

Dear Sparks Families;

As the school year draws to a close I wanted to take one last opportunity to thank you for your support. The Sparks community has a lot to be proud of, below is a partial list of our many accomplishments for the year.

**“By the Numbers”  
Sparks Elementary PTA 2008 – 2009**

- 36,726 Total amount of money raised from Boosterthon this year.
- 12,500 Amount of money utilized to provide Sparks students with special programs; High Touch – High Tech, The Big Canyon Balloon, Drum Café, Nana Puddin and Radio Disney.
- 11,000 Amount of money donated from Book Fair profits to the Sparks library and our classroom libraries.
- 8,600 Number of Box Top Labels collected this year.
- 8,000 Amount of money allocated toward goal of a Sun Shade for Sparks playground.
- 7,196 Number of books sold during Fall/Spring Book Fair.
- 5,770 Amount of money PTA earned from Fall/Spring Book Fair.
- 5,000 Amount of money PTA gifted to Sparks Elementary to purchase Math Manipulatives, Guided Reading materials and Science Equipment.
- 4,092 Amount of money Ms. Anthony’s class collected to earn 1<sup>st</sup> place in Boosterthon contest.
- 2,902 Amount of money Ms. Jostmeyer’s class collected to earn 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Boosterthon contest.
- 2,714 Amount of money Ms. Walker’s class collected to earn 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Boosterthon contest.
- 2,040 Number of Campbell Soup Labels collected this year.
- 1,225 Amount of Advertising sold for the Sparks Directory.
  - 775 Amount Donated to local charities (Children’s Hospital & Korville Elementary School, Tomball TX) from proceeds of Book Fair.
  - 775 Number of books donated by Scholastic on behalf of Sparks Elementary to Marine Toys for Tots, Family Literacy and Families in Distressed Situations, Inc.
- 566 Number of Sparks Elementary Parents that joined the PTA this year.
- 524 Number of wrist bands pre-ordered for the Sparks Carnival.
- 404 Number of meal tickets pre-ordered for the Sparks Carnival.
- 100 Number of Door Prizes donated by the Sparks parents for PTA sponsored luncheons.
  - 83 Number of Sparks parents who volunteered for the Book Fair.
  - 48 Number of states Mr. Whiten’s class received as pledges for Boosterthon
  - 43 Number of students who participated in the Reflections program.
  - 18 Number of students who submitted Visual Arts & Photography entries in the Reflections program.

- 5 Number of luncheons sponsored by the PTA – back to school breakfast, Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Treats and Teacher Appreciation.
- 4 Number of students who advanced to the Council level for their entries in the Reflections program.
- 2 Number of students who submitted Dance entries to the Reflections program
- 3 Number of students that submitted Literature entries to the Reflections program.
- 1 Number of students that submitted Musical Composition and Film Entries to the Reflections program.
- 1 3<sup>rd</sup> Place National Award for our Fall Book Fair

A million thanks to all of you for your support. As evidenced by the numbers none of this would have been possible without you!

### **Background Checks**

Please remember to submit your Volunteer Background Check by visiting [frisoisd.org](http://frisoisd.org) and select the tab for Parents & Students. Then under Most Requested select Volunteer Form fill it out and your background check will be processed by the school district. The school district will be accepting requests for the 2009 – 2010 school year beginning July 1, 2009.

### **Popsicles in the Park**

We invite you to our sponsored 4<sup>th</sup> annual, “Popsicles in the Park”. This fun family event will be held on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This will be held on the Sparks playground for all incoming kindergarteners and their families. It is a great opportunity for you and your child to get to know some other parents and for your child to meet some other kindergartners. We hope this event will help our child recognize a familiar face that first day of school.

### **Meet the Teacher Night**

I look forward to seeing you on August 21<sup>st</sup> for Bring Your Supplies/Meet the Teacher Night. We will be selling our newest Sprit Wear, collecting PTA Membership applications and dues, and collecting Party Money. For your convenience we will again have the “one stop shop” checkout system. This system allows you to pay all your PTA expenses with one check before you head home for the last weekend of summer vacation.

Hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer vacation!

Sincerely,

Laurie Cammack  
Sparks Elementary PTA President