



HEDGCOXE HAPPENINGS

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Hedgcoxe Elementary, Plano, Texas

Hedgcoxe - Hall of Fame



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Lora Rose



MVV of the Month

Congratulations to LORA ROSE!!

She is our Volunteer of the Month for November! This wonderful woman stepped up to chair our biggest fundraising event of the year because the carnival is her daughter's favorite thing! Isn't it amazing what we'll do for our kiddos. Lora and her husband Craig have two beautiful children, Garrett who is about to turn 4 and Sidney in 2nd grade. Lora works full time as a network engineer for Travelocity. Lora experienced the highs and lows of volunteering we're all familiar with, in one day as she handled last minute changes with style and grace. She kept her patience throughout the entire planning, coordinating and execution of all Carnival tasks, with her smile on her face while learning the rules and regulations of PTA in Plano! From the bottom of our hearts, Thank You Lora, for all you do to make our PTA a wonderful place to serve others!! Your leadership, enthusiasm and commitment is indescribable. Thank you for making our carnival new, fresh and fun for our children. We sincerely appreciate you!

~ Jill Nay

Lora, what an wonderful job you did chairing the Mardi Gras carnival this year! Everyone has such a great time and all the kids looked so happy. Hedgcoxe is so lucky to have such a willing volunteer to tackle this huge job and you did it marvelously. ~Dorianne Robinson

Lora did a amazing job! Standing ovation Lora! We all appreciate your hard work. ~Kim Peichel

Lora, You did a GREAT job! Everything came together beautifully! My whole family had a great time! ~Christine Sanchez

The carnival was so much fun! Lora did an amazing job. Thanks for all the hard work! ~Daphne Badgett

Lora, what an incredible job you did on carnival. You stepped up when others would not and took on the biggest PTA project of the year! We are so lucky to have you in our school and in our PTA. Carnival was a huge undertaking and you were equal to the task. We appreciate you! ~Lori Ruml

Lora has done an outstanding job organizing the carnival this year. The events, publications and committees ran smoothly under her direction. Thank you for your time and efforts, Lora. We all appreciate your time and energy.
~Kristi Graham

Lora Rose you are an amazing lady! You did a incredible job as our Carnival Chairman with all the new ideas, learning the ropes, coordinating the events and all the small details that you ensured were complete. Thank you soooo much for your commitment, positive attitude, for taking this enormous event and leading it to such success!! You are awesome!
~Beth Borland

EXTREME Shout out to Lora Rose!
My mask off to you girl! What an amazing carnival! This was the first time we stayed late as we didn't want to miss the teachers kissing the ALLIGATOR! AMAZING job! ~The Watts Family

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Tomorrow—Friday, November 11

You're Invited
Coffee with the
Principal and Counselor!



Topic: "Don't Pop Your Cork"
(Dealing with Anger in the Family)
Date: Friday, November 11, 2011
Time: 8:00 AM
Where: Hedgcoxe Multipurpose Room

We can't wait to see you all -
Treats and Coffee
A guest speaker will be featured

Dear Hurricanes,

What a wonderful carnival evening! I hope you and your family were there to enjoy some fun games, good food, and a little friendly competition in the teacher auction. It takes an army to put on such an event and I appreciate every one of you who participated in your own way. Congratulations to Lora Rose on her very first carnival - it was amazing!! Thanks a MILLION!!



I hope to see everyone at our PTA meeting on November 17th from 6-8pm. Dinner will be served followed by our General PTA meeting.



Back by popular demand, "The ABC's of the Birds and the Bees" will be our parent education. This presentation a few years ago was a parent favorite!

See you there!

Jill Nay
PTA President
2011-2012

Dear Parents,

I am so thankful for having such involved staff, parents and PTA. I'm sure you will agree that the PTA Carnival was a huge success and fun was had by all! The time that was put into planning and preparing was incredible and you all always seem to pull through with the event turning out even better than expected! The students were running around laughing, cheering and smiling. What more could we hope for? Our sincere thanks to everyone involved. We do have the best PTA!

I also want to take a moment to make sure everyone knows that our PTA hosts a lunch for our staff members once a month from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. PTA members bring in food, drinks, desserts, etc. to graciously feed us. Each month the room off of the library is decorated with a different theme and it is such a nice treat. We truly appreciate the parents involved with this and want you to know how much we love it!

I look forward to seeing anyone who would like to attend tomorrow morning for the "Principal and Counselor Coffee" with a parent speaker discussing, "Don't Pop Your Cork; Dealing With Anger in the Family." We hope to see you on Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the room off of the library. Finally, I look forward to seeing you at the 2nd grade program next week on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. and the PTA evening meeting on Thursday at 6:00 p.m., which will also include parent educations.



Thank you for your support and I will see you soon.

