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# *Bette Perot Elementary School*

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM BPES PTA!

## ✂ A message from our Principal ✂

DEAR PATRIOT PARENTS,

Thank you so much for donating items to The Angel Tree, which provides toys and shoes to local families in need. You have ensured a happy holiday season for so many kids in our community! This is a wonderful time of year to model our character quality of caring and the example you set will be a valuable one for your children.

As always, I encourage you become as involved in your child's education as possible. Together, we can make sure your child reaches his/her full potential. We hope you are able to be a part of the PTA-sponsored holiday party in your child's classroom on Thursday, December 17th, between 2 and 3 PM. We would love to see you!

I hope you have a wonderful winter break and I look forward to seeing you all in January!

Patriot Proud,

Cory Wilson, Principal

[cory.wilson@kellerisd.net](mailto:cory.wilson@kellerisd.net)



BPES enjoyed the first snow of the school year on December 2nd!

# *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*





## *A few words from our PTA President...*

Patriot Families,

The Rockin' Fun Run was a success! Yea!! We are so fortunate to live in such a great community. The support of the BPES family is extraordinary. Thank you to Susan McLemore, who dedicated so much time and efforts. The day of the fun run could not have been more perfect; the weather was great and the kids had a fantastic time. Thank you to everyone who came out and volunteered and cheered on the runners. You made it the success that it was! Our school raised over \$12,000 and every dollar will stay at BPES! This money will allow us to continue enhancing our outdoor environment and begin installing our outdoor learning center. Great job!

Thank you to everyone who came out to McDonald's for Dining Out in November. Our teachers were awesome to dedicate even more of their time to help us. We look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday, December 16th at Pizza Inn.

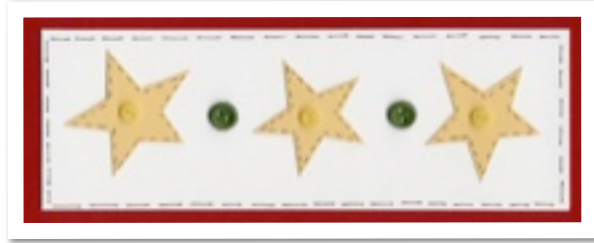
Our next General Assembly Meeting will be January 12th. Our Dad's Club will be sponsoring "Family Game Night" immediately following the meeting. Look for information about that meeting to come home when we come back from the holiday break. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!

Patriot Parent,  
Angie Aldredge  
BPES PTA President

### D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

	<b>December 15 -</b>	<b>BPES Talent Show</b>
	<b>December 16 -</b>	<b>Dining Out at Pizza Inn</b>
	<b>December 17 -</b>	<b>Class Parties- 2-3 PM</b>
	<b>December 18 -</b>	<b>Early Release</b>
	<b>December 21 -</b>	<b>January 3 - No School</b>
	<b>January 12 -</b>	<b>General Assembly Meeting</b>
	<b>January 15-18 -</b>	<b>No School</b>





## *Staff Appreciation Holiday Luncheon*

The PTA sponsored staff appreciation holiday luncheon will be held in the cafeteria on December 18, 2009, after early release of the students. We are still accepting donations for door prizes. If you have a door prize you would like to donate, please contact Dee Dee Mackey at [the5mackeys@gmail.com](mailto:the5mackeys@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued support of the BPES PTA and our wonderful teachers!

### **TEACHER APPRECIATION CONTINUES**

The PTA would like to invite you to join us in showing the  
3rd grade teachers  
how much we appreciate them the week of  
January 25-29.

Some examples include sending a picture or card drawn by your child, giving the teacher a hug, or giving the teacher's favorite treat. Let's always be sure to thank all our teachers for their hard work making sure your child has the best education possible at Bette Perot Elementary.



## News from Mrs. Pratt...

The holidays bring much fun with family and friends and that also means food! Let the kids join in on the fun by “reading” the recipes to you. It’s amazing how much reading kids do without even noticing. This reading can transform into math and writing activities also. Just like we sometimes “disguise” vegetables, it’s okay to “disguise” reading too!

Holidays can translate into much travel for your reading road trippers. Make sure you pack those bags with good books to read along the way. Another way to fight off the “Are we there yet?” is to listen to your favorite audio books while on the road.

Use the holidays as a time to build reading traditions...share your favorite stories and let your children share theirs. Make this a yearly activity and hang on to those books so that your children can one day share them with their families. I still have my favorites!

Happy Holidays!  
Mrs. Pratt  
[amy.pratt@kellerisd.net](mailto:amy.pratt@kellerisd.net)



P.S. Our next Scholastic Book Fair will be here before you know it, February 8-12, 2010!

Thank you to everyone who helped make Camp-Reads-A-Lot a success! BPES Girl Scout Junior Troop 1137 4th Grade members who helped are Kallie Aldredge, Julianna Bradshaw, Avery Bruner, Sidney Delgado, Emily Dixson, Victoria Harkins, Alexandra Leger, McKenzie Haslett, and Sofia Yarbrough. Leader Catherine Haslett and Co-Leader Lara Bradshaw assisted the girls in this successful literacy-awareness event!





