



# Roan Forest Elementary PTA Newsletter October 2010



## Message from the Principal

Dear Trailblazers,

We have many activities planned for October! Please mark your calendar carefully with all the special dates.

Very soon the 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents will receive information from the middle schools regarding the Elective Fair on October 12. Yes, our fifth graders complete their registration paperwork for middle school during the month of October! This procedure better ensures the campus staffing at the middle school level meets students' needs for course selections.

Here in "The Forest" we have settled into a routine and the students now know the procedures for the classroom. As your campus principal, I am focusing upon student engagement as I walk through the classes. In order for students to truly learn and understand a concept they must be highly engaged, i.e. talking to peers, hands-on activities, small groups, questioning, creating, justifying. Quality teaching incorporates frequent student engagement activities, which thereby promotes deeper levels of learning and the promotion of higher-order thinking skills.

Families can support our efforts by checking your child's folder each night and encouraging your child to read 20 minutes each evening. Your child's wellness is linked to their ability to learn. Please continue to be mindful of the food and drink they intake each day and promote physical activity. Did you know that physical movement and exercise increases brain activity by approximately 10%?

As always, please contact me throughout the year to share how your child is progressing and any needs you may have. It is a pleasure to work in "The Forest!"

For the Kids,  
Melissa Alcala, Ed.D.

## Message from the PTA President

Welcome to October! Your PTA has many exciting events coming up this month. It amazes me at how much we have planned for our kids at Roan Forest! The success of our programs at Roan Forest requires an enormous effort on the part of our volunteers and I would like to thank all of you for your continued dedication and support of our school.

If you HAVE NOT YET JOINED THE PTA, please consider joining. Your membership shows that you are supporting our school and the programs that the PTA brings to Roan Forest. Membership is a very reasonable \$6.00. If you would like to show your support by joining, please send in your membership dues in an envelope marked "PTA Membership." For each PTA membership, you will receive one "homework pass." For those of you, who have already joined, thank you!

As I mentioned, we have many events coming up this month – Red Ribbon Week, Career Day, Reflections, Box Tops Contest and Walkathon, to name a few. I am always impressed by the level of enthusiasm of our parents and grandparents at these events! This year, with our school being smaller, we are in need of more volunteers and I would once again

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## October Dates

**Oct 4-8**

Book Fair

**Oct 5**

PTA Meeting at 6 pm

**Oct 11**

STUDENT HOLIDAY

**Oct 12**

Middle School  
Elective Fair

**Oct 14**

Chuck E Cheese's Night

**Oct 15**

Pollock Parent Preview

**Oct 19**

KSAT/IMAK magnet  
schools visit 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Oct 22**

First Nine-Weeks ends,  
Reflections Deadline &  
Career Day

**Oct 23**

Strings Clinic & Concert  
@ Johnson HS.

**Oct 24-28**

Art Smart Week &  
Red Ribbon Week

**Oct 26**

Picture retakes

**Oct 29**

Walk-A-Thon  
for Tech Tools

**Oct 30**

District Cross-Country  
Meet at RF

invite you to become involved!

There are many ways you can get involved! Please make sure you look at the PTA website and if you see something that interests you, contact the respective chair and ask how you can help!

I think we all will agree on one thing for sure! Roan Forest is a special place for our children where incredible things happen! Get involved and come share in the "magic" with us!

Warm Regards,

Amber White

PTA President, Roan Forest Elementary

2010-2011

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## Library News

The library is in full swing now. All classes have been coming to the library and checking out books. We have had Book Care procedures and Library Orientation for all classes. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders have begun checking out Bluebonnet Books. Check out the Texas Bluebonnet website - <http://www.txla.org/TBA>.

The Book Fair will be October 4-8 with hours 8:00-3:30. The Book Fair will be open late Tuesday, October 5 until 7:00. The proceeds from the Book Fair directly benefit the students. The money received from the Book Fair funds guest authors, presenters, and special programs throughout the year.

Book Fair books make great holiday gifts! Tax is not included in the book prices. Please add tax – 8.125%. Thank you!



## Box Tops for Education

Hey Roan Forest!

We are getting Batty for Box Tops!



