Lamar Elementary PTO

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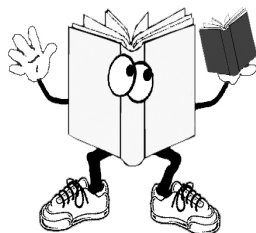
Book Fair

Postponed Due To Weather Conditions

Due to the school closures for inclement weather, the book fair is being postponed until later in the year.

We will send home information on the new date and time.

AR BookFinder is a program designed to allow parents and students to look up books and tests from any computer, anywhere, anytime! You can look up books at the public library, books you already have at home or books you plan to purchase. Just follow the instructions listed below and enjoy the convenience of AR BookFinder.

Go to http://www.arbookfind.com or visit the PTO Website Blog for more information.

You are invited to join us while we "Sock it to TAKS"! This event is for all Lamar 5th Graders and their parents. There will be a contest for the best 50's dress!

5th Graders must be accompanied by an adult to attend.

DATE: 02/18/2011
TIME: 6:00-7:30 PM
WHERE: Lamar Elementary Cafeteria

I ♥ MY SCHOOL SWEEPSTAKES

28 schools will each win 1,000 bonus box tops

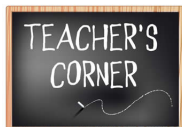Enter once every day from February 1 to February 28 for a chance to win for your school. The more you enter, the more chances you have to win!

show your school how much you care – enter today!

No purchase necessary. Sweepstakes valid 2/1/11 – 2/28/11.

Log On To Boxtops For Education for a chance to win 1,000 bonus box tops for Lamar Elementary! You can enter once per day through the month of February.

http://www.boxtops4education.com/

PTO On the Web

http://lamarpto.weebly.com

Sign up for email updates!

TEACHER'S CORNER

There's a new addition to the Lamar PTO Website – a place specially designed to share information with our teachers. Come by and visit our new blog "Teacher's Corner".

http://lamarpto.weebly.com/teachers-corner.html

Internet Safety
For Our Kids

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott is urging all parents and teachers to realize the risks our children face online, and take steps to help ensure their children's safety.

To learn about cyber safety visit this website:

https://www.oag.state.tx.us/criminal/cybersafety.shtml

You will find videos for parents as well as other resources and tips to help keep your family safe online.

"Children will not remember you for the material things you provided but for the feeling that you cherished them."

Richard L. Evans

Upcoming Events

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
	1 No School Icy Weather	2 No School Icy Weather	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14 Valentine's Day	15 School Board	16	17	18 Sock Hop
21 Staff Dev. No School	22	23	24	25
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Tips for Parents on Protecting Your Children Online

By educating yourself and your children, you can help make the Internet a safe and valuable tool for your family.

The most important thing you can do is to pay close attention to your children and encourage them to confide in you. They should know that you will be calm and protective if they tell you about something that has frightened or disturbed them.

- **Teach your kids not to give out personal information** such as their last name, your last name, their home address, or phone number, especially in a chat room, over a bulletin board, or to an online pen pal without your permission.

- **Make sure your kids know not to agree** to a face-to-face meeting with someone they meet online.

- **Instruct your kids never to respond to e-mail or chat messages that make them feel uncomfortable** or from someone they don't know. Stress that they should show such messages to you.

- **Surf the Internet with your kids.** If it is not possible for you to actually surf with your kids, at least talk to them about the Web sites they are visiting.

- **Place the computer in a public room** in your home so that even when you are not surfing with your kids, you can monitor their use. Do not allow computers in bedrooms or the use of webcams.

- **Establish ground rules for your kids' Internet usage**, including the hours they may surf and the kinds of Web sites they may visit. Post the rules near the computer.

- **Learn how to use parental controls and archiving features.** You should be able to check your child's email account and review the sites your child has visited on the Internet.