



The President's Column

By Julie Myers, 2011-2012 Renner PTA President

Renner staff, teachers and students have all been very busy as the second semester is in full swing. I hope you will have a chance to come to Open House on Tuesday, **March 6th** to see how much the students have already accomplished this year and to have a chance to visit the Renner Book Fair. **Jenny Wood, Kim Brown** and many volunteers will be waiting to assist you in choosing books for your student or for a teacher. The Book Fair will be open each day during school hours, March 1st through March 8th as well as Open House on March 6th. 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 one important event remaining in February. February 27th at 6:30 p.m. we will have the Renner Round Table for 5th grade parents. The Round Table features Mr. McLaughlin, other staff members as well as current Renner 8th 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. If you would like to help with any of the activities that occur for our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week **May 7th – 11th** please contact **Sheryl Pidgeon or Julie Kabel** at appreciation@rennerpta.org. **Michelle Stapleton** 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.

Another fun event coming soon is the Renner Spring Social on **April 20th**. 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 **Tracy Tomson** at 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 2012 – 2013 Board at the General PTA Meeting on Monday, **March 5th** 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) to find a board interest form. If you have questions about any positions please contact **Jill Van Mater** at parliamentarian@rennerpta.org or me at president@rennerpta.org. Please pass this information along to any parents who will have a 6th 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: Sheryl Pidgeon, Kim Brown, Judith Grace and Leigh Ann Thompson. 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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