

# Villa Teresa PTO News



NOVEMBER 2009

## HAPPY NOVEMBER!

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>PTO Meeting</b>	<b>11/10</b>
<b>Spring Soiree Meeting</b>	<b>11/10</b>
<b>Irmas</b>	<b>11/10</b>
<b>Soccer Banquet at Irmas</b>	<b>11/12</b>
<b>Johnnies</b>	<b>11/15</b>

### Notes from the President:

We feel so incredibly blessed to be surrounded by the generous and giving families here at Villa Teresa. For each PTO sponsored event this month we had large numbers of families attend and provide support. We had a lot to accomplish and most of the work was dirty, tiring, time consuming, and potentially frustrating. However, I witnessed families getting together to support the school and make the school an even better place for our children. Inspiring!

We also just finished our Fall Carnival. Please join me in thanking Amber and Matt Frost who spent endless days and nights working on the carnival.

Also, please thank the following committee chairs:

*Games:* Joleen Harris, Rachel Metzler, Amanda Putnam & Kelli Bass

*Food:* Kelly Cavendar & Emily Scott

*Haunted House:* Sherry Schmitt, Charlene Garren and Jerry Cusic

*Decorations:* Beth DeGrace

*Acquisitions:* Kate McDaniel and Stacy Lewis

*Publicity:* Tracy George and Sr. Veronica

*Punch Card Sales and Pre-Ticketed Items:* Diana Bittle

*Security:* Kelly Cavendar

We want to thank all of the parents for your help donating items for the carnival baskets, baked goods, lollipops and sodas. Thank you for being so generous and flexible with volunteering your time to man the activities. Although we had intended to have a dunk tank, it was too difficult to move from the Little Flower church to Villa Teresa. Nuts...but maybe next year. Thank you to Mitchell, Mary Lewis, Aaron Duncan, Gwendolyn Hill & Bridget Bicks for volunteering to be dunked.

We welcome any comments on how to improve the carnival. This year, based upon feedback from last year, we started the punch cards vs. individual tickets. Also, rather than having parents purchase trinkets for the carnival the PTO purchased the trinkets. All of your feedback regarding the carnival is welcomed – the good and what could be done to improve the experience for all.

## 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! Congratulations Sr. Ha for being the September winner! You can access information about box tops and coupons for items with box tops at <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>.

**Drink Pouch and Cookie Bag Collections-** We are no longer doing the Capri Sun drink and cookie drink bags fundraiser. It turned out to be a messy and bug attracting activity.

**Eat Out and Help Villa Teresa** - Irma's night is always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month (11/10). Johnnie's night is always the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (11/15).

**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!

### NOVEMBER 17

**Faculty Training** - We need volunteers for after-school care during the staff training meeting.

### NOVEMBER 30

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

## Villa Wear

With winter fast approaching you or your child may be in need of Villa Teresa Winter Gear. We have long sleeve T-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies all coming in navy blue and gray. Order forms are available in the front office or feel free to e-mail me at [socialauditor@gmail.com](mailto:socialauditor@gmail.com).

## Cookbook

Last year we created a Villa Teresa Cookbook. These books make great gifts for family, friends, and co-workers. There are numerous yummy recipes that are good for the upcoming holiday season or anytime. Cookbooks are available in the front office for the low price of \$10.

## Fall Fundraiser

We delivered 1,600 boxes of cookies. Thank you to all who came out that chilly morning to sort, stack and deliver the cookies! We extend a thank you to all for making this a very successful fall fundraiser! We made a little over \$10,000 in profits!!! Hooray!

## Spring Soiree

We will celebrate the annual Spring Soiree on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Remington Park. We will have our first committee meeting following the PTO meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for help specifically for acquisition. Will you please help make this spring soiree a huge success by calling local business or finding individuals/companies to donate items for our spring soiree. In the past we have had signed sports memorabilia, celebrity items, vacation spots, electronics, etc.... Can you help us?

## Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be the second week of December. If anyone wants to volunteer, please contact Constance Burriss at [conb1977@gmail.com](mailto:conb1977@gmail.com) before Friday, November 13. Thank you Constance Burriss and Carol Alexander for helping with this event!

## Target Red Card

Other ways to easily support Villa Teresa is by using your Target Red Card. If you have a Visa with Target you can contact their 1-800 number and specify Villa Teresa as the school.

