



Lamar Elementary PTO

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Camp Goddard Bound!



It's almost time for the **5th Graders** to leave for Goddard Youth Camp. They will be attending this year from November 15th – 19th along with Houston Elementary's 5th grade class.

Goddard Youth Camp provides our students with a great 5 day camping experience. The camp is nestled in the Arbuckle Mountains and home to the convergence of four, unique, ecosystems. The camp has 1 mile of water access on the South shore of "The Lake of Arbuckles." Swimming, boating, fishing and other water sports are available.

Please make sure you have turned in all of your paperwork and money if your child plans to participate in the Camp Goddard trip. Visit our PTO website for more information on what to pack, paperwork and fees, etc... see PTO On the Web below for the address to the website.

Visit the Goddard Youth Camp Website at:
<http://www.campgoddardonline.com>



Make Education a Priority

"Make Education a Priority" is a grass roots movement by Texas School Boards to motivate legislators to work hand-in-hand with educators to provide all Texas children with a school finance system that is adequate, fair and equitable.

The Denison School Board members and organizers of "Make Education a Priority", would like your support by signing a form asking our senator and representative to Make Education a Priority during the upcoming legislative session.

Your child should have brought home a form from school, or you may obtain a copy from the Denison ISD website at: <http://www.denisonisd.net/>

Representatives from ALL Texas school districts will travel to Austin together, in mass, and deliver the letters to our representative with the intended result being a responsive legislature that meets the educational needs of all Texas children by equitably funding public education.

Thank you in advance for your participation.



PTO On the Web <http://lamarpto.weebly.com>

You can now find our PTO Newsletter online at our new website. Be sure to check out our new blog, fundraiser information and contact form.

While you are there, *sign up* to receive an email update when there are new topics on the blog!



BONUS Box Tops 10,000 bonus box tops From Zoo Pals!

Zoo Pals is giving 5 lucky schools 10,000 bonus box tops! If you haven't signed up at <http://www.boxtops4education.com>, now is the time to do so – and don't forget to enter the sweepstakes to win 10,000 bonus boxtops for our school from Zoo Pals. You can also learn new ways to support Lamar Elementary with the Box Top Program! (see our PTO blog for more info)



Something New on the Menu



This year, Lamar Elementary is a participant in ARAMARK's Healthy for Life™, a comprehensive wellness and nutrition education program designed to help improve the health and academic potential of our nation's school children.

The Healthy for Life program creates healthier school environments through nutritious menus, wellness education, parental resource materials, a nutrition mascot, health fairs and school events.

As part of Healthy for Life, school menus will include more fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean protein choices, low and non-fat dairy options, 100 percent fruit juice and water. ARAMARK continues to reduce added fats, sugar and salt; eliminate added trans fats; offer healthy, nutrient-dense snacks; source high quality, local produce and products; and promote and expand the availability of breakfast.

To learn more about the Healthy for Life program and how you can participate in providing a healthy diet for our children, pick up the FREE informative brochures, available just outside the school office.

Upcoming Events

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
1	2	3 Early Release 1:30 PM	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
Camp Goddard – 5 th Grade				
22	23 School Board 6:30 PM	24	25	26
Thanksgiving Holiday Break				
29	30			

5 Tips to Get Your Kids Involved for Thanksgiving



Tip 1

Bring the Spirit of Thanksgiving into Your Community: The story of Native Americans helping the Pilgrims survive in a new land is one that illustrates generosity and a sense of community.

Tip 2

Celebrate the Harvest & Nature's Offerings: With the help of Native Americans, the Pilgrims were able to plant crops and reap a bountiful harvest.

In celebration of nature's gifts, the Pilgrims invited the Native Americans to a three-day festival of games, food and fun.

Many consider this gathering to be the first Thanksgiving.

Tip 3

Get into the Thanksgiving Kitchen: For many, the focus of Thanksgiving is an abundant table! Pique your child's interest in Thanksgiving preparations.

Tip 4

Create the Thanksgiving Table: Encourage everyone to get involved in setting up the holiday spread and take pride in creating a beautiful display.

Tip 5

Give Thanks: Not only is Thanksgiving about being grateful for what you have, it is about actively saying thank you through both words and gestures.

INVOLVEMENT MATTERS

Schools with involved parents enjoy:

- better morale among teachers.
- higher ratings of teachers by parents.
- more support from families.
- a better reputation in the community.