

## **Kealing Middle School PTA 2014-15 Accomplishments**

The Kealing Middle School PTA is a group dedicated to strong family-school-community partnerships as it supports the students, teachers, and staff at Kealing Middle School.

### 2014-15 Leadership

Kristin Knifton, President

Gillian Redfearn, Treasurer

Nicole Miller, Secretary

Heather Way, Parliamentarian

Shelley Kilday, Historian

ACPTA representatives Lynn Boswell and Nu Chanpheng

Mark Boyden, Membership Chair

Susan Lo, Fundraising Chair and Chair of Kealing Center Stage

Laura DiCarlo, Environmental Chair

Tutu Somerville, Programs Chair

Julie Pastor, Teacher-Staff Appreciation

Richard Barner, Kealing Men

Yolanda Torres and Joan Yamini, Spirit Wear

Scheleen Walker and Kelly Miles, MLK Day of Service

Johanna Brown, Catch/Wellness Chair

Peggy Kemp, Teacher Wishlists

Robin Lowe, Kealing Middle School Principal

Dee Gonzales, Parent Support Specialist

Dianne Carter, Magnet Directory

LaNica Failey, Academy Director

### **General Membership meetings**

- General membership meetings were held monthly in conjunction with the Principal's Coffees.
- Special programs were held in December (High School Transfer Options) and April (Internet Safety).
- Nominating committee election, PTA board elections, and budget presentation/adoption all occurred at membership meetings

### **PTA presence at school events:**

- Back-to-School night
- Assisted with school orientation and registration in August
- Magnet testing days
- Magnet Showcase

### **Membership**

- 639 members in 2014-15
- 520 members in 2013-14
- 7th consecutive year of growth in membership

### **Spirit Wear**

- T-shirts and sweatshirts were sold at various school events
- Approximately \$6500 in sales; \$3200 in expenses for a net profit of \$3300.

### **Austin Council of PTAs (ACPTA)**

- Kealing PTA representatives attended:
  - 5 general meetings:
    - Saturday Sept. 13, 2014: First Annual meeting and Training at Austin HS
    - Thursday Nov. 13, 2015: General meeting at Kealing MS (AISD Transportation and Internet Safety)
    - Thursday Jan. 29, 2015: General meeting at AISD's Performing Arts Center (Nominating committee)
    - Thursday Mar. 26, 2015: General meeting at Clifton Center/HS (Elections and 84th legislature session and AISD)
    - Thursday May 14, 2015: General meeting at new TXPTA building (awards, scholarship, officer installation)
  - 3 vertical team meetings
- Worked with ACPTA to help reinstate PTAs whose 501(c)(3) status had been revoked by the IRS
- Recruited UT accounting students to help treasury teams at 2 elementary schools that feed into Kealing

### **Kealing Men**

- Volunteers meet weekly with students in the program.
- Events included a Career Path Discussion Roundtable and a free basketball clinic with the Austin Police Athletic League
- Organized Kealing's Million Father March on the first day of school

### **MLK Day of Service**

- MLK Day of Service was celebrated in partnership with Tree Folks at Dottie Jordan Park.
- Snacks and coffee were provided thanks to a \$500 grant from HEB.
- Attendees planted seedlings

### **Teacher and Staff Appreciation**

- Back to school lunch for teachers and staff
- Holiday party
- End-of-year party
- 65 teachers and staff in the secret pal program
- Sign-up genius program started for classroom supplies

- Bus driver and custodian appreciation cards and gifts

### **Budget**

- Income and expenses of approximately \$50,000
- 70% of expenses (or 100% of net profits) directly support our students, faculty and staff (teacher grants, professional support, student scholarships, teacher appreciation, landscaping/green team, after school programs, etc.)
- 23% of expenses are the costs of fundraising (buying spirit wear to sell, costs associated with producing Kealing Center Stage)
- 7% of expenses are overhead and fees (insurance, PTA dues, bank fees, ACPTA, etc.)

### **PTA grants**

Through an application process open to all teachers and staff, the PTA awarded the following:

- \$1650 for 6th grade advisory intramural t-shirts
- \$750 for items for the school store
- \$1520 for an 8th grade AVID field trip
- \$400 for 2 field trips for the Garden/Environmental Science class
- \$2649 for tutoring computers for Communities in Schools
- \$4157 for a wireless microphone package for the theatre
- \$540 Reading Counts for the ELA/ESL Academy
- \$130 for a spelling bee
- \$1350 for a SCORES field trip
- \$100 for transportation to an Austin Toros game for recognized students
- \$3348 for mini iPads for Academy math classes for flipped lesson learning
- \$700 for the AVID banquet
- \$2000 for orchestra scholarships
- \$500 for iPod touches for robotics
- \$5000 for a field trip for Academy 7th graders
- \$1300 for a conference related to yearbook and Inkblot
- \$1000 to support Inkblot production
- \$4500 for a poster machine for the school
- \$4,000 to support the Athletics Department
- \$750 for professional development to support flipped math instruction in the Academy Program
- \$400 for a Parent Support Specialist conference

### **Fundraising**

- Another successful Kealing Center Stage event was held April 11, 2015 at Opal Devine's.
- Kealing Center Stage 2015 grossed \$41,645 and netted \$33,948

### **School Partnerships**

- Blackshear
- Sponsored the bounce houses for the Campbell and Oak Springs carnivals
- Collected prize items for the Oak Springs carnival

### **Environmental Committee**

- Continued the relationship with the Compost Pedalers
- Held a "Clean up Kealing" grounds day the weekend before school started, a "Green Apple Day of Service" grounds day 9/27/14, and an AVID grounds day 10/18/14
- Secured donated seedlings for the gardens from the Great Outdoors, Johnson's Backyard Garden, and Yard Farm
- Participated in the Sustainable Food Center's "Share the Harvest" program
- Attempted to start the "Going Green Club" and realized there were too many after school conflicts; will try again next year
- Posted "Green Spotlight" blurbs in the Hornet Herald thanks to Johanna Gordy Brown
- Watered and covered the gardens over the winter break
- Rinsed recyclables in the cafeteria on "America Recycles Day"
- Judged Environmental Science class upcycling projects
- Recycled ink jet cartridges through Rick's Refills
- Coordinated with MLK Day of Service chairs to support the event
- Participated in the AISD sustainability fair
- Held a grounds day on April 26
- Held Kealing Picnic and "Peace through Pie" social in the Kealing garden on May 2

### **Back to School:**

- Hosted a back-to-school pool party for the Kealing Community
- Organized the million father march on the first day of school

### **Historian**

- Assisted with the first school-wide birthday celebration for Dr. HT Kealing
- Purchased frames for Dr. Kealing's portrait and for the KMS History boards
- Compiled PTA electronic records into one central location