



HEDGCOXE HAPPENINGS

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Hedgcoxe Elementary, Plano, Texas

Dear Parents,

Our staff would like to wish you a very happy holiday season this year.

We celebrate Christmas in our home and are looking forward to an enjoyable time with family over the holidays. I am happy that we have such a diverse culture in our Hedgcoxe family with many different celebrations.

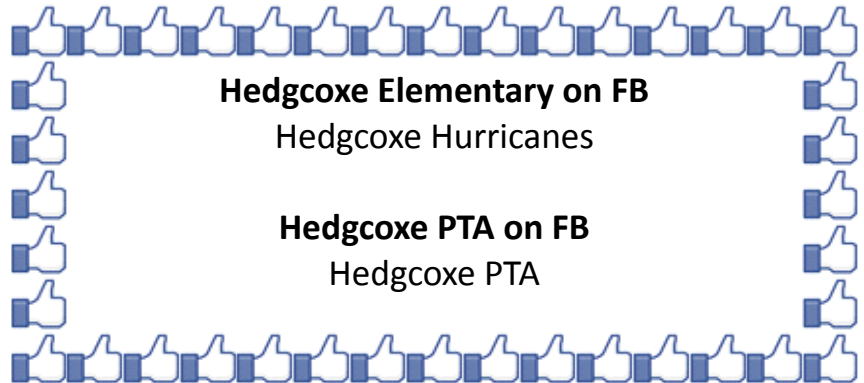
Whatever your family has planned over the 2 week break, we wish you safe travels and hope that you create many enjoyable memories with your children.

I have talked to children who are traveling to India, China, Mexico, all over the United States and many who are staying in the Plano area. I was most impressed by the "acts of kindness" that they are planning to help others in need. We have such a wonderful community!



I can't wait to hear all about your time together. We will see you back at school on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Kristi Graham
Principal



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Dear Hurricanes,

Happy Holidays! A BIG warm THANK YOU to Dara Dooley, Aryn Click and their team of volunteers who helped out with the Holiday Store last week. It was put together so cutely and watching the children shop for their family and friends was such a joy.

Thank you ladies! I'm sure all the children enjoyed it immensely!



I hope the holidays find you reconnecting with family and friends and enjoying all the special moments of the season. I look forward to an exciting 2012 at Hedgcoxe!

Thanks for all you do for our children!

Jill Nay
PTA President

Dear Parents,

It is important that children arrive to school on time. Please help your child arrive at school so they are in their room and ready to start their school day at 7:45 a.m.

When they arrive in their classroom close to or after 7:45 a.m., the other students are already unpacked, have started their work for the morning and/or are in the middle of morning announcements. This often makes the child feel embarrassed or uncomfortable because they have to catch up to be ready for the day.



Supervision at school is provided as early as 7:00 a.m. each morning and breakfast is served from 7:00 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. daily.

Also, if your child is absent: please call the child safe line, **469-752-1700** **choose option #3**, before 9:00 a.m. Please remember, calling the child safe line does not excuse your child's absence. It is strictly to let the school know the child is safe and with you.



When your child returns to school, please send a note to excuse their absence(s). You must include your child's first and last name, the dates your child was absent and the reason for absence(s).

NOTES TO EXCUSE AN ABSENCE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 3 DAYS.

Thank you so much

*Jennifer McNeely
Kristi Graham*

StuCo News

School Store

The StuCo School Store is open for business, 7:25am to 7:40am, Wednesday and Friday, each week. Products on sale this year are:

\$5.00	No Tie Boot-ties
\$4.00	No Tie Y-Ties
\$0.50	Groovy Smiley Notepads
\$1.00	Eraser Brushes
\$0.25	Pencil Sharpeners
\$1.00	Eraser Sticks
\$0.25	Wiggle Eye Bookmarks
\$1.00	Motivational Pencils

Exact Change Please

Don't miss out on the no-tie laces!
Happy Shopping!! Your support is greatly appreciated!

2010/2011 Student Council Meeting Dates

January 4th, February 1st, March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th

Special meetings will be announced as needed.

