

Happy 2010 to all!

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 24th 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 12th. In honor of the Villa Teresa's 76th 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!

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!

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.

We also had our first soccer banquet at Irma's on November 12th. 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!

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.

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

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

101! We now have 101 members of the Friends of VTS PTO webpage! 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.

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!

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”.

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.

Upcoming activities for the PTO. During January, the PTO will be sponsoring the teacher appreciation activity. We decided to host a “Spaghetti and Sisters” dinner at VTS. 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.

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 extravaganze was fun...you will be even more excited about spring spruce up ☺

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 & Orthopaedics 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!

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!

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.

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