## Villa Sports

Thank you Trisha Angiolillo and Paula Lewis. Soccer season was a success! Thank you to all the parents who coached, we couldn't have done it without you. Thanks to Amanda Putnam, Emily Scott and Trisha Angiolillo we will be celebrating the successes of the soccer season at an end of the season banquet at Irma's in midtown on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Please reserve your spaces for this event by November 10<sup>th</sup>. Irma's has graciously extended the offer of providing us with 10% of the profits.

Basketball registration forms are available at the front office.

## Square One Art Fundraiser

Thank you Alethea Montgomery for organizing our other fall fundraiser with Square One art! More information is available at <http://www.square1art.com>. The children have completed an art activity which will be converted into stickers. You will receive these stickers free of charge. The stickers will be accompanied by an order form, where you can purchase your child's art creation that is displayed on such things as mugs, pillowcases, mouse pads, calendars, etc. What a perfect Christmas present for those who have everything! Villa Teresa will receive a 33% profit on the items ordered.

## Welcome to the VTS PTO Facebook Page

Thank you Emily Scott for starting our Facebook Page. If you are a member of Facebook you can join the Friends of Villa Teresa PTO facebook page. This is another venue for communication we are trying out to the families. If you are interested in helping this process please contact Emily Scott ([emilydealscott@yahoo.com](mailto:emilydealscott@yahoo.com)).

### 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.

## Guitar Lessons

Please contact Beth DeGrace if your child is interested in learning to play guitar. Thank you to Guy and Lara Ragland for facilitating this possibility!

## Teacher Appreciation

Thank you Stacey Lewis and Thy Nguyen, homeroom parents for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade, for pulling together a wonderful teacher appreciation activity including the "thank you" posterboards and the October breakfast! Thank you for your hard work, it seemed to be a big hit with the teachers and staff!

## Healthy Together

A Wellness Coalition is being initiated by Sister Veronica, to facilitate implementation of a Wellness Program for all catholic schools within the Archdiocese of OKC. A committee has been created representing parents, teachers and staff, to develop a plan for the school. This group will be partnering with the Healthy Together Committee, focusing on areas such as school lunch nutrition aimed at adding nutritious and appealing options, including low fat yogurt, reduced fat milk, water, etc.; healthy options for snacks, in accordance with nutrition guidelines, physical education and activity and general healthy lifestyle activities and promotions both for students and families. Our goal is to build upon healthy habits and attitudes which our children experience at home and extend the demonstration of healthy living at school, to create and nurture lifelong habits of overall wellbeing, both physically and spiritually.

We would love to have your ideas and input. Sign up to join the committee at the first PTO meeting, or email one of our co-chairpersons:

Theresa Seitz - [seitztm@oge.com](mailto:seitztm@oge.com)

Leslie Saenz - [lsaenz@kpmg.com](mailto:lsaenz@kpmg.com)

## Homeroom Parents

Thank you homeroom parents for “tolerating” all of my emails over the past month. We appreciate your continued work communicating with the families in your classroom!!! Thank you!

## Ms. Angela's LC-3 News

For those with children in Ms. Angela's LC-3 class, you can find her classroom news by visiting her web site at: <http://sites.google.com/a/villateresaschool.com/pink-flamingos/>.

## LC2 News

Ms. Hope would like to extend her thanks to Tom Seitz who built 6 new cubbies for their classrooms! Thank you Tom!

## Kindergarten Request

Lara Ragland (homeroom parent for Mrs. Hill) would like to point out that Mrs. Hill's wish list includes dress up clothes. So, if you are done with your Halloween costumes/ accessories or have old work uniforms, scrubs, outdated clothes and shoes... you can drop them off to Mrs. Hill's classroom. Thank you!

## 4th Grade News

We started off our year with the election of class officers:

**President:** Erica Browne

**Vice President:** Matthew Lewis

**Treasurer:** Payton Hooper

**Secretariat:** Jordan Ashworth

**Sargent of Arms and Chaplain:** Iliana Lopez

In establishing a class name we chose “The Fabulous Five-Green Dream Team”, and our class verse is Hebrews 3:13, “Encourage each other daily while it is still today.” We enjoy thinking of ways to recycle, reuse, and reduce and would like to implement some green ideas both at home and school. We studied quickly a review of third grade and hope we did well on the Iowa Tests. We are in the process of mastering division and factoring, and broadening our knowledge of the Ten Commandments. We sing Toby Mac songs (contemporary Christian band) on morning break and actually sing and cheer our way to memorizing just about anything. We like book reports and are doing our third as a Power Point Presentation. In science planets are orbiting into our minds and social studies tackles weather. There are so many terrific ways to experience learning with only five students in our class, but occasionally there are downsides. EACH STUDENT has THREE JOBS a WEEK! Please stop by our classroom ‘out back’ and meet our class pet, Sticky. Sticky is a very friendly tarantula.

