Reflections Program constitutes acceptance of the above conditions.

Full Signature of student _____ Signature of parent/legal guardian (necessary if child is under 18 years) _____

This area may be used to provide specific details for your school's Reflections program.

Suggested information:

- [] How to access guidelines and forms
[] Location to submit Reflections entries
[] Timeline of events, (judging, announcements, exhibit, ceremony, etc.)

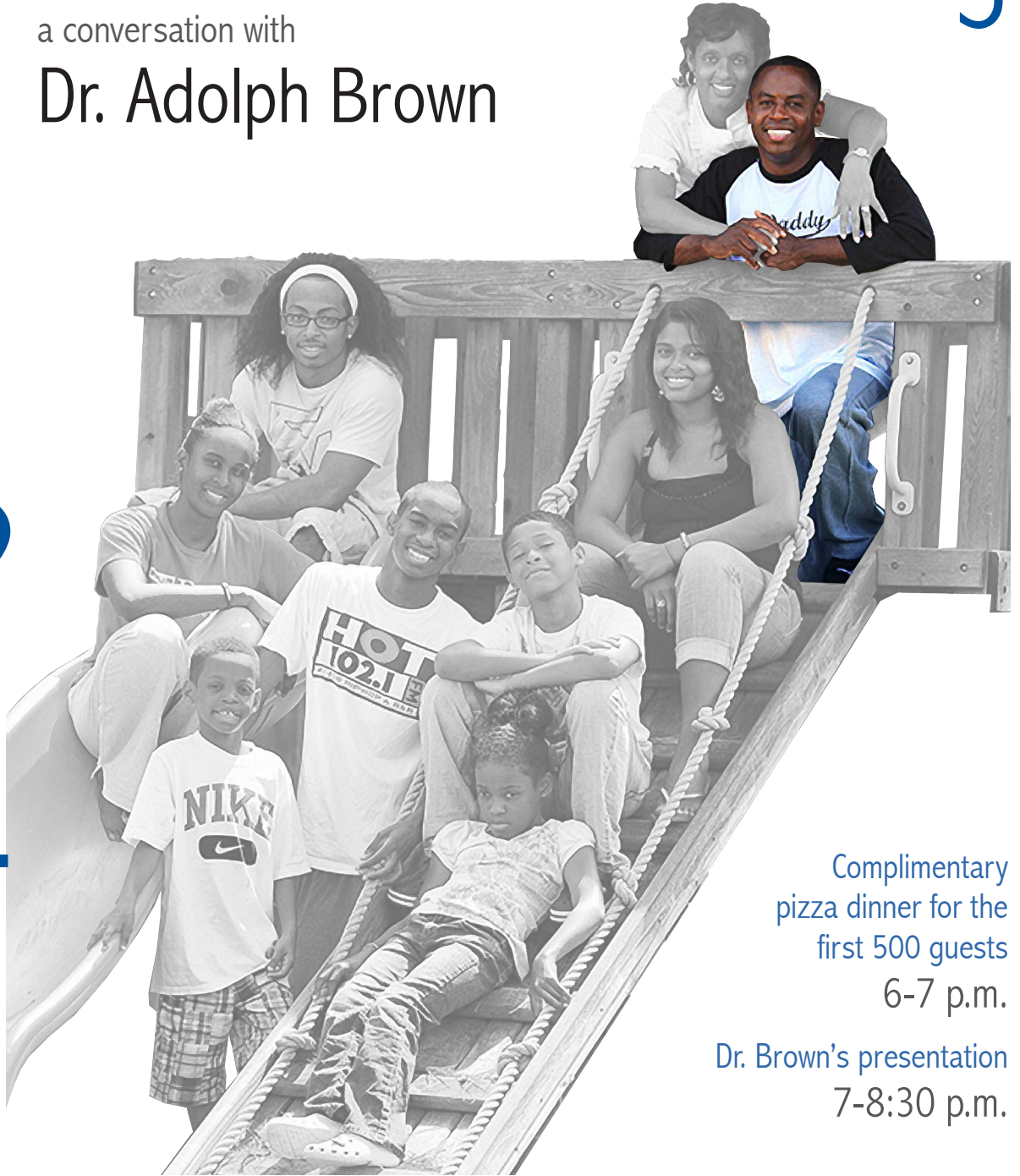
If you are a parent or student downloading this form, please contact your PTA to ensure they do not have any additional information regarding the Reflections program.

