BLOSSOM SCHOLARSHIP

Virgil T. Blossom Scholarship

The Virgil T. Blossom Scholarship is a project shared by all member units in the North East Council of PTA’s. Established to honor the late Virgil Blossom, Superintendent from 1959 to 1964, the Scholarship Fund is an excellent means of furthering quality education through assisting North East graduates who plan to enter the teaching profession. The scholarship pays $325 per semester for up to 8 semesters to each recipient. Each NEISD High School awards a scholarship to a qualified student planning to major in education. Applications are available in the counseling office as well and the link listed below. The application deadline is March 21, 2012. Please return your completed form into the counseling office.

To download a form go to http://www.macptsa.com/blossom-scholarship.html
BBQ Dinner
& Silent Auction
Catered by Rudy’s BBQ!

Tickets: $10

Tuesday, March 6, 2012
MacArthur H.S. Cafeteria
4:30pm - 6:30pm

Each meal purchased receives a complimentary coupon for two at Rudy’s for another evening!

Stay and enjoy the Mac Choir Concert at 7pm!

Proceeds will be used to offset the cost of Choir Banquet for EVERY choir student!

Advance Orders Due Monday, March 21 - Return to the Choir Room (E827) or Mr. Woodward’s Box

Name (Please Print): __________________________________________

# of Tickets: _____________________ x $10 each = Total: _____________________

To Go Order? (Available beginning at 4:20pm) Yes______ No _______

Make checks payable to Mac Choir.

Click here to download form

Contributed by mwoodw@neisd.net
**Science**

EVERY TUES. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL D250

Saturday, April 14 Science Super Saturday

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Science TAKS Test – April 26, 2012

**Social Studies**

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Social Studies TAKS Test

April 23, 2012

Submitted by cfront@neisd.net
STUDENT COUNCIL POWDER PUFF GAME

We will be starting meetings for the Powder Puff game, sponsored by Student Council. The game will be held on May 2 at Commalander Stadium. Meeting times are below:

Junior/Senior Girls (Players) - March 5 4:15 PM; March 6 8:00; Library
Junior/Senior Boys (Coaches) - March 7 4:15 PM; March 8 8:00 AM; C233
Brahmadorkas - March 8 4:15 PM; March 9 8:00 AM; C233

Submitted by amoyer@neisd.net

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

National Honor Society is beginning the Induction process for next year. On March 5th and 6th notices for qualified students will go out. There will also be a Mandatory meeting on March 8th in the library at 8:10. Students will then begin the process needed for membership. If selected, the National Honor Society Induction will be April 12, 2013 at 7 PM in the Brady Auditorium. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Williams at kwilli2@neisd.net.

ORCHESTRA UIL

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS AND DR. JAN GARVERICK AND MR. ANDREW DAVIS, DIRECTORS!!

MUSIC MAKES A DIFFERENCE AT MAC!

A Clean SWEEP for all four MacArthur Orchestras at UIL Concert and Sightreading competition. Congratulations to the Freshman Sinfonietta, the Junior Varsity Sinfonia, the Varsity Symphony String Orchestra and the Symphony Orchestra for earning six first divisions from 6 judges for each orchestra--SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS--24 first divisions at orchestra UIL. We are proud of these hardworking, talented MacArthur musicians who have achieved great musical success in their orchestras. Bravo!

Upcoming orchestra event for NEISD 4th graders- Texas Our Texas Concert, Thursday, March 29th, 10:00 a.m. in the MacArthur auditorium. The concert supports the TEKS for 4th grade Texas History.

The orchestra is looking forward to the fourth MacArthur Orchestra performance tour in Austria and Germany during spring break. Sixty-one persons will be experiencing the study of another culture, both in history and in music, language, customs, etc. The orchestras have toured Austria in 1998, 2004, 2008, and now 2012.
Congratulations to the following members of the MacArthur HS freshmen orchestra. They earned Sweepstakes at the 2012 UIL Orchestra Concert and Sight-Reading Contest held at Madison HS. Student participants are listed in alphabetical order, by section:

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Submitted by Jan Garverick, Ph.D.

