



# Villa Teresa PTO News

DECEMBER 2009/JANUARY 2010

## HAPPY 2010 TO ALL!

### Notes from the President:

*What is the PTO doing for the remainder of the year?*

Most of our energies will be going into the Spring Soiree, our annual school auction. The Spring Soiree is April 24<sup>th</sup> and will be held at Remington Park. Do you have a talent for making phone calls and asking local businesses for donations? Are you interested in heading the decorations committee? Would you like to put together the auction booklet? Would you like to market the auction? If so, please join us for the kick off meeting following the PTO meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>. In honor of the Villa Teresa's 76<sup>th</sup> year of being a school, we decided at the kick off meeting in November for the soiree theme to be "Spirit of 76". Red, white and blue!

The PTO also helped during the Principal's Day! We bought Sr. Veronica a huge poinsettia and assisted with the organization of the day! In case you have not seen principal's appreciation day, all of the classes sneak into the main building and "surprise" Sr. Veronica. Sr. Veronica sits in her giraffe chair while each grade, and often each student, hand Sr. Veronica a card/gift and more often than not a hug. Warms the heart to see how much love they have for the Principal!

Thank you Kindergarten teachers for the wonderful celebration of Thanksgiving. Thank you for going above and beyond in making the Thanksgiving meal a wonderful memory.

The PTO Officers are considering a central location (bulletin board in the main building) for posting all PTO volunteer opportunities. What are your thoughts?

We hope all of the families have enjoyed the wonderful Christmas program. Thank you Sr. Ha, Mrs. Hill, Sr. Loan and all of the other staff that I am forgetting to thank. It was an impressive event!

Thank you to Beautification Committee: Juliette Hulén, Kelli Bass, Whit Bass and Rachel Metzler for putting up the Christmas decorations. Awesome job!

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and support for Liz Wilson and her family, Mrs. Matzek and Mandy Young. Your support and caring is not only impressive, but comforting. Reason number 10,001 for sending our children to VTS. Thank you Jen Stephens, Chair of the Sunshine committee, for organizing the volunteers and delivering flowers!! Thank you!

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Report Cards	1/8
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Johnnies	1/17
Irmas	1/19

## Fundraising Opportunities

**Donating Time and Talent** - We have encouraged the teachers and staff to think of ways that we parents can help them with our time and talents in lieu of donations.

**Box Tops!** Mrs. McKinley has taken over the role of box top coordinator for our school. She provides updates at each meeting. This is such a simple way to earn money for the school. Each box top provide 10¢ for our school. In the past we have collected hundreds of dollars worth of box tops. Each classroom has a zip lock bag labeled box tops, this is where you put them now. You do not need to label the box tops with your child's name. The classroom that have the highest number of boxtops will win a fruit snack party! You can access information about box tops and coupons for items with box tops at <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>.

**Campbells Soup Labels** - Remove the entire label, including the UPC code, from your Campbell's soup cans and place in the soup label bin in the main building.

**Eat Out and Help Villa Teresa** - Irma's night is now the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month (1/19). Johnnie's night is always the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (1/17).

**Shop at HOMELAND** - Associate your HOMELAND shopper card with the VTS code 61119, and we will earn money with every purchase.

**Target Red Card** - Designate Villa Teresa as the school for your Target Red Card and proceeds will come back to the school.

## Volunteer Hours Opportunities

**PLEASE NOTE:** When volunteering for events, Sr. Veronica has asked that families sign in at the main office. Sr. Veronica likes to know who volunteered so she can formally thank you for helping the school!

### JANUARY 25

**Faculty Meeting** - We always need volunteers for after-school care during the staff faculty meeting.

## Spaghetti and Sisters

In honor of Catholic Schools Week the PTO will be sponsoring a "Spaghetti and Sisters" dinner at VTS, which will be held February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be accepting donations for a fabulous, home cooked spaghetti, garlic bread and a side salad dinner. We will give all of the money raised will be divided amongst teachers, PE, library and art. Teachers and staff will be able to dine for free.

## OKC Memorial Kids Marathon

Amy Foreman is interested in helping to facilitate VTS participation in the OKC Memorial Kids Marathon. The kids marathon cost \$5 per child participating in the event; Adults or older siblings cost \$15 to run with the child day of the event. Amy will be open to training children for the OKC Memorial Marathon starting at the end of Jan. or beginning of February. If you are interested, you can contact Amy by email at [amos077@aol.com](mailto:amos077@aol.com) or her Facebook page.