## Annual Wood Chip Extravaganza

We started the month with wood chips, tons of wood chips! In less than 4 hours we placed over 66,000 pounds of wood chips. The playgrounds look fantastic and safe. We used some of the extra wood chips to mulch the front beds and I think it spruced the flower beds up! A special thanks to Jesse Teehee and Mr. Dirkshneider for bringing the tractors! Thank you to everyone for shoveling, raking, watching the children, and having fun! It was back breaking work and the dust was... well very dusty! Thank you for making this task enjoyable!



# OCTOBER BOX TOPS



The box tops were collected October 27<sup>th</sup> and the total resulted in 1,228 box tops. Super job, Villa Teresa! Four classes moved up in ranking for October. Mrs. Ciupak's class moved from 11<sup>th</sup> place to 10<sup>th</sup> place and Miss Rikki's class moved from 12<sup>th</sup> place to 11<sup>th</sup> place. Also, Sr. Mary Francis' class moved from 9<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> place, and Mrs. Hill's class moved from 5<sup>th</sup> place to 4<sup>th</sup> place. Ms. McKinley's class turned in the most box tops this month with 256 box tops and will receive the fruit snacks for October. Every class is doing fantastic with their collections!

The class totals are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> McKinley..... 744	6 <sup>th</sup> Herd.....211	11 <sup>th</sup> Schroeder (Rikki)..... 128	16 <sup>th</sup> Vann ..... 54
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sr. Ha..... 455	7 <sup>th</sup> Sr. Mary Francis..... 194	12 <sup>th</sup> Valentour ..... 99	17 <sup>th</sup> Um (Ellen)..... 50
3 <sup>rd</sup> Matzek..... 385	8 <sup>th</sup> Sr. Loan..... 174	13 <sup>th</sup> Balloon ..... 94	18 <sup>th</sup> Hernandez A..... 46
4 <sup>th</sup> Hill ..... 219	9 <sup>th</sup> Bicks ..... 165	14 <sup>th</sup> Walsh ..... 81	
5 <sup>th</sup> Lewis (Mary)..... 215	10 <sup>th</sup> Ciupak..... 133	15 <sup>th</sup> Hernandez H- ..... 75	

The August, September, and October totals were 3,522 box tops. Combining these with the box tops collected in March, April, and May gave Villa Teresa a total of 4,694 box tops. These box tops were sent to General Mills on October 30, 2009. Villa Teresa will receive a check in December in the amount of \$469.40. That is a great start, Villa Teresa! Box Tops set the goal for Villa Teresa at \$500.00 and we are going to exceed that goal!

The next box top collection will be Tuesday, November 24, 2009.

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, recipe tips, coupons, and other information. Your support is needed! Thank you for your support!

Carol McKinley---Box Top Coordinator

## OCTOBER 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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# 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**

**AKIN AUTOMOTIVE**

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# Teacher & Staff Wish Lists

## Ms Emily (LC3)

### Homeroom 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)

### Homeroom Parent: Theresa Seitz

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

## Ms Marilyn (LC3)

### Homeroom Parent: Kelly Goebel

## Ms Hope (LC3)

### Homeroom 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)

### Homeroom Parent: Susan Kane

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

## Mrs Balloon (LC4)

### Homeroom 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)

### Homeroom 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*



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## Sr Mary Frances (LC 4)

**Homeroom 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)

**Homeroom Parent: Diana Pierce  
Keena Hargrove**

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

## Mrs Hill (K)

**Homeroom 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)

**Homeroom Parent: Amy Foreman  
Leslie Saenz**

## Ms McKinley (K)

**Homeroom 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)

**Homeroom Parent: Brandi Salsman**

Non-jammed stapler  
Tape refills  
Dollar Tree gift card

## Ms Herd (1st)

**Homeroom Parent: Linda Aker**

Clorox disinfecting wipes  
White copy paper  
Board games  
Non-fiction books

## Mrs Bicks (2nd)

**Homeroom 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)

**Homeroom 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)

**Homeroom Parent: Thy Nguyen**

Computer cd's for math, reading &  
language arts

## Ms Ciupak (4th)

**Homeroom 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

