



# PARTNERS

*Newsletter*



## Holiday Edition

December 2010

This is busy time of year for everyone, but nowhere else will you find the kind of purposeful to-do lists as in our Fort Worth ISD schools and classrooms. Teachers and students are busy finishing lessons before the break and staying focused on the mission of not missing any opportunities for learning. Businesses and churches are busy finishing out the year with a flurry of activity as well. Amazingly though, during the most hectic time of the year, our FWISD Adopt-A-School partners are going above and beyond to make sure students are remembered and taken care of during the holiday season.

Sincere thanks to the many partners who continue to enrich the lives of students and teachers. May your holidays be merry and bright, and may the coming year bring you happiness, fulfillment, and prosperity.



*Washington Heights Soccer Players at Futbol Fiebre sponsored by Unity One Credit Union*

**T.A Sims students say "Thank You" to First United Methodist Church**



*Students at Clifford Davis trying on new coats provided by Exelon Corporation*

### *Adopt-A-School Kudos to:*

- **The Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors, Adopt-A-School partner to Greenbriar Elementary. For the last 12 years, the GFWAR has hosted an annual Holiday Luncheon, including a Silent and Live Auction to raise funds for students and teachers at Greenbriar. This year, more than \$9,000 was raised at the luncheon adding to the 12-year total of more than \$100,000 over the years. Greenbriar's Student Choir attended the luncheon to entertain guests and thank GFWAR for their generosity. Many thanks to the members of GFWAR for their continued commitment to Greenbriar!**

## *And more Kudos to...*

### *Happy Readers at Riverside Middle School thank Rotary Club of Fort Worth...*

- Students at Riverside Middle School are reading up a storm thanks to the Rotary Club of Fort Worth. Sixty-five new Kindle E-Readers are now available to Riverside students through a special reading initiative called “Putting E(xcitement)-Books in the Hands of Students”. Funding for this five year literacy program is provided by the Rotary Endowment and Children’s Fund of the Rotary Club of Fort Worth.

### *Jingle all the way...*

- Members of **First United Methodist Church** provided Christmas gifts for every student at **T.A. Sims Elementary** through their annual Giving Tree program. Santa himself even made a surprise visit to the students and handed out the gifts.
- **Broadway Baptist Church** held its annual Holiday Store for students at **Van Zandt-Guinn Elementary School**. The children choose gifts for family members and even get them wrapped.
- **Ecolab** is providing Christmas gifts and meals to several families from **Handley Middle School**. Ecolab also presented Principal Washington of Handley MS with a very generous grant of \$7,200 to support a special Saturday academic initiative. Handley is very grateful to Ecolab for their continued support.
- **University Baptist Church** provided turkeys and food baskets during the Thanksgiving holidays for families from **Westcliff Elementary School**. UBC also helps provide gifts for families in need during the holidays.
- The **Fort Worth Museum of Science and History** is providing gifts for two families at **North Hi Mount Elementary** again this year. The Museum also became an Adopt-A-School partner with **De Zavala Elementary** this month. De Zavala Elementary was the original home of the museum. A plaque commemorating De Zavala as the original museum was unveiled last week at the school. Students at both schools will have many opportunities to enjoy learning opportunities at the museum.
- **Alcon** is providing eyeglasses to students at **Briscoe Elementary** and **Greenbriar Elementary** schools throughout the school year. This gift will undoubtedly help students succeed in the classroom!
- **SERTOMA** continues to provide gift certificates for a new pair of shoes to disadvantaged students at **Richard Wilson, E.M. Daggett, De Zavala, Worth Heights, Seminary Hills Park, and George C. Clarke Elementary Schools**.
- **BNSF Railway** continues its support of **M.H. Moore Elementary** school by giving gifts to families in need during the holidays. BNSF also supports students throughout the year with homework help, tutoring, mentoring, and much more.
- **Travis Avenue Baptist Church** helps hundreds of families from Fort Worth schools, including Adopt-A-School partner **George C. Clarke Elementary**, by hosting a Christmas Store at the church allowing students to choose gifts for family members.
- **Kiwanis Club of Fort Worth** helped the Key Club of **Paschal High School** give back to their community by arranging for Key Club members to volunteer at holiday events such as the Jingle Bell Run, Turkey Trot Run, the Parade of Lights, and Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing. Thanks to Kiwanis for great lessons in giving back!

- **The Morningstar Prayer Center** is generously providing bags of groceries for fifty families from **Harlean Beal Elementary** and **Forest Oak Middle** schools.
- **Unity One Credit Union** hosted a Saturday community soccer tournament this month, Futbol Fiebre, for students from **Washington Heights, Charles Nash, Manuel Jara, Kirkpatrick, and Dolores Huerta Elementary** schools. Students and volunteers had a fantastic Futbol Saturday!
- **Exelon Corporation** donated more than 250 coats to students at **Clifford Davis Elementary School** just in time for the cold Winter weather.
- **EECU** employees continued their tradition of providing Christmas gifts to every student at **Kirkpatrick Elementary**, along with an exciting visit from Santa.
- **Acme Brick** provided Christmas gifts for a family at **Daggett Montessori**. The Daggett Student Choir visited Acme and performed for employees to say thank you.
- **Dannon** employees made a donation of shoes and meal to several families at **Edward J. Briscoe Elementary School**.
- The **Fort Worth Southside Lion's Club** held its annual Holiday Luncheon for more than 120 students from **George C. Clarke, Alice D. Contreras, E. M. Daggett, De Zavala, Hubbard Heights, Westcliff, R.J. Wilson, and Worth Heights**. Students are treated to a formal luncheon, gifts, and a special visit from Santa.
- Employees from the **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** hosted its annual Christmas party for students from **Van Zandt-Guinn Elementary School**. Students play holiday bingo, decorate crafts, and receive Christmas gifts. Students then judge each departments holiday decorations.
- **Crescent Real Estate** provided holiday assistance to several families from **Bonnie Brae Elementary School** again this year. Families receive assistance with groceries and gifts.

***THANK YOU**  
for Coming...*

*Thank you to all of our Adopt-A-School Coordinators and Adopt-A-School Partners who attended one of our Workshops this Fall! Your time and commitment is greatly appreciated. Many creative ideas were shared and exchanged, and everyone left feeling inspired to try something new in the coming year.*

*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.

## Save the Date...

### 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.

*Wishing all of our Partners a safe and happy holiday season!*

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

### **Did you know?**

Approximately 75% of Americans are reported to suffer from some form of periodontal disease which makes it the most common cause of tooth loss in adults.

- 50% of young children and 70% of adults are affected by cavities.
- Sodas contain phosphoric acid, which interferes with the body's ability to absorb teeth-strengthening calcium.
- Replace your toothbrush 3 to 4 times a year, especially after an illness
- Practice good habits such as regular oral check-ups, brushing and flossing daily, and maintaining a proper diet.

**To learn more about improving oral health, visit [www.fwisd.org/wellness](http://www.fwisd.org/wellness).**



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