



## Plano ISD Council of PTAs Newsletter

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As the newly elected PTA President, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you.

Our PTA mission is a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

As a Council we've been busy developing the details for a very productive and exciting year. We'll continue our mission for the 2010-2011 school year by supporting our local PTAs with educational programs, training sessions, and roundtable meetings.

As always, we'll be there for you when help is needed.

Please don't hesitate to email me at [president@planopta.org](mailto:president@planopta.org) with any questions you might have.

I look forward to working with you to make this coming school year a successful one for our children and our PTAs!

Join Our Mailing List!

Thank you,

Angela Miner

President, Plano ISD Council of PTAs

### Volunteer Background Checks

It's that time again! Summer is in full swing, but starting July 1st, you can log in to [www.pisd.edu](http://www.pisd.edu) and complete your online background check applications for the upcoming school year. Remember, your background check must be completed before you may volunteer in the classroom.

### Organic Recycling



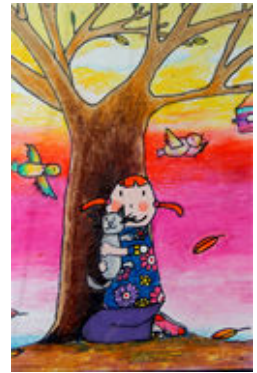
The City of Plano announced this week that the Organic Recycling program has come to end for Plano ISD and it is with great disappointment that I say goodbye to something that has taught the young people of Plano both science and civics and personal responsibility. The contamination became too great and after numerous warnings the City made the difficult decision to end the program. This was particularly hard for schools where staff, students and custodians had committed fully to the program and were doing a successful job. If there are schools that would like to brainstorm about an alternative composting plan please contact me before the end of the school year and we will try and come up with an acceptable Plan B. Reducing waste and saving money is always a worthy goal.

### Reflections Program 2010-2011 Theme Announced



By: Jan Barber

Now that this year's Reflections Program is over, it's time to start thinking of ideas for next year. The Reflections theme for 2010-2011 is "Together we can...". So, now you can get a head start over the summer by thinking of ideas when you are relaxing at home, or on vacation somewhere. You might even try out a new art style. Just remember to have fun!



I am pleased to announce that next year's Arts in Education Chairman is Minoo Wille. Minoo served as the local Arts in Ed Chairman at Dooley Elementary School for the past two years and she did was also a volunteer for the Plano Council Reflections activities. Welcome Minoo!

It has been a pleasure being the Plano Council Arts in Ed Chairman for the past two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the local chairman and seeing all of the fabulous art from our wonderfully talented students. Thank you for supporting the Arts.

(For all of the 2009-2010 "Beauty is..." results, go to [www.planopta.org](http://www.planopta.org).)

### Scrapbook Awards

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Here's the list of awards.

We are proud to honor the following schools for their scrapbook entries.

Thank you to all the Historians for your hard work and dedication to providing a historical record of PTA's year.

Debbie Rynas  
Plano Council of PTA's  
Historian

#### Best Scrapbook

Elementary - Wyatt Elementary School  
Middle School - Bowman Middle School  
High School - Jasper High School

Best Use of Texas PTA Theme - Bowman Middle School

#### Best Showing of School Spirit

Elementary - Wells Elementary School  
Middle School - Schimelpfenig Middle School  
High School - Plano West Senior High School

#### Most Artistic Presentation

Elementary - Barksdale Elementary School  
Middle School - Rice Middle School  
High School - Plano Senior High School

#### Gold Level Awards

Wells Elementary School  
Mendenhall Elementary School  
Schimelpfenig Middle School  
Centennial Elementary School

Hightower Elementary School  
Robinson Middle School  
Plano West Senior High School  
Vines High School  
Wyatt Elementary School  
Barksdale Elementary School  
Mathews Elementary School  
Boggess Elementary School  
Saigling Elementary School  
McCall Elementary School  
Meadows Elementary School  
Daffron Elementary School  
Huffman Elementary School  
Hughston Elementary School  
Beverly Elementary School  
Renner Middle School  
Skaggs Elementary School  
Andrews Elementary School  
Hickey Elementary School  
Mitchell Elementary School  
Hedgcoxe Elementary School  
Brinker Elementary School  
Davis Elementary School  
Murphy Middle School  
Rice Middle School  
Jasper High School  
Miller Elementary School  
Bettye Haun Elementary School  
Haggard Middle School  
Bowman Middle School  
Plano Senior High School

### **Consent Forms**

As mentioned at Officer & Chairman Training, Council PTA has been working with a few local PTA units and Administration to develop a new PTA/PTSA Consent form to cover Directory, Newsletter, Website and Yearbook. The forms are identical with the exception of one form is designed to capture contact information for one set of parents with the same address, while the second form is designed to capture contact information for parents with two different addresses. Each local unit may choose the form that best fits the family dynamics for their own PTA/PTSA.

The forms have the ability to be edited to some extent---anything within [ ] may be changed, anything outside the [ ] can not. High schools which have PTSA units can change any PTA to PTSA on the form(s). All verbage within the form has been approved by the district and their legal team. Should a local PTA/PTSA unit opt to develop their own form, please keep in mind that changes outside the attached form have not been approved.