Pace

PACE provides services for academically gifted and or talented students in grades K-12 who have demonstrated the need for advanced, differentiated instruction. If you are considering having your child assessed for PACE, please visit the district's website at :

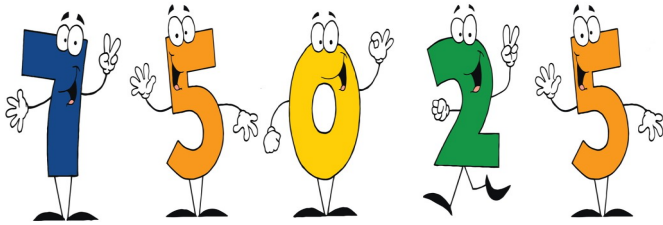
<http://www.pisd.edu/parents/advanced.academics/gifted.pace/index.shtml> to learn more about the program. Please request a referral packet from our campus Gifted Specialist, Mrs. Anderson, via email at margot.anderson@pisd.edu.

The following district deadlines will be used for assessment of students during the 2011-2012 school year:

Grades 1-5: Referral packets are due no later than March 2, 2012

**Take Care of Yourself
Take Care of Others
Take Care of Hedgcoxe**

We live in a healthy zip code!!



Holiday Tips

The holidays mean hectic schedules, holiday parties and lots of un-healthy food for many people. Staying on track with your exercise program becomes more of a challenge with all of the social commitments. Take time to plan your strategy for exercising during the holidays so you don't get completely derailed from your efforts. Exercising may help reduce your holiday stress and keep your weight in check when surrounded by lots of holiday treats.

Reset Your Exercise Goals

Adjusting your daily exercise goals for the holiday season keeps you active while avoiding disappointment if you don't exercise as much as usual. The American Council on Exercise recommends aiming for shorter exercise sessions each day. If you normally work out for an hour each day, scale it back to 20 minutes. Your adjusted holiday exercise goals are more attainable, making them easier to fit into a busy holiday schedule. You may end up working out for your usual hour on most days, but you have less pressure, allowing you to enjoy the holidays.

Exercise Together

For most people, the holidays include spending time with family and friends. You may visit friends and family who you only see a few times a year. To maximize your time with them, exercise together. Go for a walk or cross country skiing. You can fit in physical activity while bonding with your exercise partner.

Organize an Active Gathering

The American Council on Exercise recommends modifying your idea of a holiday gathering. Instead of focusing on food, plan an active holiday gathering for your family or friends. Meet up at a local sledding hill or ice skating rink before enjoying a light, healthy meal together. The active holiday party allows you to work in your daily exercise without giving up time with your family and friends. It also makes your holiday event stand out as something different than the usual food-centered parties.

Squeeze in Fitness With Holiday Chores

A sweat-drenched session at the gym isn't the only way to fit in exercise during the holidays. If you're short on time, combine your holiday chores with exercise. Walking the mall at a fast pace while holiday shopping allows you to cross off two items from your to-do list. The She Knows Health and Wellness website recommends squeezing in some exercises while cooking your holiday meal. Dancing while you cook, squatting to grab items, lifting weights with canned food and doing push-ups against the countertop are simple exercises you can perform in the kitchen.



Multi Cultural Night

*** Save the Date ***

February 9th 5:30-7:30pm

Were you born outside the US? Are you or your parents from another country or culture?

Then we are looking for YOU!

It is time to start thinking about the Multi Cultural Night this year.

Our kids represent such a wonderful multi cultural mix and we would love to show off the many different countries and cultural backgrounds the Hedgcoxe children come from.

We are planning to

- ◆ do a fashion show, where the children show some traditional clothes,
- ◆ have booths where parents present other countries and offer different foods and - of course
- ◆ show a long, long list, with all the countries that are present at Hedgcoxe.

Please let us know if you could assist with either one of those tasks! That would be great!

Thank You! Danke! Merci! Grazias! Tak! 謝謝!

Dankie! 多謝! どうも! 감사합니다!

Tack! Shukran! ...

Please contact Stephanie Wauson at sewauson@hotmail.com or Brigitte Weisser at brigitte-weisser@verizon.net



Let's earn free money ...



... and equipment to support our Hedgcoxe students!

Parents, please have your child bring their collected General Mills Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Labels for Education, Tyson Project A+ and Ink Cartridges for Kids to their classrooms during September and October.

Do not forget to sign up at Tom Thumb, Kroger or Target to earn money for Hedgcoxe Elementary every time you shop.

