



PARTNERS

Newsletter



Back-to-School Edition

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August and September are busy months for Fort Worth ISD schools. Teachers are hard at work getting curriculum and classrooms ready for eager students. Parents are busy making sure students have what they need to start school. Everyone is working their hardest to ensure that students are off to a great start.

Sincere thanks to the many partners who have enriched the lives of students and teachers. We look forward to celebrating these and future successes with you in our new and improved newsletter.



South Hills ES Faculty Retreat sponsored by Freese and Nichols

Members of University Christian Church working in the UCC Clothing Closet.



Employees from Daimler Financial landscaping Atwood McDonald ES

Fort Worth ISD and the Adopt-A-School Program Salute

- **University Christian Church** as they celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the UCC Clothing Closet, which **provides thousands of school clothes to Fort Worth ISD students** each year. Over the last 10 years, the UCC Closet has generously given over 60,000 bags of jeans, pants, shirts, skirts, coats, and jackets to the students of Fort Worth ISD. Thank you to all of the generous members of UCC!

Three Cheers for:

- **Broadway Baptist Church** who furnished two sets of school clothing plus socks and underwear to more than one thousand **Fort Worth ISD students** from across the district.
- **Freese and Nichols** for providing the funding for a back-to-school faculty retreat for **South Hills Elementary School**. Principal, Priscila Dilley reported “The South Hills Faculty Retreat was a success! Our staff was able to get quality professional development and come together as a family to address our goals for the 2010-2011 school year.”

- **Kiwanis Club of Fort Worth**, whose members held an annual Back-to-School Shopping Spree for twenty-one students from **Diamond Hill Elementary School**. Students got to choose a variety of back-to-school gear.
- **Rosen Heights Baptist Church**, who provided a back-to-school luncheon for the faculty and staff of **Sam Rosen Elementary School**. Rosen Heights church members say “The Rosen Heights teachers are awesome, and we love serving them.”
- **Broadway Baptist Church**, who hosted a back-to-school brunch during Staff Development for the faculty and staff at **Van Zandt-Guinn Elementary School**. The teachers enjoyed a meal while getting ready for the first day of school.
- **St. Paul Lutheran Church and Southside Church of Christ**, whose members co-sponsored a Back-to-School Store for students of **Daggett Elementary School**. More than six hundred students were served during this event!
- **Ridglea United Methodist Church** members who treated teachers at **Monnig Middle School** with welcome-back gifts of new pens and notebooks, and they even gave new teachers gift certificates to Office Depot to help set up their classrooms.
- **First United Methodist Church** for providing 32 mentors for students at **T.A. Sims Elementary** through the Kids Hope USA program.
- **Moritz Fort Worth** for sponsoring an Open House and International Baccalaureate Celebration at **Leonard 6th Grade**. Generous employees from Moritz Kia served a spaghetti dinner to more than 200 students, parents and faculty and celebrated the accomplishment of becoming an IB World School.
- **SERTOMA** for bringing new shoes to students in **Richard Wilson, De Zavala, E.M. Daggett, Worth Heights, Seminary Hills Park, and George C. Clarke Elementary Schools** through their Shoes for Kids Program. Since 2008, SERTOMA has given out nearly two-hundred pairs of shoes to FWISD students. This year, **SERTOMA** also began the Safe Ears program for 3rd students at these schools. Over 200 sets of earplugs have already been handed out along with information for students about protecting hearing.
- **Fort Worth Human Resources Management** for providing school clothing, along with baskets of socks and underwear for students at **Diamond Hill Elementary**.
- The **Breakfast Optimist Club of East Fort Worth** for awarding a Student of the Month award to a hard-working 5th grade boy and girl at **Lowery Road Elementary School** each month. The students receive a certificate from the club as well as a \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate that they must spend on themselves. Teachers report this is great motivation for the 5th grade students!
- Hard working employees from **Daimler Financial Services** who spent a full day in the Texas heat installing new landscaping, painting a mural, and beautifying the campus of **Atwood McDonald Elementary**. What a wonderful Back-to-School surprise for students and faculty!
- **St. Paul Lutheran Church** for providing 32 mentors for students at **Daggett Elementary** through the Kids Hope USA program.

Many Companies, Churches, and Community Groups got together during the month of August to make Back-to-School time a lot easier for many Fort Worth ISD students. Tens of thousands of school supplies and thousands of backpacks were collected and delivered to schools across Fort Worth ISD. Thank you to everyone who purchased, organized, and delivered these supplies! They put smiles on the faces of thousands of students and teachers on that first day of school!

Special Thanks to:

- Children at **First United Methodist Church** who collected hundreds of school supplies during Vacation Bible School for students at **T.A. Sims Elementary**. Children also sold lemonade during a Mission Camp and raised \$300 for supplies and backpacks for 20 **T.A. Sims** students. Way to go kids!
- **Fellowship Corner Senior Center** who presented school supplies to the students of **Van Zandt-Guinn**. The school choir visited Fellowship Corner and sang songs and entertained to the seniors.
- **Ridglea United Methodist Church** for providing school supplies for students at **Monnig Middle School**.
- **Broadway Baptist Church** who donated school supplies to **Van Zandt-Guinn Elementary** students.
- **Ecolab** employees who donated 25 boxes of school supplies for students at **Handley Middle School and Van Zandt-Guinn Elementary School**.
- **Cash America** for providing dozens of binders and classroom supplies for students and teachers at **Meadowbrook, Handley and William James middle schools**.
- **Kiwanis Club of Fort Worth** who held a school supply drive among its members for students at **Diamond Hill Elementary**.
- Residents of **Amli Apartments** for contributing school supplies to **I.M. Terrell and Charles E. Nash elementary schools**.
- Employees and clients of **Jamie Crnkovic's Edward Jones** office who donated school supplies to **Waverly Park, Westpark and Benbrook elementary schools**.
- Members of **Vision Fort Worth** who collected 1,300 school supplies for **I.M. Terrell students**.
- **Whitney Penn** employees for donating boxes of three-ring binders for students at **Diamond Hill Elementary School**.
- **Office Depot** for generously donating 1,800 Book Bags to students at **Meadowbrook and Riverside middle schools**.

Have some good news you would like to share?

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

***Calling All High School &
Middle School Adopt-A-School
Coordinators and Partners!***



- Our ***College & Career Bound*** Adopt-A-School Workshop for secondary school coordinators and partners is just around the corner. Come catch up with colleagues and partners on Tuesday, October 19th at The Women's Center, 1723 Hemphill, beginning at 4:00 p.m. School and Business/Organization Coordinators will have the opportunity to share ideas on how to impact Fort Worth ISD's targeted priority for all students to graduate college and career ready. Coordinators may share best practices and continue planning strategies to support students and teachers. You may just walk away with a prize, so be ready to share your best and brightest ideas and be recognized for all of your hard work and creativity!

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

Did you know?

The most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick is to wash your hands?

- Wash your hands in warm water.
- Use soap and lather up for about 20 seconds. Make sure you get in between the fingers, under the nails and your wrists.
- Rinse and dry well with a clean towel.

For a list of all area flu shots, visit www.fwisd.org/fit