

## 2012 - 2013 Kealing PTA Programs & Services

Here is a brief list of accomplishments:

- Kealing PTA membership continues to rise.
- Funds from the 2012 Kealing Center Stage (KCS) have allowed teachers in both Magnet and STAR to provide quality experiential learning opportunities, teacher supplies, and improved technology for students.
- KMS PTA expanded its communication through the use of social networking such as Facebook, a new community listserve, and provided regular contact through the Hornet Herald.
- Kealing Men had another successful year including various mentoring, community building, and leadership development opportunities including kayaking at the Texas Rowing Center through a kind contribution by a Kealing family.
- In order to make PTA meetings more accessible to diverse families' needs and schedules, PTA meetings were held in the morning and evening. Translation in meetings and related materials were available in English and Spanish.
- KMS PTA continued faculty and staff appreciation through celebratory lunches, the Secret Pals program, and gifts for faculty and staff.
- In conjunction with KMAG and the Magnet Program, PTA created a Homework Survey which prompted discussions regarding Magnet students' homework loads and how to incorporate rigor and balance.
- KMS PTA hosted the movie, Bully, to assist parents in facilitating crucial conversations to make all students feel welcomed and supported.

- Many PTA volunteers and students worked together throughout the year on a number of grounds improvement projects, including a lovely contribution from Kealing Alum Andrew Henderson.
- In collaboration with STAR and Magnet faculty, an urban garden was created to build community and complement student learning in science and elective classes. This collaboration will expand to include additional Magnet and STAR courses to include students performing all the functions of planning, cultivating, and marketing an urban garden available to the community.
- A new partnership was established with Blackshear Elementary to help support their emerging PTA, garner book donations, and provide adult volunteers to foster literacy support.
- KMS PTA hosted the first annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Clean-up which included KMS students, faculty, staff, community members, UT-Austin student-athletes, Huston-Tillotson University students, and honored guests including our Trustee, Cheryl Bradley, and Trustee At-Large and Vice President Hinojosa. Special thanks to AVID for their participation and representing KMS in the media.