



The President's Column

By Julie Myers, 2011-2012 Renner PTA President

As we look forward to a wonderful new year I hope each of you will set a goal to stay involved and connected at Renner to help your child reach his or her highest potential.

The volunteers at Renner were extremely busy in November and December. First, I would like to thank **Nadia Rahman** for coordinating a wonderful Reflections Contest at Renner. We had many outstanding entries from our talented students. Great job and lots of hard work! The Winter Luncheon for the teachers was held on December 9th. **Sheryl Pidgeon and Julie Kabel** did a wonderful job. I know the teachers and staff really enjoyed it. **Leslie Hyne** did an outstanding job with the Toys for Tots drive for the holidays. Thank you to all the Renner families who participated in this outreach project. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The Science Fair was a huge success thanks to the efforts of **Masae Rinkliff and Mrs. Gunnels**. Thank you to **Sam Clement** who provided food for the PISD Holiday Luncheon at the Administration Building on behalf of Renner. Once again **Maggie Peck and Lori Gropper** provided an unbelievable Teacher Treat Day. You could smell the goodies when you walked in the front office. Thank you to all of the volunteers who donated items for that day.

There are many events coming up in the next month or two. The calendar in this newsletter shows all events, but I wanted to highlight a few. **The Renner Roundtable will be on Monday February 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the library and is for incoming 6th grade parents.** If you have a 5th grader right now or know one please let them know about this program. We will have 8th graders and some staff here to answer any questions that parents or students might have. It is open to parents and students who will be attending Renner next year. This will be our fourth year for this program and it has been a huge success. **We will have a Principal's Coffee on Thursday, February 27 at 9:30 a.m.** This is a great time to connect with some Renner parents and faculty. It is very informative and has a time for questions and answers.

The Renner PTA has provided many wonderful items for the teachers through the Teacher Grant Program. The teachers and staff apply for these grants. They are programs or instructional aides for all of our students that the teachers and staff feel will help them enrich the education experience for the Renner students. There is a complete list of these grants on Page 8 of this issue.

I want to say thank you to all the PTA Board members for the 2011 – 2012 school year. You are an incredible team. The PTA Board is beginning to look for new members for the 2012 – 2013 team. If you would like to join this dynamic and uplifting team, please contact me at president@rennerpta.org or Jill Van Mater at parliamentarian@Rennerpta.org. Being a part of the PTA team will provide you an excellent opportunity to make a difference in the lives of all Renner students and another great way to get more connected at Renner. Please read the interest finder which is included in this newsletter that provides a brief description of each position and consider which position best suits your interests, talents and time constraints. We are waiting for YOU!

As always, please contact me with any questions or suggestions.

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