Get ready for our first Box Tops Classroom Contest! Collect and send in your box tops from home. The contest will last from October 1<sup>st</sup> to October 18<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be given for the top dollar amount for each grade level! So clip, save, and send in those box tops.

Hint: if you fill up your Bat sheet you can always send in more box tops in a Ziplock baggy. Have fun and let the contest begin.

Questions? Contact Michelle Koskie at [chellemrk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chellemrk@sbcglobal.net)

## A WORD FROM THE NURSE

Peggy Mahan, RN, BSN

On **Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**, Boerne Acute Care Center and Little Spurs Pediatric Urgent Care will once again be conducting a Flu Clinic at Roan Forest. The clinic is scheduled from 7:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. They will be offering the nasal FluMist as well as the Flu shot vaccines. FluMist is recommended over the Flu shot for healthy people aged 2 to 49 who do not have any chronic health problems. Please refer to the CDC's information sheets that were sent home with students on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are not sure if your child is eligible to receive FluMist or have other questions or concerns, please contact Maria Meagher at 210-889-2112 or your private healthcare provider.

The cost per vaccination is \$25 for the shot and \$35 for the nasal FluMist. If you would like your child to participate, please send the completed forms and payment with your child on the day of the clinic. Parents, siblings and grandparents are also welcome to get vaccinated as long as their Flu vaccine supply is not limited.

Thank you for choosing to prevent the spread of influenza!! And remember the **3 C's**; **C**lean your hands, **C**over your coughs and sneezes, and **C**ontain your cold or flu, stay home and rest.



