

Dear Salyers Family,

The Salyers PTO Board hopes that the school year has been a good one for you and your family. We wanted to take a moment and write to you about our year and offer the chance for you to get involved for the 2012-2013 school year. While it is months away, the planning for next school year starts now and we are in need of some fresh ideas and wonderful volunteers.

With the many budget cuts that Spring ISD had to make, PTO dedicated it's time, effort and funds on creating additional education opportunities for our students and providing supplies for the school to use. We wanted to highlight some of the activities PTO has been involved with throughout the year.

At the beginning of the school year, PTO sponsored its annual back to school teacher appreciation breakfast for the teachers and staff and provided gift cards for the teachers to use at a local teacher supply store. In addition, we purchased copy paper for each grade level so they could begin the school year with the necessary resources in place to provide our students the necessary copies for practice and activities. Without the paper donation our students would not be able to have all the necessary resources they need to learn.

In September, PTO raised funds and school spirit through the sale of Salyers t-shirts that the kids and teachers can wear to school each Friday throughout the year. As you aware, we also held our annual cookie dough fundraiser.

PTO held the annual Family Fun Night in October. While this event is a fundraiser, it is also a great night for the community to get together and have fun. Our kids enjoy this event so much and without the support of the Salyers Family and area businesses we could not make this event happen. We need many volunteers to help us start planning the 2012-2013 Fall Family Fun Night. A lot of time and effort goes into planning this event so the more volunteers the better.

In November we arranged to have author and former NASA Flight Controller, Marianne Dyson, speak to the entire student body about her experiences with the space program.

In December, we provided each child a book and a holiday craft that was completed in their classrooms. We also purchased embroidered polo shirts to be worn by the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Choir and Tone Chimes when performing at competitions and concerts. These shirts will be used by the music department in future years. In addition, the shirts were worn at our annual event in December where all grades levels sang at the Barnes and Noble at Woodland mall and many students had their artwork on display.

Late in February, PTO purchased a new set of soccer goals to be used by Coach V during his lessons on soccer.

In March, we supplemented the supply of document display cameras to be used in the classrooms so teachers can project student work, picture books, and magnify questions to show strategies. We also hosted the Houston Museum of Natural Science in March. They presented their Earth Science program "Know Your Rocks" to all 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes and gave each child their own polished, gemstone. The Museum also presented their Life Science program "Wildlife On Wheels: Vertebrates" to grades Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Every child had the opportunity to touch an amphibian, reptile, bird, and mammal!

In May, we will provide additional support for Field Day as well as provide an appreciation lunch for our hardworking teachers and staff at the end of the school year.

We have also continued to host monthly restaurant nights throughout the school year to raise funds and contribute to both school and community spirit. We want to express our appreciation to all those who have demonstrated their school spirit and support of both Salyers and local restaurants by attending these events.

Lastly, we would be remiss if we didn't thank all of you who have contributed to the box top fundraiser throughout the year!

The PTO Board members all have full time jobs outside of being on the Board and while we know that everyone has busy schedules with jobs, afterschool activities, etc. we encourage each of you to become an active participant in PTO. It is an extremely rewarding experience both for you and your children to see their parent with such an active role in their school life.

We are currently seeking nominations for all positions: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Parliamentary, Teacher Appreciation Chair, Fundraising Chair, Restaurant Night Chair, and Family Fun Night Chair. Please submit your nomination to [salyerspto@yahoo.com](mailto:salyerspto@yahoo.com) by Friday, April 27, 2012.

If you are not interested in running for a position, we encourage you to still consider joining PTO and donate a few hours of your time monthly to the various events/functions PTO supports.

Sincerely,

Salyers PTO Board