



Mittelstadt Messenger

Mittelstadt Elementary
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November 3, 2009

Website: <http://classroom.kleinisd.net/web/mittelstadt/home.htm>

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents:

One of life's lessons that we have learned is that very often the answers and solutions to the daily challenges of life can be found in the hearts and minds of our children. We truly believe that if we all spent more time looking at life through their eyes, the world would seem to be much more beautiful and simple; certainly much less stressful. This time of year, try to slow down, and just enjoy life... like a kid!

May you and your family have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Cynthia Levy
Principal

Laura Baustian
Assistant Principal


PTO Food/Toy Drive

Mittelstadt Elementary will hold a Food & Toy Drive November 30th through December 16th. A flyer will be going home letting you know what each grade level is to bring. In addition, CASH donations will be accepted. Fresh produce will be purchased with the cash donations. Any checks can be written to the Mittelstadt PTO. On Thursday December 17th all items will be sorted. The baskets will be given to families at our school. For more information, please call Jessica Tate at 281-251-5332 or Francis Walsh at 281-257-3031..



Klein ISD School Board of Trustees' Election November 3, 2009

Vote on election day at the Harris County precinct polling locations 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Klein ISD school board positions 3, 4, and 5 are up for re-election. Contact Beverly McGlasson at 832-249-4171 or bmcglasson@kleinisd.net for more information.

 School Picture Make-up Day will be **Friday, November 6th**. Students who would like to purchase pictures on this day are welcome to pick up a notice with package selections at the school office. To purchase a package on make-up day, kindly return the envelope with proper payment. Picture make-ups will also be available for students with photography errors. **The complete package must be returned to qualify for a make-up picture.**

Thanksgiving Lunch

We regret that we will not be able to provide adult lunches on Friday, November 20th. The Food Service Department does not serve adult lunches on the Friday prior to Thanksgiving. We appreciate your understanding concerning this matter.

We enjoy sharing our educational program as well as having you visit for lunch. We especially encourage you to visit during American Education Week, November 9-13, 2009.



KISD Invites Community Participation in Veteran's Day Celebration

On Veteran's Day, November 11, the Klein ISD will host its annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Klein Memorial Stadium. Although the district's "pass-in-review" program will be led by cadets from Klein High School under the leadership of Maj. Edwin Reyes, all the Air Force Junior ROTC groups at Klein Forest, Klein Collins and Klein Oak Schools will participate. The cadets themselves design and implement the program for the community. Approximately 350 cadets from all four KISD high schools will participate in the parade.

The district invites members of the community to attend this patriotic program recognizing our military veterans and those currently serving in the Armed Forces. A by-invitation-only breakfast to honor veterans hosted by the KISD Community Relations Department will be held in the Klein High School cafeteria from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Veterans, active duty troops and school district personnel gather for a light breakfast in the Klein High School cafeteria at eight o'clock on the morning of November 11. The district invites you to send names and addresses of veterans so they may be invited. Guests may park in the faculty parking lot located south of Klein High School on Stuebner-Airline Road. For additional information or to submit names of veterans, please call or e-mail Anne Vallette @ 832-249-4753 (avallette@kleinisd.net) or Jane Miller @ 832-249-4754 (jmillier@kleinisd.net)

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

DECEMBER 8, 2009



The music teachers are busy working with our 5th grade students on their holiday program. The student body will get to see the program on December 8, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. There will be an evening performance by our students and our 1st **ever** Faculty/Parent choir.

20th Annual Men's Choir @ 7:00pm at Christ Church Baptist Fellowship. We have our own Mittelstädt boys that will be singing in the choir!

Andrew Armstrong

Julian Cruz

Robert Davis

Bennett Harris

Trey Finkle

Tanner Forelica

Jake Johnson

Josh Johnson

Matthew Lawry

Cesar Mendoza

Carter Rodgers

Addison Smith

Nathan Staff

Naveen Sunesara

Stephen Waite



Latest from the Library **by Rachel Bullen, Librarian**

Happy Birthday, **Devan Hildebrand**, **Will Evans**, and **Nathan Staff**. They celebrated their October and November birthdays by joining the birthday book club. For ten dollars, your child can choose a book from a special selection of new books. A bookplate will be placed in the book in their honor.