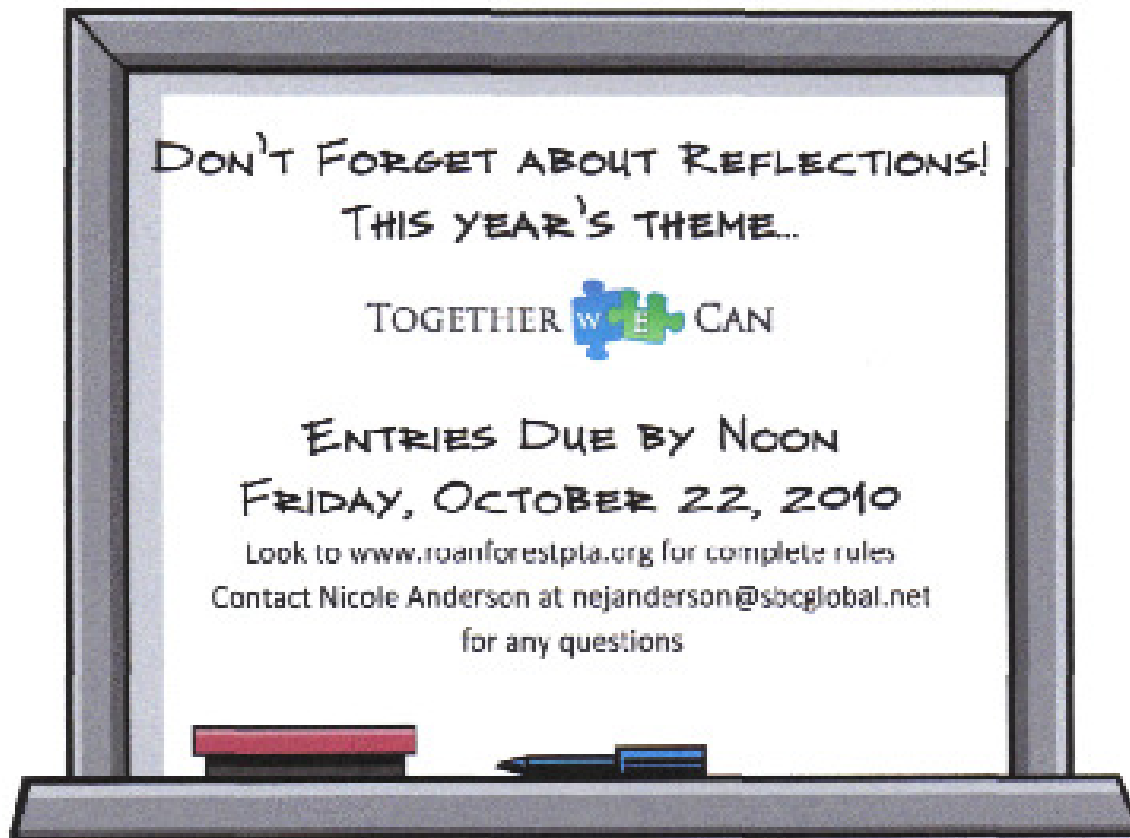
**Family Night at Chuck E Cheese's**

**Thursday, October 14, 2010**

**3:00p.m.-9:00p.m.**

Come join us for a fun family night and Roan Forest will receive a portion of the proceeds.

Chuck E. Cheese will also be coming to Roan Forest during the school day to visit our students.



## Roan Forest Career Day

Friday, October 22, 2010

8:00-11:00a.m.

Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> will have the opportunity to hear speakers discuss their exciting careers. Members of our community will represent numerous careers, from local news anchorpersons, veterinarians, coaches, artists, firefighters and retail managers. The students will have a chance to visit with several community leaders and find out what it takes to achieve that particular career and what the daily responsibilities are for that person. Career Day is an opportunity to incorporate the CHAMPS model currently being used by Roan Forest to teach our children about positive virtues and character building that numerous community leaders hold.



# Roan Forest PTA Trailblazer Trek 2010 October 29th



Mark your calendar for October 29 and join your child for an hour of fun! Trailblazer Trek (Walkathon) is our big PTA FUNdraiser to purchase special items needed by the school. This year we will be walking for "Technology Tools". In addition to pledges, we offer publicity to businesses that would like to sponsor a class for only \$100. Please let us know if you or your company can sponsor a class and help us bring much needed technology into our children's classrooms.

**\*\*Reminder\*\***To walk with your child you need to be DPS Background cleared

Look for more information in your child's backpack on October 12 or contact Michelle Noel at [mnoel@satx.rr.com](mailto:mnoel@satx.rr.com) for more information.

**We are Green in the Forest!**

This year, we are continuing our recycling of paper. Please drive around to the rear of the school to recycle your old newspapers, magazines and junk mail.

The collection bin is for PAPER ONLY, so please do not place plastic bottles or cans in the bin. You are making a difference! You are not only helping the environment, but our students as well, with money raised from our collection bin.

We also have paper recycling bins in every classroom, and in our offices and work-rooms. We would greatly appreciate **VOLUNTEERS** for the **PTA Environmental Committee** to gather paper from all of the recycling bins and take it to the large bin out back!

If you are interested in volunteering for the PTA Environmental Committee please contact our Environmental Committee Chair, Shafqat Shah Hernandez at [environmental@roanforestpta.org](mailto:environmental@roanforestpta.org).



## Red Ribbon Week



**Monday - Wear your favorite Slippers**

**Oct. 25th - Let's Stomp Out Drugs!**

*[Don't forget to bring your sneakers too]*

**Tuesday - Wear you favorite Team Jersey**

**Oct. 26th - Team up Against Drugs!**

**Wednesday - Wear a red shirt**

**Oct. 27th - In honor of Red Ribbon Day!**

**Thursday - Wear your favorite hat**

**Oct. 28th - Put a Cap on Drugs!**

**Friday - Wear your RF Spirit T-Shirt**

**Oct. 29th [Walk-a-thon Fund Raiser]**



# IT'S NOT TOO LATE

## There's Still Time to Join PTA!!

You will find a membership form in the Welcome Packet you received the first week of school. Join the roan forest PTA for the 2010-2011 school year for \$6 per adult. We strive to have each Trailblazer family a part of our membership. If you would like to join the PTA, please submit \$6 along with your name, address, email and phone number. Please put in an envelope and write "Attention PTA - Membership," or you may contact our Membership Chair, Daphne Evans, [membership@roanforestpta.org](mailto:membership@roanforestpta.org)

### Spirit Items



Newly Designed T-Shirts  
\$18 for Children's Sizes and  
\$22 for Adult Sizes

Stainless Steel  
Water Bottles  
\$10



Please send any orders in envelope labeled PTA Spirit Items. Checks should be made payable to Roan Forest PTA. For any questions, please email Susan at [spirititems@roanforestpta.org](mailto:spirititems@roanforestpta.org)