## VTS PTO Facebook Page

**101!** We now have 101 members of the Friends of VTS PTO web page! I have gone through the handbook and used those emails to invite individuals to join. If you are a Facebook member, please look us up and become a member. It is a closed group, with the content only available to members. In order to be a member, a member of the administration (PTO officers and Sr. Veronica) would need to approve the request.

### Reminder - Facebook Guidelines

This site is an interactive tool intended for fellow parents to come together online and communicate by posting information, news and events regarding Villa Teresa School. This document is intended to establish a publication and content policy and is subject to change based on the priority of the page and its support for the school. All content including postings, video, photos and events must relate directly to Villa Teresa School. Content should be direct, student/parent-oriented and sensitive to tone and its audience. All photos and video must adhere to the existing media policy for VTS found in the Parent and Student Handbook. The party posting photos or video must take full responsibility for its content and the media should not be re-posted, printed or tagged without the owner's permission. The group is to remain closed to the public meaning its content can only be seen by active members until further notice. The Friends of Villa Teresa PTO page will be monitored by its administrators frequently to ensure that all content is relative, informative and respectful to its members.

## Spring Spruce

We will begin organizing a spring spruce in late March/early April! Start working with your classroom teachers and make notes on how you think we can beautify VTS in preparation for Open House in April. Last year we re-did the front beds, mulched, planted, painted, weeded, trimmed trees, etc. If you thought the wood chip extravaganza was fun...you will be even more excited about spring spruce up!

## Campbells Soup Labels

Kathy Johnson, our soup label chair, had both good news and bad news for us. There were probably well over a thousand labels already in the collection container. The bad news is less than half of them are usable. It appears the items we need to submit for credit is the UPC code from the label. Unfortunately, hundreds of soup labels have been trimmed to include only the "face" of the can wrapper. Without the UPC code, the labels simply go into my recycle bin. She suggested tearing off the entire label and placing it in the soup label bin in the main building.

## Guitar Lessons

In case you have not noticed the signs around school, we will be offering guitar lessons in the new year! Please contact sign up in the front building.

## Teacher Appreciation

Teacher appreciation activities have been divided by grade this year. During November, it was the second graders turn to host the teacher appreciation activities. A huge thank you goes to Paula Gander and Stacy Nix for organizing goodie bags, a pizza lunch, and movie buckets for all of the teachers and staff! Thank you second grade parents for your contributions to this successful event!

## Past Fundraisers

**Scholastic Book Fair** - Thank you Carol Alexander and Constance Burris for the fabulous book fair. The first annual "muffins with grandparents" seemed to be a huge success. Thank you to all of the volunteers for helping during the book fair. Our profits this year were \$700 more than last year.

**Square One Art** - Thank you again goes to Alethea Montgomery and her work on the Square One Art fundraiser. The quality of the product was amazing! We earned \$1,200 through the fundraiser. I think it is a "keeper".

## Healthy Together Committee

Our healthy together committee, chaired by Leslie Saenz and Theresa Seitz, will be meeting in the new year.

## VTS Car Clings

VTS car clings have arrived! Each family will receive one in the mail and should have received one before the holidays! We approved \$500 to be spent at the November PTO meeting and we ordered enough for current families, alumni and supporters of VTS. Yeah!

## Ms. Angela's LC-3 News

Don't forget, you can find out more about Ms. Angela's LC-3 classroom through her web site at: <http://sites.google.com/a/villateresaschool.com/pink-flamingos/>.

## Snow Tubing

Please join us in thanking the Oklahoma City Community Foundation who provided VTS with over 300 passes for an afternoon of snow tubing at the Brick!! What a wonderful afternoon!



## Villa Sports

We also had our first soccer banquet at Irma's on November 12<sup>th</sup>. We exceeded the capacity of Irma's. Thank you to all of the families for your patience during that evening. While it was chaotic, the spirit was grand and the children seemed to have a wonderful time!! Oh, to live life through the eyes of a child! Thank you Amanda Putnam for organizing the event! Each child who played soccer received a medal. Irma's donated 5% of the proceeds from that evening back to VTS which is now a part of the funds for Athletics!