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**JROTC**

Out of over 300 JROTC programs in 5th Brigade, our Mighty Blue Angels and Mighty Blue Guard took top honors as overall champions in Armed and Unarmed Drill at the U.S. Army 5th Brigade Drill Championships at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center this past Saturday.

Our teams will now represent the U.S. Army 5th Brigade at the U.S. Army National Drill Championships in Louisville, Kentucky, March 29-31st, where the very best of 1751 Army JROTC programs will be represented.

This competition is a pre-qualifier for our drill teams to defend their All Service Championship title in Daytona Beach at the U.S. All Service National Drill Team Championships, where the very best teams from 3,000 JROTC's across the nation representing a half million JROTC cadets and all four military services will be competing.

Thank you for all of your tremendous support of our Cadets!

*COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE!*

Submitted by Lt. Colonel Bob Blake
MacARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL
USED BOOK DRIVE

TO BENEFIT
PROJECT GRADUATION
MacARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2012

START YOUR SPRING CLEANING

DROP OFF DATES
SATURDAY—APRIL 7TH
9:30 A.M.—10:30
ALAMO EISENHAUER MINI-STORAGE
3500 EISENHAUER RD. (AT AUSTIN HWY.)

DROP BOXES IN MAC 4’s ENGLISH CLASSROOMS & IN THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
Week of April 2nd—April 6th

FINAL DAY FOR DROP-OFF
MacARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11th 8:00—10:00 A.M.
IN TURN-AROUND AT FRONT OF SCHOOL

Or Call 288-2107 for Additional Information

COME SHOP THE NEISD’s BOOK SALE
April 13th-14th 10-6 & April 15th 11-4
Blossom Athletic Center
MacArthur PTSA Needs You!

The MacArthur PTSA Nominating Committee is beginning the process of nominating individuals for the 2012-2013 school year PTSA Board. Below is a brief explanation of each position. If you are interested in holding a position, please fill out the form and return it to the office no later than March 8th. Whether you currently hold a position or are new, ALL interested individuals must return the form. If you have any questions concerning any position, please contact nominating chair Amy Conner @ aconner1474@gmail.com. Please remember that some positions do not require a lot of time and can be held by working parents, grandparents, etc. Please list your top three interests to ensure desired placement. All are welcome and encouraged to consider serving!

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Perform administrative and leadership duties. Preside over board and general PTA meetings.

1st VICE PRESIDENT

Assist President in any capacity needed. Organize and schedule all general PTA meetings.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Manage and oversee Brahma Bucks fundraiser including collecting monies and related issues.

TREASURER

Maintain PTSA financials including balancing checkbook, issuing checks and making deposits.

Provide regular reports of budget and accounts to board.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Attend ALL board and general PTA meetings and have a working knowledge of the bylaws.

SECRETARY

Attend ALL board and general PTA meetings and provide accurate records of these proceedings.

HISTORIAN

Compile a record of the activities and achievements of the PTA including photos, documents, etc.
BOARD POSITIONS

ARTS IN EDUCATION

Encourage and organize student participation in the PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM. Arrange campus level judging and awards. Act as campus liaison to students whose entries advance.

COUNCIL DELEGATE

Attend ALL Northeast Council meetings in order to relay the latest district information to the local unit. (The six meetings are at 9:30 a.m. at Piper-Bass Student Center)

ENVIRONMENTAL

Organize and encourage student participation in PTA poster contest. Arrange campus level judging and awards. Act as campus liaison to students whose entries advance. Raise awareness of environmental education and conservation.

HOSPITALITY

Set up and serve refreshments for board PTSA Meetings.

NOTIFICATION – Care & Concern

Conduct all correspondence relating to the association, including gratitude, sympathy, and congratulations, according to procedures detailed in the bylaws.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Coordinate volunteers as needed for various school functions. Collect, maintain, and distribute volunteer information to appropriate committees. Provide training as necessary for specific tasks.