Hedgcoxe Science Fair

The due date is Thursday, 1/12/12 and the judging will be held Tuesday, 1/17/12.

Parents who have a background in science or related to science, and who may want to volunteer for judging may email notice to the attention of their child's homeroom teacher.

Our judges are what make the event a success and we are very grateful for our parents who volunteer to judge. Details will be provided when handbooks are available later this semester.

The Science Fair will no longer be held at the District level. Students who place at the Campus Science Fair will continue to the Regional Science Fair in February .



PTA Council — State — Nation

The Voice - Winter 2011

Download the Winter 2011 edition of The Voice, Texas PTA's quarterly newsletter.



<http://www.txpta.org/resource-library/entry/the-voice-winter-2011/>



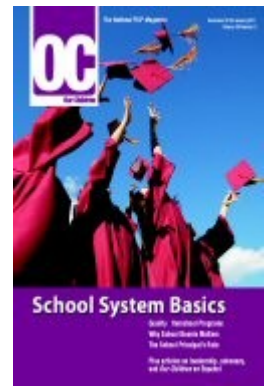
Our Children

Online Edition - December 2010-January 2011

Every nine seconds, a student in America drops out of school, according to the National Center on Secondary Education and Transition. This is an alarming statistic. That's why the December 2010-January 2011 Our Children is a special edition devoted to information and strategies for parents to tackle the dropout crisis.

Read The Online Edition of Our Children December 2010-January 2011 at http://www.pta.org/OC_Dec_2010_Jan_2011.asp

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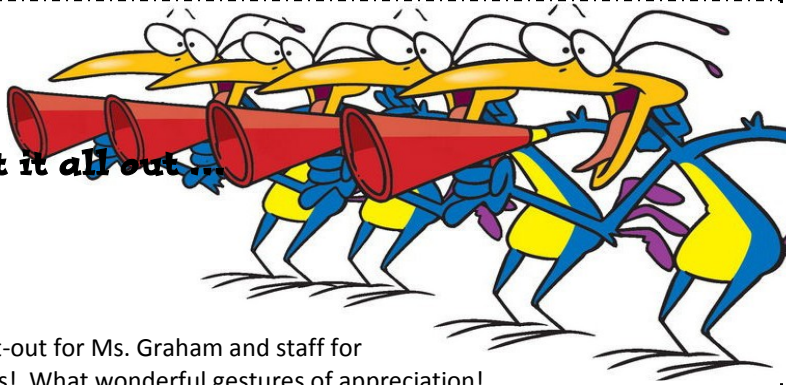
About Plano ISD Council of PTAs
Mission, Objectives and Purposes

Plano ISD Council PTA

Our Council is the key link in the line of communication between the local, area, State, and National PTAs, as well as with the school administration and the general public. Councils provide opportunities for conferences, leadership training, and coordination of efforts, plus information, support, inspiration, and instruction for Council members. The Council serves to strengthen local PTAs, support new PTAs, develop leadership potential, promote PTA membership and serve the community and its children.

Plano ISD Council of PTAs is involved in many programs and projects, including leadership training, Officer and Chairman Training, Outstanding PTA Award, Life Membership Banquet, Reflections and Texas PTA Environmental Programs, Vendor Fair, Plano ISD administration holiday luncheon, local PTA program recognition, legislative action and community issues and more.

**Shout
Shout,
Shout it all out...**



A Huge Hedgcoxe Shout-out for Ms. Graham and staff for the 12 days of Christmas! What wonderful gestures of appreciation! Thank you, 5th Grade Team

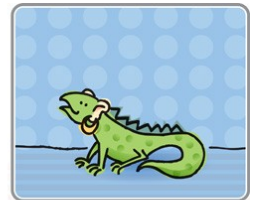
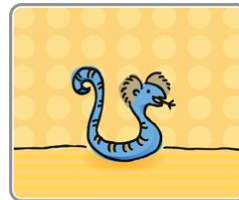
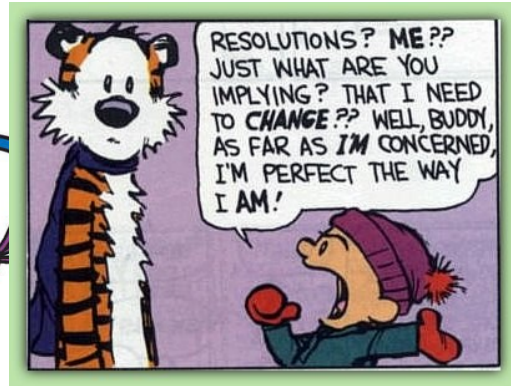
Fifth Grade wants to thank Coach Kramer, Coach Javornik and Barbara Jones for the special holiday team building session! You all are very creative and we are so proud to have you on the Hedgcoxe Team!! ~Ms. Robbins, Mrs. Grayson, and Mrs. Middleton