A huge thank you goes to Trisha Angiolillo, VTS Athletic Sports Director, for your hard work organizing basketball season. We have 8 basketball teams playing through the Christian Basketball Youth Association! Hooray! Some of the children are currently wearing soccer uniforms, so Dr. Calvin Johnson from the Oklahoma Sports Science & Orthopedics has offered to donate \$800 to Villa Teresa towards new basketball uniforms. We can purchase about 40 uniforms with this money. Thank you Dr. Johnson!



# Thank You!

We would like to show our gratitude to the following businesses who have helped Villa with donations for our Fall Carnival. Without them, we would not have the great success that we did.

### PREMIER JEWELRY

Amanda Allen

### VELVET MONKEY SALON

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### PLAZA DOLLAR

### SCENTSY CAR CANDLES

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### PLAZA DISTRICT COFFEE SHOP

### CUPPIES AND JOE

### PUTNAM WINES AND SPIRITS

### MCNELLIES

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1492

### BROWN'S BAKERY

### EARL'S BBQ

### MEXICASA

### TIFFANY KEITZ

Speech Therapist

### B&M CLEANERS

### SARA SARA CUPCAKES

### USA BABY

### BEATNIX

### LISA O'HANLAN

### MIDTOWN DELI

### 42ND STREET CANDY CO

### RED CARPET

### HEY DAY

### IRMA'S MIDTOWN

### THE FROST FAMILY

### THE BITTLE FAMILY

### THE METZLER FAMILY

### ACME PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR

### ROSE ROCK BANK

# MONTHLY BOX TOPS



The box tops were collected December 15, 2009 and the total resulted in 483 box tops. Mrs. Herd's class moved up from 7<sup>th</sup> place to 5<sup>th</sup> place, Ms. Angela's class moved from 18<sup>th</sup> place to 16<sup>th</sup> place, and Mrs. Vann's class moved from 16<sup>th</sup> place to 14<sup>th</sup> place. The classes of Mrs. Balloon and Mrs. Valentour are tied for 13<sup>th</sup> place. Sr. Loan's class turned in the most box tops this month with 119 box tops and will receive the fruit snacks for December. Great job, Sr. Loan's class!

The class totals are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> McKinley..... 913	6 <sup>th</sup> Hill ..... 247	11 <sup>th</sup> Schroeder (Rikki)..... 143	16 <sup>th</sup> Hernandez, H.. 107
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sr. Ha..... 594	7 <sup>th</sup> Lewis..... 246	12 <sup>th</sup> Walsh ..... 127	17 <sup>th</sup> Hernandez, A.... 81
3 <sup>rd</sup> Matzek..... 440	8 <sup>th</sup> Sr. Mary Francis..... 231	13 <sup>th</sup> Balloon ..... 125	18 <sup>th</sup> Um (Ellen) ..... 75
4 <sup>th</sup> Sr. Loan ..... 367	9 <sup>th</sup> Bicks ..... 208	13 <sup>th</sup> Valentour ..... 125	
5 <sup>th</sup> Herd..... 252	10 <sup>th</sup> Ciupak..... 148	15 <sup>th</sup> Vann ..... 120	

As you can see by the totals, many classes are within 2-10 box tops to move up to a different ranking. Please continue to look for box tops on products in your home.

The next box top collection will be Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

Another way to help Villa Teresa is to sign up to be a Box Top Booster. Just visit the website ([www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)). Box Tops will not sell or give your email address to any companies. By becoming a Booster, you can access the progress of the collections and receive recipe tips, coupons, and other information. Your support is needed!

Thank you for your support!

Carol McKinley---Box Top Coordinator

## DECEMBER EVENTS



# Villa People

We are going to offer newsletter space for families, teachers and staff to advertise their companies and talents. Examples include; guitar lessons, plumbing services, painting, roofing, construction, beauty services, etc. Please contact Beth DeGrace ([beth-degrace@ouhsc.edu](mailto:beth-degrace@ouhsc.edu)) with the name, description and contact information and we will include it in the upcoming newsletter.

