



Clark County School District

**Your
PTA Newsletter!**

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Letter from the President Greetings, Fellow Giraffe Parents!

Do you know how amazing our Giraffes are? Just when I think I have seen it all, our students surprise us with record-breaking fund drives and over the top food collection!!!

If you haven't heard, yet, the Jump Rope for Heart campaign earned over \$7000 for the American Heart Association. Way to go, kids! (and parents...) That is one of the highest amounts Gilbert has ever raised. All the more impressive considering the tough economic times we are experiencing.

I have to confess, I was a bit worried about the food drive. We had little more than 1000 items right before the deadline. But, once again, the kids pulled together and ended up exceeding our goal of 2050 by at least 200!!! Thanks to all who donated food and spent time helping gather and assemble the baskets for distribution.

The school's "Bring Someone Special" (aka National Parent Involvement) Day was well attended. Hopefully, most of you had a chance to see how things work in your child's classroom.

One final thanks to all who took advantage of our gift card sale. We will be offering this again next week. Order forms will be coming shortly. Please keep a look out for that opportunity.

You should have received the order form for cookie dough. Orders are due in this Friday, December 5th. I know a lot of you look forward to that every year, and, as usual, pick up day will be same as Matinee Day--- Saturday, December 13 by 3pm.

And speaking of Matinee Day...Be sure to bring your appetites so we can fill you with chili dogs, chips, soda, candy and other "nutritious" goodies (wink!) before or after your child's performance. The concession stand will open around 11:30 a.m. There are plenty of opportunities for volunteering that day, also.

That's it for this year. Have great Holidays and remember that Reflections entries are due in early January.

Thanks!!!!

Janet Lenox, PTA President, lenox4@cox.net



Upcoming Events

December 5
Cookie Dough Orders Due.

December 10
National PTA Reflections
"Wow!" Interest Forms Due.
Rules will be delivered to those who fill out interest forms.

December 12
Gift Card Sales Orders Due.
Order forms coming soon!



December 13
Winter Matinee
Cookie Dough Pick Up by 3pm.
Food Concessions.
Flower Sales.
Volunteers welcome!!!

January 9
Deadline to Submit Art
National PTA
Reflections "Wow!"

For more information please watch for flyers in your child's backpack or visit the Gilbert PTA website...
www.gilbertpta.org.
Anyone can join PTA at anytime. Please get involved!

Simple Ways to Raise Responsible Children

(excerpt from National PTA Parent Newsletter)

Teaching responsibility to your children might not be as familiar as teaching math or reading. However, parents can help children understand what it means to be responsible. Terri Khonsari, a speaker and author of *Raising A Superstar: Simple Strategies to Bring Out the Brilliance in Every Child*, provides four steps for raising a child who understands responsibility.

Start giving your children small tasks and chores when they are young. Add to their responsibilities as they get older. Children have a natural desire to help, and you can take advantage of their willingness when they are little. Ask them to take care of certain duties and hold them accountable. Teach them to do things because it helps them and those around them, and not because they get something material from you. Chores can start with very simple things like having them empty trash cans or put their own plate away, and later on they can graduate to washing the dishes or making the salad for dinner.



Model the responsible behavior you want your child to emulate. Children can see right through hypocrisy. If there is a discrepancy between your behavior and your teachings, they will copy your actions rather than follow your words. Be responsible in your own life; show care and dedication toward your job, your family, and the commitments that you make to your children and their school. Do you take care of your responsibilities with passion and show enthusiasm for doing what you need to do? Take care of your responsibilities and show your kids you can have fun at the same time.

Communicate with your children about responsible behavior. Let them know when you see them being responsible. Point to specific behaviors that you notice them excelling in. Children don't know what it looks like to be responsible until you tell them and show them. Help them understand what you expect and make them feel they are being rewarded for doing the right thing, even if it is just a pat on the back. This will encourage them to continue being responsible and even strive to improve in other areas. Make responsibility a strong value for your whole family and announce it during your family quality times.

Believe in your children and show them that you believe they can be responsible. They will pick up on your belief and tend to fulfill expectations. Encourage your kids to do new things for themselves and for the family, and help them achieve their goals in the right way. Not only you will help them become responsible, you will boost their confidence as well.

It doesn't hurt to have a chart to help remind everyone what their responsibilities are. That way there is no excuse to forget to do homework, feed the cat or take out the trash. As good habits are formed, you will be laying the foundation for your children to grow into dependable, responsible adults.

Terri Khonsari is the bestselling author of *Raising A Superstar: Simple Strategies to Bring Out the Brilliance in Every Child*. To learn more about Terri's work visit <http://www.raisingasuperstar.com/> and sign up for more free tips on raising happy, healthy and successful children.

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