Aryn Click - We appreciate you always being willing to volunteer when needed. You rock! ~Janice Jones and Jennifer McNeely

Dara Dooley - the Holiday Store was a huge success. You did a fabulous job. ~The Hedgcoxe Office

Beth Martin- thank you for organizing our awesome volunteers. We truly appreciate them. ~Janice Jones and Jennifer McNeely

Aryn Click- Thank you for making the hearing and vision screening run so smoothly. You are awesome. ~Laura Key



Many, many thanks to all, for contributions to the Canned Food Drive.



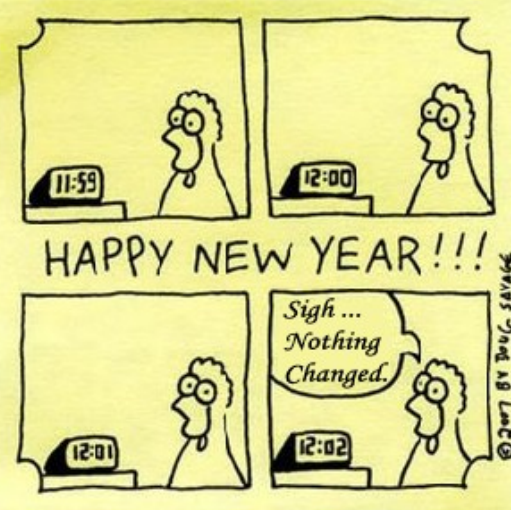
More than 73,000 cans of food from Plano ISD. This is a tremendous success and will certainly make the lives of many families in Plano a lot merrier!



Thanks again for all of your help and support for our community.

A StuCo Standing "O" for our Hedgcoxe Family and to Mrs. Hardman for making the delivery of our campus canned goods possible!!

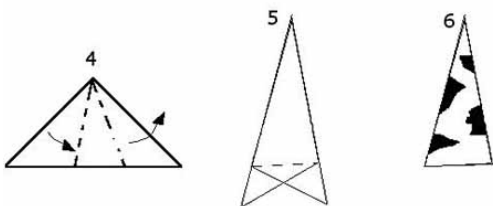
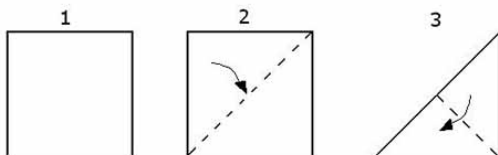
We are grateful to her for all her effort in making the arrangements and coordinating this event!! Thank you!!



Paper Snowflakes

What You Need:

- Paper (make sure it is square).
- Scissors (and some adult help for the littles).



What To Do:

1. Get a square piece of paper or trim a piece of paper so that it is square.
2. Fold your square in half diagonally (have a look at the picture).
3. Fold your triangle in half - again diagonally (look at the picture above).
4. Fold paper in thirds ... one side to the front, the other to the back.
5. Trim the extra piece of paper off the end of your small triangle.
6. Around the outside of your triangle, cut some fun designs -- circles, squares, triangles, squiggles ... anything goes.
7. Unfold your paper and look at your masterpiece.
8. Voila! A snowflake to hang in your window.

This Month @ Hedgcoxe

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Thu

Fri

December - December - December - December - December - December

12	13 Starbucks Store	14 Starbucks Store	15 Polar Express Day - 1st Grade	16 Class Parties 12 pm Early Release
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

HAPPY NEW YEAR



January - January - January - January - January - January

2 Winter Break	3 Classes resume	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16 Martin Luther King Day Student Holiday	17	18	19 PTA General Meeting	20
23	24 Starbucks Store	25 Starbucks Store	26 Family Skate Night	27