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**Kathy Johnson**

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# Teacher & Staff Wish Lists

## Ms Emily (LC3)

**HR Parent: Melanie Stucky**

Play-doh  
Water toys (for water center)  
Sand toys (for sand center)  
Bag of Sand  
Dress-up outfits  
New baby dolls  
Food & dishes for kitchen  
Stencils (letters, numbers & shapes)  
Science & math games

## Ms Angela (LC3)

**HR Parent: Theresa Seitz**

Play-doh  
Music CD  
Music toys (for music center)  
Soft toys  
Dramatic play clothes  
Dishes (for kitchen center)  
Baby dolls  
Barbies with clothes  
Barbies for boys  
Toys for boy (any)

## Ms Marilyn (LC3)

**HR Parent: Kelly Goebel**

## Ms Hope (LC3)

**HR Parent: Kelli Bass**

Reams of color copy paper  
Play-doh  
Wooden (golf size) beads  
ABC Sing-a-long CD  
Puzzles for 2 & 3 yr olds

## Ms Ellen (LC3)

**HR Parent: Susan Kane**

Kitchen sink  
Cups and board  
Baby dolls  
Dress up clothes  
Play-doh  
Dress up shoes for girls  
Clothes' hanger  
Cars  
Trucks  
Trains

## Mrs Balloon (LC4)

**HR Parents: Trasey Gipson**

**Joleen Harris**

**Melissa Simmons**

Gift cards: WalMart, Target,  
Michael's, Mardel, Lakeshore  
Circle/group time rug  
Access to internet

## Ms Mary (LC4)

**HR Parent: Amber Frost**

DS236 - Giant dancing scarves  
TC172 - Moon sand (3 pkgs of  
5 lbs ea)

RA503 - Magna cars & trucks

BT750 - Bristle block starter set

LC1415 - 15 player rhythm set

DD544 - Play all around dollhouse  
furniture

DD658 - Super safe magnifiers

PX2128 - Liquid tempera (1 gallon,  
all colors)

*All items are from 2008 Lakeshore  
catalog*

## Sr Mary Frances (LC 4)

**HR Parent: Amanda Putman**

Treasures for the treasure box

Floor puzzles

Music cd's

Tinker toys and legos

Finger paint

Stickers

Calendar numbers

## Ms Rikki (LC4)

**HR Parent: Diana Pierce**

**Keena Hargrove**

Books by Eric Carle or any that  
refer to shapes/numbers/  
alphabet/emotions

# Teacher & Staff Wish Lists

## Mrs Hill (K)

**HR Parent: Lara Ragland  
Kathy Johnson**

Dress up clothes  
Old uniforms  
Shoes  
Board games  
Movement cd's  
Up to date pocket chart and stand

## Sr Ha (K)

**HR Parent: Amy Foreman  
Leslie Saenz**

## Ms McKinley (K)

**HR Parent: Judith Munai  
Donna Nguyen**

Unifix cubes  
Teddy bear counters  
Puzzles  
Building blocks (legos/lincoln logs, tinkertoys)  
Gift cards to WalMart, Lakeshore, Mardels  
Dress-up clothes  
Kitchen/tool bench/anything for dramatic play  
(2) Pkgs - Expo markers  
Velcro  
Counters (2 color), clear, checkers

## Sr Loan (1st)

**HR Parent: Brandi Salsman**  
Non-jammed stapler  
Tape refills  
Dollar Tree gift card

## Ms Herd (1st)

**HR Parent: Linda Aker**  
Clorox disinfecting wipes  
White copy paper  
Board games  
Non-fiction books

## Mrs Bicks (2nd)

**HR Parent: Paula Gander**  
Electric Stapler  
Any Frog and Toad books  
Storage shelves  
Jan Brett Books  
Headphones  
Books on tape with three books of the story  
Gift cards to Dollar General, Walmart  
Hand sanitizer  
Clorox wipes  
Card stock paper

## Mrs Matzek (2nd)

**HR Parent: Stacy Nix**  
Listening center - books, player, tapes, earphones, computer programs for second grade level  
Magnets and experimental items, science center,  
Books - easy readers - for reading at DEAR time

## Mrs Valentour (3rd)

**HR Parent: Thy Nguyen**  
Computer cd's for math, reading & language arts

## Ms Ciupak (4th)

**HR Parent: Stacy Lewis,  
Kelly Ashworth  
Wlenyeno Browne**

Carpet for Reading Area  
Bean bag chairs (1-5)  
Pillows  
Computer - new or gently used  
Flat screen monitor  
Small podium  
Water pitcher with filter  
Mavis Beacon typing software  
Small kneeler - 2x4 covered & padded

## Ms Sofia (Spanish)

Spanish book for kids  
Bilingual books for kids

## Ms Nancy

Access to internet

## PE

Scented stamp pads  
Reward stickers  
Upbeat children exercise music  
Fun stamps