WEBSITE

Publish and update webpages on the MacArthur PTSA website using submissions from the school and PTSA to inform families of pertinent information.
MacArthur PTSA Board Nominating Form

NAME: _________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________

PHONE NUMBER(S): ____________________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: _______________________________________________

POSITIONS INTERESTED IN:

1st Choice: __________________________________________

2nd Choice: __________________________________________

3rd Choice: __________________________________________

WE HAVE A PLACE FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SERVE!

ATTN: Amy Conner, MAC PTSA

Nominating Committee Chair

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE BY

Thursday, March 8
Mac Choir Solo and Ensemble Results

On Saturday, February 25th, Mac Choir students participated in the UIL Solo and Ensemble competition. 21 students received an Outstanding Rating and 24 students received a Superior Rating! Six students qualified for advancement to the State Solo and Ensemble Competition in May!

SUPERIOR RATINGS

Class 3 Solos
Naomi Bird
Lillian Byrne
Hallie Colbert
Gabby Garcia
Casey Holloway-Harris
Sierra Malone
Mae McCreary
Gianna Parrilla
Hope Samuelson
Jazia Todd

Class 2 Solos
Jaron Dinglasan
Blue Hess
Shaquille Melendez
Brandon Pinkerton
Carlos Quiroz
Lena Roha
Jacob Salas
Heather Smith

Class 1 Solo
State Solo and Ensemble Qualifiers
Marjorie Cartwright
Caroline Claunch
Rebecca Ellis
Morgan Handley
Stacie Islas
Sarah Parrish

OUTSTANDING RATINGS

Class 3 Solos
Alexious Akpa
Brittany Aston
Leah Blakley
Savannah Cothron
Sarah Florez
Abby Mcbr00m
Linda Salazar

Class 2 Solos
Alexus Blake
Baileigh Chism
Chris Hale
Monica Mancha
Shawn McGinnis
Kassie Napoleonis
Nick Perez
Josh Schnieders
Brittany Smith
Valyssa Smith
Grace Taylor

Class 1 Solos
Catherine Claunch
Megan Conner
Margaret Newton
Amanda Sowle and Ally Zamora provides an insight into the history of the Senior class gifts with Classy Gifts Continue the Senior Tradition.

Kayla Gunn writes about Mac's Girl Bowling Team in Bowling a Strike-Girls Bowling Team.

Daniel Delarosa writes about the difference between Apple's iPhone and Google's Android app stores in iTunes and Android Market: Originality vs. Innovation.

Submitted by lukemartinthacker@gmail.com

DIETITIAN'S DIARY

Katie Mahoney, M.S., R.D., L.D., Nutrition Education / Wellness Coordinator

“Get Your Plate in Shape” During National Nutrition Month

Since 1980, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics has designated each March as National Nutrition Month. This year, the theme is “Get Your Plate in Shape”. So what does it mean to get your plate in shape? A healthy plate includes whole grains, low-fat or fat-free dairy, lean protein, and plenty of fruits and veggies. By making small changes, adding a variety of healthy foods to your diet and being aware of what you’re eating, you will be well on your way to getting your plate in shape. If you know that you need to eat healthier, but you’re having trouble getting started, begin by making small changes. Here are some ways to “Get Your Plate in Shape”!

- Increase variety in your diet by trying different fruits and veggies and whole grains. Include healthy protein sources other than beef, such as turkey, fish, soybeans, tofu, beans, eggs, and nuts.
- Substitute water with lemon for sugar-laden soft drinks, fruit juice, coffee drinks, and sports drinks to save calories.
- Using smaller plates (8” diameter) at home or splitting a meal with a friend at a restaurant can help you control your portions.
- Bake, broil, grill, or steam your food instead of frying it. Use healthy fats like olive, sunflower, and canola oils instead of solid fats like butter, lard, or margarine.

We all know that getting our bodies in shape takes time and commitment. The same can be said for our diets and the meals that we serve our families. Take the time in March to really focus on what’s on your plate and make small changes to “Get Your Plate in Shape”!