Kristi Graham
Principal

**High Flying Excitement Assembly -
with a knockout message on being drug free on Monday Oct. 26**



Drink GoGo Juice
(Water)

A Huge Shout Out to Jill Allison for a wonderful Red Ribbon Week. Thank you for making this a special week for the students at Hedgcoxe. ~Jessica Willard

Thank you to Angela Bibb, and her girls - Sarah, Caroline, and Hannah for helping with the decorations for Red Ribbon Week. Your creativity was amazing. ~Jessica Willard

Thank you for allowing us parents to come to the assembly! I loved seeing how excited the kids were, and to see a police officer hanging from the ceiling in the gym doing pull-ups is a very special treat! ~Brigitte Weisser



3 Angels for Hedgcoxe

StuCo News

Canned Food Drive

The StuCo is sponsoring a canned food drive thru November 28.



Donations accepted in the lobby drop box before school. All food will be donated to local food banks.

Your support and donations are greatly appreciated!!

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

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

Special meetings will be announced as needed.



ABC's of the Birds and Bees

Why, When and How
To Talk to Your Child with Ease

Does the thought of having THE TALK with your child make your heart pound? Then come have fun while you learn easy, creative ways to talk about this sensitive subject with toddlers to teens from Marilyn Morris, founder and president of Aim For Success, Inc.

It's a fact, children are learning about this sensitive subject at an extremely early age. Television, movies, the Internet and your child's peers will lead the way in defining your child's values unless you become proactive and start educating your child about the Birds and Bees. In this hour-long presentation, Marilyn will help you open the doors of communication as you learn to share age appropriate information.

This is a Parents Only Program. As parents take part in this seminar in the cafeteria, children will be taken into the gym where a Karate instructor will provide a demonstration, as well as teach the children about respect and other important values. If your child will not take part in the karate demonstration, please make other arrangements as this parent education is for parents only.

The event will be Thursday, Nov 17th at Hedgcoxe.
6-6:30 pm - PTA General meeting and FREE dinner
6:30-7:30 - Education



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:

- Kindergarten: Referral packets are due no later than November 9, 2011.
- 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**



A Message from Jill Nay

Laissez les bons temps rouler!!!

Thank you SO much for everything you guys did to make this one of the best carnivals EVER! What a beautiful night!!! I spoke with several people from other schools tonight and they were absolutely amazed by this event.

Lora Rose- You're an incredible woman! Thank you so much for your leadership and sweet spirit!! You did an amazing job - even with a three year old on your hip you were just blowing and going!! I so appreciate you stepping into this position and bringing so many fun ideas to the carnival. Kiss the Alligator??!! Mardi Gras was fabulous!

Thank you Lari Wise for the recruiting the best team of volunteers in Plano - we had a fully staffed carnival with more people willing to help out.

Beth Borland - perfect timing girl. Thank you for all of the extra errands you ran the last few days with no sleep! We appreciate it!!

Angela Bibb- the decorations were absolutely stunning. Who knew an elementary school could be so elegant? Thank you so much for the vision you had for our Mardi Gras!! Tell Caroline thanks for sharing her mom even when she was sick!

Rachelle Burger and Lisa Nolte the baskets and teacher auction were so awesome! I'm so bummed that I didn't win the signed Cowboys football... but I'll get over it!

Tracy Lake- you can sell like the best of them! Tickets worked out so well moving things around. The bottleneck in the front hall was GONE! Way to go!!

Christine Sanchez and your team of tellers - thanks for keeping all of our money safe and accounted for! We appreciate your diligence!! And thanks for always being there at just the right time to run whatever errand was needed!!

Three Cheers for Dads Club!!!! Thanks men for all the set up and safety you provide for every little event! We love you guys!!

Mrs. Cooper and Diane Sharber - Thanks for letting us descend on the library and turn it into a Mardi Gras extravaganza!

Janice Jones- Thank you so much for being so efficient with all of our last minute requests - fabulous!

Myra Morales, thank you for opening your kitchen to us for the concessions. You always seem to know just what is needed before we even ask. There is no school is as lucky as us - and there is no basket bidder luckier than YOU!!

And Kristi Graham - as always, thanks so much for your support, for providing such a wonderful atmosphere and keeping the fun in elementary school. These memories will last a lifetime.

To all the teachers willing to kiss the alligator and then the BOA CONSTRICTOR - from the bottom of my heart - thank you for supporting every wild idea. You guys and your auction items are the best.

Thank you Nancy Kopca and Rhonda Jones for all your help getting things ready for the Teacher Auction!! You guys were a big help to me and I appreciate it so much!!

Thanks Christine and James Sanchez for having your taxi service available to us all day on Friday! You rescued the pizza!!! I appreciate you both!!

Dorianne - way to go arranging all those vendors and sponsors!! I had so much fun shopping! That was awesome!

Thank you Kelley Rowland - our scary but wonderful Swamplands Princess - you are way spooky! I wouldn't want to meet you in the French Quarter!! What a talented lady you are!

VERY SPECIAL SHOUT OUT!!!! To all the wonderful parents who helped out in the kitchen, some of whom became food handler certified just for this event - YOU ARE THE BEST!!!

So many people in so many ways working together for a common goal was just beautiful tonight. I appreciate all of you!! To all the families who shared their moms and dads with us for the last month - we love you!!