Kindergarten, First and Second Graders are recording their reading minutes on a "Super Reader" form that went home in early October. We will celebrate their reading success in the library by taking their picture dressed as a super-hero which will be proudly displayed in the hallways.

Third, Fourth, and Fifth Graders have been challenged to read the books from our Patriot List. If they meet their grade level goal, they will earn a free Patriot Reading Crew t-shirt. Go to the Mittelstädt Library web page for a copy of the list and more information about both reading incentives.

Our book fair was a great success! Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers that helped make the sale run smoothly. I also appreciate all the supportive parents that sent money or stopped in to purchase books during the Patriot Picnics. Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase library books and special presentations. Mark your calendars for our Barnes and Noble event that will be held **December 14th and 15th**. We would love to have parent volunteers work a gift wrap table at the store these 2 days. Call or e-mail me if you are interested.

See you in the library!

Rachel Bullen

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Our 2009-2010 DI Members!!

Structure Team (Breaking DI News)

Coaches: Michelle Asselin & Nia Sestak

Students: Lauren Allman

Arman Azimi

Allison Barry

Taylor Braithwaite

April Davies

Katie Harris

Brandon Nalling

Improve Team (DO or DI)

Coach: Kasie Kline

Students: Andrew Armstrong

Hailey Barry

Lauren Haby

Dyllyn Greer

Riley Kaderli

Molly Koeck

Matthew Lawry

Regional Competition February 20th, 2010

Ways to Be Gracious and Giving This Thanksgiving

by Dina Smith

Thanksgiving is all about giving thanks for your good fortune and giving to those who are less fortunate. This holiday season express your thanks by involving the whole family in volunteering, donating, and spreading kindness. (For more ideas visit www.familyeducation.com/thanksgiving)

Donate to your favorite charity. Some items in your home may no longer be of use to you, but they could be extremely valuable to others. Gather old toys, clothes, or other items in your home and deliver them to the Salvation Army, Goodwill, or another charitable organization. You could also give a monetary donation -- even small amounts are welcomed. **Remember the Mittelstädt "Giving Jar" campaign will continue until Thanksgiving Break.**

Send a care package to soldiers overseas. A holiday care package can be a great pick-me-up for soldiers who are far from home during the holidays. Gather up daily necessities like soap, razors, toothbrushes, and travel-sized toiletries. Don't forget to include some goodies or games like Sudoku or crossword puzzle books.

Volunteer at an animal shelter. It's important to keep family and friends in mind during the holidays, but don't forget the animals! Hundreds of homeless animals need your time, love, and hugs. Take your child to an animal shelter to volunteer for a day, or sign up to volunteer once a week to spread the love throughout the year. You may even decide to adopt a pet of your own!

Provide Thanksgiving dinner for a family in need. You can make this holiday season one to remember for a hungry family. Offer a complete Thanksgiving dinner through your church or an outreach organization. Ask your children to help you with the shopping list.

Donate money or volunteer at a homeless shelter or at the Ronald McDonald House. Give a Thanksgiving gift to a homeless shelter. Your gift can be anything from a turkey to a homemade decoration or a toy. For an extra-special gift, take time out of your busy holiday schedule and help out by serving food.

Volunteer at a senior center or a veteran's home. "Back in my day . . ." Have you ever noticed how the elderly love to talk about when they were young? This Thanksgiving, volunteer to chat, listen, or play a simple game with those of a different generation. Visiting a veteran's home is also a great way to honor America's veterans, and this is the perfect time to do it - November 11 is Veteran's Day!

Invite extra guests to join your family for dinner. The holidays are a time for giving and togetherness. If you know someone who will be alone for the holidays, make them feel loved by inviting them to your family's holiday dinner this year.

And don't forget -- you can use these ideas all year round!

