



## The President's Column

By Julie Myers, 2010-2011 Renner PTA President

Renner staff, teachers and students have all been very busy as the second semester is in full swing and TAKS testing is just around the corner. I hope you will have a chance to come to Open House on Tuesday, **March 8<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. to see how much the students have already accomplished this year and to have a chance to visit the Renner Book Fair. **Holly Blais, Debra Copley**, and many volunteers will be waiting to assist you in choosing books for your student or for a teacher. The Book Fair will be opened each day during school hours, March 2nd through March 11th as well as Open House on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The Book Fair continues to promote the joy of reading, provides books for the school library and helps the PTA fund its many worthwhile activities.

We still have two events remaining in February. On February 15th at 9:30 a.m., we will have our final Principal's Coffee for the school year and on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. we will have the Renner Round Table for 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents. The Round Table features Mr. McLaughlin, other staff members as well as current Renner 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who participate in a variety of classes and activities talking candidly about life at Renner. This evening gives future Renner students and their families a chance to see inside the Renner family. There will be a time for questions to be asked of both the staff and students.

Spring Break is around the corner and I hope each of you has a wonderful break and comes back refreshed and ready for a great last couple of months of the school year. There are many events coming up that I hope you will be a part of. The next day for Teacher Treats is **April 14<sup>th</sup>**. To donate a food item for the teachers that day just contact **Becky Tanoury or Jenny Craig** at [treats@rennerpta.org](mailto:treats@rennerpta.org). If you would like to help with any of the activities that occur for our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week **May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>** please contact **Sheryl Pidgeon or Julie Kabel** at [appreciation@rennerpta.org](mailto:appreciation@rennerpta.org). **Jacque Delkus** will also be coordinating casseroles for each teacher on Wednesday of this week so please contact her if you can make a casserole at [casserole@rennerpta.org](mailto:casserole@rennerpta.org).

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**The President's Column, continued****By Julie Myers, 2010-2011 Renner PTA President**

Another fun event coming soon is the Renner Spring Social which is just around the corner on **April 8<sup>th</sup>**. The social is a great chance for your student to have fun with their friends in a safe environment. To make the social a success we need two things: students to attend and parents to volunteer to chaperone the evening. Contact **Holly Castora** at [socials@rennerpta.org](mailto:socials@rennerpta.org) if you would be willing to provide snacks, sell tickets during lunch or chaperone the night of the social. It will be a very fun night with loud music, lots of snacks and time to socialize with friends.

The nominating committee will present the slate of officers for the Renner PTA 2011 – 2012 Board at the General PTA Meeting on Monday, **March 7<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 a.m. After the election, the officers will meet to begin filling the other positions on the board. If you would like to serve on next year's Renner PTA Board go to the Renner website ([www.rennerpta.org](http://www.rennerpta.org)) to find a board interest form. If you have questions about any positions please contact **Jill Van Mater** at [parliamentarian@rennerpta.org](mailto:parliamentarian@rennerpta.org) or me at [president@rennerpta.org](mailto:president@rennerpta.org). Please pass this information along to any parents who will have a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Renner for the first time. This is a great way to meet people and one more way to be connected at Renner. I look forward to hearing from you.

Lastly, I would like to announce that in December the Renner PTA awarded the Texas PTA Life Membership to four very deserving individuals: **Terri Perkins, Holly Blais, Linda Davis and Kathy Riley**. The Texas PTA Life Member award is given to individuals who have provided outstanding service to the students of Renner and the community. Thank you again to these parents and staff members who have so selflessly given of their time to our students.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me with any ideas, questions or comments.

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