# Volunteer of the Month



**Kristy Pratt** is our volunteer of the month. (shown on right) Kristy serves as our Historian and has been very busy taking pictures at all of our events so far this year. Kristy also created the video for Ms. Wayne which most of you were able to view at the last PTA meeting. In addition to all of this, Kristy coordinated our first ever “official” bike rodeo last month which was a huge success! It is volunteers like Kristy that help make Roan Forest the great elementary school that it is!

## VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

We need a chairperson for the  
**Used Book Sale Committee**

If you are able to help, please contact  
**Amber at [president@roanforestpta.org](mailto:president@roanforestpta.org)**





## Don't Miss Out on Being in the Roan Forest Student Directory

Many families have already provided their information for the directory. If you did not get a chance to fill out the information in the *PTA Welcome Back Envelope* sent home at the beginning of the school year, you can still have your information included in the directory. **Print this form, fill it out, and return it with child's school work by Tuesday, October 12.**

Each year your Roan Forest PTA prints a directory for school use only. The directory is a valuable tool for you and other parents in your child's classroom. It offers easy access to school phone numbers and provides parent-approved contact information (e.g. phone numbers/addresses/E-Mails) for planning birthday parties, gaining updates on school work, or for scheduling play dates.

Please fill in the information that you want to have printed in the directory. Leave blank any line of information you rather not have printed.

Parent's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

If you have decided to be included in the directory, please fill in your child's name and teacher/grade so we can place your information in the appropriate areas.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your signature is required for the information you provided to be included in the directory.**

**Approval Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Each directory is only \$6. (You do not need to purchase a directory to be included.)**

Yes, I would like to order \_\_\_\_ directories. Directory Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .

Make check payable to **Roan Forest PTA**. Please staple your check to this form and return with your child's daily work folder.

**Deadline: Please return this form by Tuesday, October 12** to be included in the directory.

**Questions:** Call Tracy Hennigan at 210-497-1220 or E-Mail [tlhennigan@satx.rr.com](mailto:tlhennigan@satx.rr.com).



# Directory Tributes & Ads

## **Trailblazer Tributes are Available for All Grades**

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Families can highlight their son's or daughter's years at Roan Forest. All Tributes will be printed with black ink on white paper.

### **Size and Cost Per Tribute**

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1/3 Page	5" wide x 2.5" height	\$20	<b><u>Deadline for Tributes</u></b> <b>Tuesday, October 12</b>
1/2 Page	5" wide x 3.5" height	\$30	
Full Page	5" wide x 7" height	\$60	

### **Tribute Requirements**

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Please deliver your tribute electronically by e-mail to Tracy Hennigan at [tlhennigan@satx.rr.com](mailto:tlhennigan@satx.rr.com). The preferred format is in a "pdf." Please send your ad in black and white. Color ads will not reproduce clearly. Please design your tribute to the correct size with a border. No re-sizing of artwork will be provided by your PTA or by the printing company. Photos can be included, the clearer the photo the better it will reproduce.

### **Disclaimer**

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Acceptance and placement of the tributes will be up to the discretion of the Roan Forest PTA Fundraising Committee and the Roan Forest Administration. Tributes must be appropriate for elementary-aged children and their families.

### **Payment**

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Checks only. Make check payable to Roan Forest PTA. Payment needs to be received by October 12, 2010. Please send your check with your child or drop it off at the school office in an envelope to the attention of Tracy Hennigan – Directory.

## **Directory Ads Perfectly Target Roan Forest Families**

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**Let Our Ad Space Work for Your Business**

For more information about our ads, contact Tracy Hennigan at (210) 497-1220 or by e-mail at [tlhennigan@satx.rr.com](mailto:tlhennigan@satx.rr.com). We still have two great locations available to promote your business:

<b>Inside Front Cover</b>	5" wide x 7" height	\$200
<b>Inside Back Cover</b>	5" wide x 7" height	\$200

### **Deadline**

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**Tuesday, October 12, 2010**