



# PARTNERS

*Newsletter*



January 2011

*Please join us this Saturday for*  
**Unite. Ignite.**  
**Summit to Eliminate the Achievement Gap**  
**in Fort Worth**

**When: Saturday, January 29, 2011 9:00-11:30 a.m.**  
Program, Progress to date, and a Look Ahead  
**Keynote speaker: Dr. Pedro Noguera**

**Where: Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center**

**Who:** Site-based decision making teams, parents, adopters, businesses, neighbors, pastors, and faith-based community members.

**Why:** To engage parents and the community in helping educators eliminate the achievement gap in Fort Worth.

Dr. Noguera is an expert in the field of urban education and will provide specific strategies for parents and community members to use in motivating and encouraging students to excel.

## *Get Ready for a Super Sunday...*

On Sunday, February 6th, better known in Fort Worth as Super Bowl Sunday, thousands of Fort Worth ISD elementary school students will participate in the first ever Super Sunday Morning Hope Walk. Walkers from across the nation will join students from Fort Worth ISD as they gather in Fort Worth's Sundance Square to raise funds for Fort Worth ISD, Cook Children's Medical Center, and the Hope Walk Foundation as well as highlight efforts of the NFL PLAY 60 campaign.

For information about joining the Hope Walk, go to [www.thehopewalk.org](http://www.thehopewalk.org).

## *Our hats are off to...*

- The **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** who is in its **20th year** of being Pen Pals with fourth graders from **H.V. Helbing Elementary School**. Each year, Corps members become pen pals with the students and correspond throughout the year helping students with writing skills, encouraging academic achievement, and mentoring. Corps members will host a grand Valentine luncheon at the school, and students meet pen pals in person. This year, all 101 students have a Corps Pen Pal! Wow, what a terrific Adopt-A-School Partnership!
- The new **Benbrook Wal-Mart!** Wal-Mart has become an Adopt-A-School partner to **Benbrook Elementary** and kicked off their Adopt-A-School partnership with a donation of \$2000! They also provided gift cards for teachers before the holidays. Benbrook Elementary is very grateful for its newfound friend!
- **Liberty Mutual** for providing TAKS t-shirts for all third, fourth and fifth grade students at **Dolores Huerta Elementary School**. What a great motivator and reward for the students' hard work and TAKS preparation! Teachers say, "Thank you Liberty Mutual!"
- **AkzoNobel** and **Ferro Corporation** for their continued partnership with **M.G. Ellis Elementary School**. Both companies brought volunteers to help Ellis put on its annual Science night. Employees helped register families and served pizza to all 400 attendees. It was a very successful night thanks to this great partnership!
- **Rosen Heights Baptist Church** and its members who sponsored the **Rosen Heights Elementary School** Career Day. Rosen Heights church members provided lunch for all the Career Day presenters along with the entire school staff. Rosen Heights Elementary teachers and staff are very grateful to the church for their continued support of the school.
- Volunteers from **Tarrant County College Trinity River Campus** who visit **I.M. Terrell Elementary School** nearly every day of the school year to read to students. These committed college students, along with college faculty and staff, are encouraging students to enjoy reading. What lucky Terrell students!
- Employees at **KPMG** for putting on Polar Express Day for all of the students at **Versia Williams Elementary School**. Employees read The Polar Express to every single classroom, served hot chocolate (with marshmallows, of course) and even stayed to enjoy the movie! **KPMG** also generously gave 100 gift packs which included several books and a teddy bear to every kindergarten student at **Versia Williams**. Way to go KPMG!
- **Fort Worth Museum of Science and History** employees who participated in the **North Hi Mount Elementary School** Angel Tree project. Employees purchased special gifts for students including educational toys, books and clothing. North Hi Mount is very grateful for the long standing support of the museum!
- **Tarrant County College South Campus** faculty and staff are continuing to provide school supplies along with tutoring and mentoring to many students at **Forest Oak Middle School**. Students are always excited to see TCC staff coming to their campus!
- **The Hill Company** continued its tradition of making a monetary contribution to cover the cost of the faculty and staff holiday luncheon at **Meadowbrook Middle School**. Teachers truly appreciate this special event!