An Inspiring Journey

to Practical Parenting

a conversation with

Dr. Adolph Brown



Complimentary
pizza dinner for the
first 500 guests
6-7 p.m.

Dr. Brown's presentation
7-8:30 p.m.

Naaman Forest High School
Monday, January 13, 2014

Garland High School
Tuesday, January 14, 2014

North Garland High School
Wednesday, January 15, 2014

South Garland High School
Thursday, January 16, 2014

Rowlett High School
Monday, February 10, 2014

Lakeview Centennial High School
Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Sachse High School
Wednesday, February 12, 2014



PICTURED: Dr. Adolph Brown with his family

GISD COUNCIL OF PTAs

Monthly Outstanding PTA Activity Guidelines

Rodney Rowan, Council Outstanding PTA Chairman, rodney.rowan@coldwellbanker.com

During the school year, the Council PTA sponsors a monthly “Outstanding PTA” awards program. The program not only allows local PTAs to let their light shine and earn recognition for their work, but it also allows us to share successful strategies and ideas with the other local PTAs in the school district.

Entries can be mailed, delivered in person, or emailed. The guidelines are pretty simple:

- Complete the Entry Cover Form with general contact information for your PTA and your campus, and include with your entry.
- Write a description of your PTA’s activity that includes the information listed on the Outstanding PTA Award Application attached.
- A maximum of 300 words, handwritten or typed will be accepted.
- Please do not use your PTA name within the text (all PTA names are covered for judging)
- If you have copies of flyers, programs, photos, etc. to support your entry, please feel free to include. However, do not send “one of a kind” items, as they will not be returned.

Your PTA may submit only one entry per month - but you are not limited to a timeframe for any given entry. For example, a program from the end of one school year can be submitted at the beginning of the next school year.

Judges will consider the originality of idea, participation of parents, staff, and students, as well as community involvement. Keep the Objects of PTA in mind as you plan the entry.

During the annual PTA Spring Luncheon, scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2013, the Council will present “Outstanding PTA of the Year” awards. Your PTA must enter at least three (3) monthly contests during the 2012-13 school year to be eligible to submit an entry for the **Outstanding PTA of the Year**.

Outstanding PTA for month of:	Entry Submission Deadline - 5 p.m. on	Winner announced at Council meeting in
September 2013	September 25, 2013	October 2013
October 2013	October 30, 2013	November, 2013
November 2013	November 27, 2013	December 2013
December 2013	January 29, 2014	February 2014
January 2014	January 29, 2014	February 2014
February 2014	February 26, 2014	March 2014
March 2014	March 26, 2014	April 2014

GISD Council of PTAs Monthly Outstanding PTA Activity Entry Form & Cover

Email entries to:
Rodney.Rowan@ColdwellBanker.com

OR

Mail to:
Rodney Rowan
109 E. Rio Grande
Garland, TX 75041

Date Submitted:	
Date of Activity:	
Title of Activity:	
School Name:	
School Principal's Name:	
PTA Name:	
Name of PTA President:	
President Phone:	
President Email:	
Submitted By:	
Submitter's Phone:	
Submitter's Email:	
Name of Person(s) Organizing Event:	

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Monthly Outstanding PTA Activity Entry

(attach to Entry Cover Form!)

Award Application for Month of:	
Title of Activity :	
Date of Activity:	
Number of Participants:	
Description of Activity: 300 word maximum (Use additional sheet if necessary) <i>Please include copies of invitations, photos, drawings, etc., that will help others visualize your event!</i>	
Name of Speaker(s), if any	
What did you like best about activity?	
What would you change?	
Comments from students, parents, staff:	

Be informed.

Be active.

Be your kid's biggest fan.

Be PTA.

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