Jill Nay

PTA Council — State — Nation

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Hedgcoxe El.: <http://k12.pisd.edu/hedgcoxe-elementary-school>
Hedgcoxe PTA: www.HedgcoxePTA.org/

Texas Education Agency: www.tea.state.tx.us/
Texas PTA: www.txpta.org/

Plano Independent School District: www.pisd.edu/news/
Plano ISD Council of PTAs: <http://planopta.org/>

National Education Agency: www.nea.org
National PTA: www.pta.org

A Message from Lora Rose

Thank you to Jill Nay. Without her, the Carnival could not have happened.

Thank you for Rachelle Burger and the successful auction and t-shirts.

A big thank you to Lisa Nolte for the beautiful baskets.

I want to thank Angela Bibb for her creativity, and enthusiasm with the decorations, as well as the bright idea to roll up construction paper for the cotton candy, when we ran out of cotton candy paper cones!

Thank you to Beth Borland for helping me out with last minute details, and errands.

I want to thank Kelley Rowland for being the Swamplands Princess, and making the kids excited to see the carnival.

A thank you to Nick Foligno for the "alligator" idea and the midway.

Thank you to Diane Sharber for signs, and helping us put back the library to its original layout.

A thank you goes out to Lari Wise for getting us all of these volunteers. We had more than enough to help out.

I want to thank Brigitte Weiser for her skills with Publisher and making up beautiful layouts!

A big thanks to Myra Morales and her help with the cafeteria and all things food. The lines were kept short, and the kitchen was very efficient at getting folks through the line quickly.

I want to thank Ms. Janice Jones for being there for the all of the logistics, as well as getting me cider when I had my "moment".

A huge thank you to all of the dads that moved things, help setup and break down everything. Breakdown went so quick that I was just left there standing in awe.

Kristy Howard did a terrific job with the publications, and anything media. She really created the mood for the carnival.

I especially want to thank Ms. Graham for wearing that big ole' boa constrictor around her neck! That was truly the highlight of the night.

If I have missed you, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping out!

Lora Rose



Hip Hip Hurray for the teachers! Some of them had a hard time kissing that cute little alligator. But they all did it! Our Teachers are AWESOME!

Thank you to all of my face painting volunteers. I could not help with the booth this year and you did a wonderful job taking over. It seemed to go smoothly and I saw some beautifully painted faces through out the carnival. Thanks so much for all of your help and talent! ~Lori Ruml

HUGE Shout to ALL the volunteers who put time and so much effort into this carnival! "Thank You" We had a BLAST!!! ~The Watts Family

What an awesome carnival!!! I had so much fun at the Face Painting table and plan to volunteer there again. Lori...everything was so organized!! I had no idea how easy it was to face paint and I loved doing it! The time seemed to fly by. My husband and daughter were roaming around enjoying the games, food and fun and I got to join them when I finished painting. We all agreed that this was the best carnival Hedgcoxe has ever had. Thank you, thank you for such a fun event and for the endless hours putting it all together. Congratulations on a job well done!! ~Margot Anderson



Thanks for all the wonderful parent volunteers at the Hedgcoxe Carnival Cafeteria on Friday. The food lines were short due to the well-organized servers that took care of the customers quickly and efficiently. The cashier punchers were awesome too with all their brain power!

I am so grateful and appreciative of all the talents and skills shown in the Cafeteria on Friday. Brigitte, thanks for taking charge and also for washing all the dishes at the end of the night. To the second crew group, thanks for staying and cleaning.....hugs and kisses! The cafeteria was left in perfect shape. Every single one of the volunteers were excellent from start to the finish. Another successful Carnival...thanks Lora.....YEAH! ~Myra Morales

Please send your shout outs to Brigitte Weisser at
newsletter@hedgcoxepta.org



We asked some of our students what they liked best:



The Train Jump House



Face Painting



Everything!

Holding the Snake

The Petting Zoo because you got to go inside.



It was Superduperawesome!



Petting of the Snake and the Alligator



Mrs. Samuel screaming.

Sno Cones

Jumping Race

Cotton Candy



This Month @ Hedgcoxe

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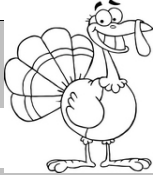
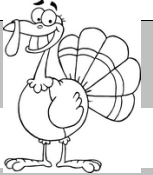
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			10	11 8am Parent Coffee: Don't pop your cork - Dealing with anger.
14	15 6pm 2nd Grade Program	16 2nd-5th Cyber Safety Presentations	17 6-6:30pm PTA General Meeting + Free Dinner 6:30-7:30pm Parent Ed: ABC's of the Birds and Bees	18
21 9:30am 1st Grade Pioneer Day	22 1:45p Kindergarten Friendship Feast	23 	24 - Thanksgiving	25 
Thanksgiving Holiday—No School				

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28	29 5-7pm CiCi's	30	1 5th Grade to Camp Blunck's Picture RETAKE Day	2
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Holiday Fair				