- Volunteers from **Lockheed Martin** spent Career Day at **Meacham Middle School** doing presentations and experiments to show students what the field of Aerospace Engineering is all about. Volunteers did an exercise building paper tower models and showed off photos of the F-22 Raptor and F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. These presentations have greatly increased student's interest in aviation and engineering!
- **Kincaid's Hamburgers** is providing a delicious hamburger lunch to all of the Star AR Readers at **South Hi Mount Elementary School**. Students are working hard to make it on the Star Readers List!

### *Adopt-A-School Partners' warm hearts mean warm students...*

- **Fort Worth City Credit Union** employees generously provided more than 200 new coats and new school clothing for students at **Sam Rosen Elementary School**. Coats and clothing were presented at a school-wide holiday party sponsored by FWCCU. Students had pictures with Santa while the faculty and staff were treated to lunch. What fun for students!
- The **Ferro Corporation** donated new school clothes and warm coats for students in need at **M.G. Ellis Elementary School**. The school counselor said this contribution makes a big difference for students during the cold winter months. Thank you Ferro!
- **University Christian Church** generously provided Christmas gifts and winter coats to fifty students at **I.M. Terrell Elementary School**. Thank you UCC for continuing this tradition!
- **Thomson Reuters** employees brought Christmas gifts of toys, shoes, school clothing, and warm coats for more than fifty students at **Sam Rosen Elementary School** last month. What a treat for Rosen students!
- **Pier 1** employees donated clothing and warm coats for more than 100 students at **E.M. Daggett Elementary School**. They even stayed to help students with making clothing and coat choices. Kudos to Pier 1!
- **Marian Fort Worth** continues to contribute school supplies and school clothing to students at **Charles Nash Elementary School**. Volunteers generously provided gifts to several families during the holidays. Nash families truly appreciate the support!
- Employees from **Acme Brick** provided Christmas gifts to several families at **Daggett Montessori**. Gifts included warm coats, clothing, toys and books. Daggett Montessori students also visited the **Acme Brick** corporate office to sing Christmas carols for employees. Acme employees appreciated them sharing holiday cheer!
- **The Morningstar Prayer Center** continues to provide groceries and warm clothing for students in need from **Harlean Beal Elementary School** and **Forest Oak Middle School**. Students and families are very grateful for the support!
- **TXDOT** employees are generously providing students from **Rosemont Sixth Grade** with books, supplies, clothing, and coats during this cold season. Thank you TXDOT!
- Members of **Christ Chapel Bible Church** are providing school clothing and warm coats to students at **South Hi Mount Elementary School**. Church members are also helping to renovate the school's garden. Students are looking forward to a great Spring Garden!

*Have good news to share?*

Please send Adopt-A-School Partnership updates to Molly Hardgrove, Adopt-A-School Coordinator at [molly.hardgrove@fwisd.org](mailto:molly.hardgrove@fwisd.org). Feel free to call Molly anytime with questions or for Adopt-A-School information at 817.814.2979.

## January Focus: Health & Wellness

Several of our Adopt-A-School Partners are helping schools make health and wellness a priority. We would like to thank them for their continued support and for helping students and teachers make healthy lifestyle choices. Here are just a few examples:

- **Bill Berenson**, Attorney and Adopt-A-School partner for **Rufino Mendoza**, has been encouraging Mendoza students to stay fit and healthy for six years. Bill sponsors the after school Running Club, provides t-shirts/apparel for club members, pays registration fees for students to walk/run 5Ks, and even joins the students for afternoon runs. He has become a great mentor to many students!
- **Karate Works** is providing Karate scholarships to several Benbrook students. Karate Works is also doing lessons in Karate, preventing bullying, and good manners to students at **Benbrook Elementary**.
- **Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth** is working with Adopt-A-School partner **Trimble Tech High School** to provide health and wellness activities for students, teachers, and staff.

**A monthly message from Fit Fort Worth** - A joint community partnership between the City of Fort Worth, Fort Worth ISD, Cook Childrens Medical Center, and UNT Health Science Center to promote school, home and community health and wellness.

### Did you know?

You can eat more and weigh less just by adding colorful fruits and vegetables to your meals at least three times a day.

- The Dietary Guidelines for Americans suggest that children and adults eat at least five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables each day. In Tarrant County, only 30% of adults eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day.
- Fruits and vegetables are full of vitamins, minerals, fiber and flavor. They are low in calories and can be found fresh, frozen, dried or in 100% juice.

**Check out [www.mypyramid.gov](http://www.mypyramid.gov) to learn more**



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