This new form was developed as a result of confusion in the past over PTA/PTSA consent forms and district consent forms. For the 2010-2011 school year, PTA/PTSA consent forms will cover PTA/PTSA activities, and district consent forms will cover district activities. The PTA/PTSA consent form has been removed from district provided booklet, allowing local PTA/PTSA units to use the form in summer mailers and back-to-school/schedule pickup events.

It is recommended that each PTA/PTSA unit evaluate current or anticipated activities to determine if a consent form is required. For example, an after-school enrichment program offered by a PTA/PTSA may have an opportunity to publish awards or student involvement (theater program culminates in a final production and a playbill/program is offered to the attendees---this would require consent to publish from the parent(s) and could be included in the initial registration; PTA/PTSA recognizes participation or awards obtained from Science Fair or Reflections---again this would require consent to publish). Another area in which consent should be obtained is with regard to 5th grade graduation memorabilia---t-shirts which list student names, photo cd's with photos of 5th grade events, etc would require consent to publish and distribute.

These changes are not intended to make things more difficult for PTA/PTSAs, but to support the efforts underway by the district to protect the privacy of those families within our district that so desire.

This form will be discussed in full detail at the fall workshops, but wanted to get them in the hands of those who wish to use them as soon as possible. The forms have been sent to all of the local unit presidents. Questions may be referred to Cherie Tipsword, Plano Council of PTAs - Directory Chair at [directory@planopta.org](mailto:directory@planopta.org).

## Slant 45

Have you heard about Slant 45 ([www.slant45.org](http://www.slant45.org))? It is the Super Bowl's education/service learning program that was developed by Big Thought for the NFL. This is the largest education initiative ever undertaken by the NFL and one of the largest service learning programs in the country (everything is BIGGER in Texas!). Slant 45's goal was to have 20,000+ children provide 45,000+ hours of service learning to help improve local communities and leave a lasting impact in the Dallas, Denton, Tarrant and Collin counties. Given the feedback already received, Slant 45 is now expecting that upwards of 60,000+ students will get involved in this effort. The celebration event (which will include a concert by a famous Disney music group) for all Slant 45 participants will be at the new Cowboy Stadium. They have also hired a filmmaker who is creating a documentary about the Slant 45 projects, with the anticipation that it will be shown at the Sundance Film Festival.

Would you like the incredible opportunity to showcase and celebrate the service learning projects that our Plano students naturally do? Would you like to create a Slant 45 team? Slant 45 has a speakers' bureau of individuals that could present the program at a PTA meeting or could talk with you by phone or email. Please check out the website below or contact Amanda Gibbons <[amanda.gibbons@bigthought.org](mailto:amanda.gibbons@bigthought.org)>, the Slant 45 Project Manager, with any questions on getting started.

Current service projects for NJHS, Girl and Boy Scouts, Faith groups, and other organizations are all eligible. Consider getting involved in this group! Making imagination a part of everyday learning!

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## Childrenfirst!





# TIPS!

## Pool Safety



- Pool safety: [www.poolssafety.gov/](http://www.poolssafety.gov/)
- Water safety: [www.associatedcontent.com/](http://www.associatedcontent.com/)
- Injury prevention tips: [www.aap.org/family/tippool.htm](http://www.aap.org/family/tippool.htm)

## Baby-Sitting Safety



- Babysitting guidelines: [pbskids.org/itsmylife/money/babysitting/article4.html](http://pbskids.org/itsmylife/money/babysitting/article4.html)
- Finding quality home childcare: [childcare.about.com/od/homecare/ff/qualitycare.htm](http://childcare.about.com/od/homecare/ff/qualitycare.htm)
- Tips for Teen Babysitters: [www.mychildsafety.net/babysitting-tips-for-teens.html](http://www.mychildsafety.net/babysitting-tips-for-teens.html)

## Car Seat Safety



- TDPS child passenger safety: [www.txdps.state.tx.us/director\\_staff/public\\_information/carseat.htm](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/public_information/carseat.htm)
- Car safety buying guide: Car/seat safety: [www.car-safety.org/](http://www.car-safety.org/)
- Healthy Child: [www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/on-the-go/pages/Car-Safety-Seats-Information-for-Families-2010.aspx](http://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/on-the-go/pages/Car-Safety-Seats-Information-for-Families-2010.aspx)

## Helmet Safety



- National Link regarding Bicycle Helmets and Carriers for children: [www.bhsi.org/child.htm](http://www.bhsi.org/child.htm)
- Helmet safety: [www.mayoclinic.com/health/bicycle-helmet/hq00324](http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/bicycle-helmet/hq00324)
- Quick answers to helmet safety: [www.helmets.org/quick.htm](http://www.helmets.org/quick.htm)

For questions or comments please contact Nicole Frazier-Victim Advocate, Allen Police Department [nfrazier@cityofallen.org](mailto:nfrazier@cityofallen.org) and /or Valerie Lengel-Advocacy Manager, Children's Medical Center at Legacy, 469.303.4036

<http://www.txpta.org/events/>

Summer Leadership Seminar is almost here! Registration is underway



Let's Start Building!

**SUCCESS**



**Summer Leadership Seminar 2010**

### PTA Mission

PTA is  
A powerful voice for all children,  
A relevant resource for families and communities, and  
A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

### PTA Vision

Making every child's potential a reality.

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