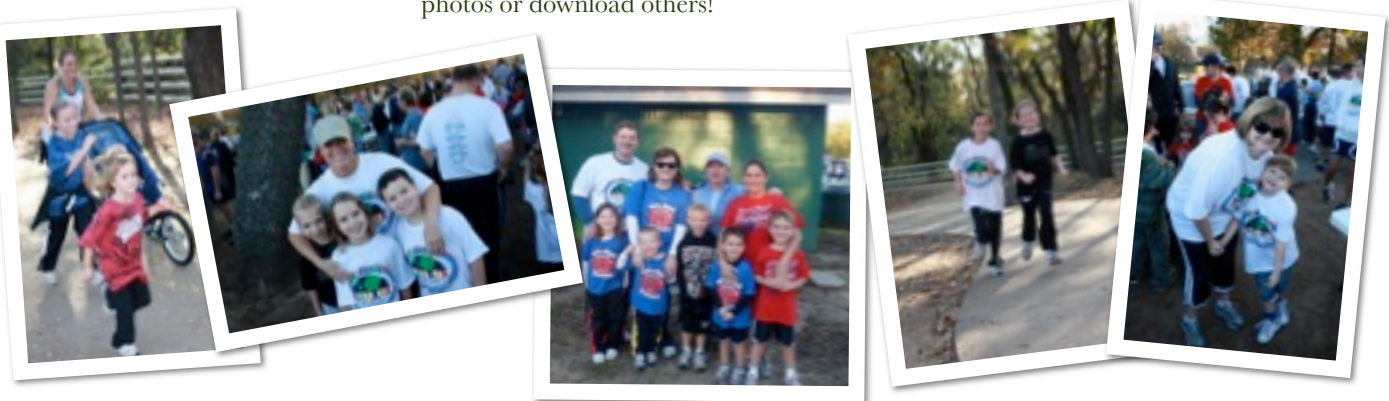
## Casey's Kids Update

We can't express how proud we were to be Bette Perot Patriots on November 7th. The support of our BPE families at The Casey's Kids Fun Run was unbelievable. We still can't believe that we had 360 participants! What an amazing amount of support for such a worthy cause. Thank you to everyone that came out and joined us. 1,474 people registered for the Casey's Kids' Fun Run in 2009. \$32,089.26 was raised for disadvantaged children in the KISD. You are the reason that Bette Perot is such a special place!



Kelly Cerny and Alicia Malpass

For more photos of the Casey's Kids Fun Run, please go to [www.bpespta.org](http://www.bpespta.org) and click on "photos." You may upload your photos or download others!



# Music Notes



In music, we have had and are having some exciting things going on.

On November 12th, all of the BPES third graders performed the musical, "How to be a Pirate in Seven Easy Songs." They were all wonderful!

Sophia Yarbrough, Mayah Nieto, Aidan Barriga, Deja Everette, Lindsey Hernandez, Janae Fernandez, and Jennifer Ford represented BPES at the District Honor Choir Performance on November 19th at Timber Creek High School. Seven fourth graders from each elementary school came together to sing a variety of styles of music. They were awesome!

The Fourth Graders have been working hard on their recorders. They will be having Recorder Recitals for the parents during their Music class time December 7th-10th from 10:30-11:00.

Monday, December 7th, Group D, 10:30-11:00- Williamson, 1/2 Stegall

Tuesday, December 8th, Group B, 10:30-11:00- Hodge, 1/2 Howard

Wednesday, December 9th, Group C, 10:30-11:00- Vick, 1/2 Stegall

Thursday, December 10th, Group A, 10:30-11:00- Moltenbrey, 1/2 Howard

These are all in the Music Room. Parents are welcome!

The BPES Holiday Talent Show is coming up on Tuesday, December 15 at 2:10 for the students and 6:30 for the parents. We have 20 + acts that will be performing. Come and watch all of our talented students! We are decorating the stage on Monday, December 7th, at 2:00 until it is complete. All volunteers and ideas are all welcome. Thank you in advance!

Talent Day for all students in Music class will be the week of December 14-17 during their designated time for Music. This is a great way to share their uniqueness with their peers. Some students bring an instrument from home or use my instruments. Others sing, dance, read poems, tell jokes, and do gymnastics to a CD. I love listening and observing all of our talented students we have at BPES. It also gives everyone a chance to practice their concert etiquette skills while their peers are performing. It is always a surprise!

*Congratulations to  
our art students...*

❄️ 4th Grade Student **Sidney Delgado's** holiday card has been chosen to represent BPES at the district level.

❄️ 3rd Grade Student **Colleen Anderson** was one of ten students in KISD that had art work chosen to be displayed at the Texas Start Art Education Convention in Dallas last month.



# BPE Reflections Gallery



## LITERATURE

### **Untitled**

Gabriela Joy Yarbrough, Kindergarten

Beauty is...  
The earth because its what we live in.  
Flowers because I love the smell and I like how they look.  
Animals because they have gorgeous coats that keep them warm and they sometimes keep me warm too.  
Families because they love you and they care about you.  
Me! because I am one of a kind.

### **Beauty From the Seasons**

Madelyn Whitehead, 2nd Grade

Beauty from the seasons

Beauty is the sunset on the first day of summer.  
Beauty is the fireworks on the fourth of July.  
Beauty is a big ripe pumpkin in the fall.  
Beauty is the flowers in the spring time meadows.  
Beauty is the snowflakes falling from the sky in winter.  
Beauty is the smell of a rose.  
Beauty is a bird singing in a pine tree.  
Beauty is all around us.

## VISUAL ARTS

### **Beauty Is Mamas and Babies Loving**

Raiyah Boyer, Kindergarten



*BPE Reflections Gallery-*  
*continued*

**Beauty Is My Family and Dog**

Katerina Guerrero, Kindergarten



**Beauty Is Seeing the Colors in a Bowl of Fruit**

Connor Wardle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



**Beauty is Coconut, My Dog**

Alexandra Guerrero, 4<sup>th</sup> grade



**Thank you so much to all  
the fabulous children who  
participated in our annual  
Reflections program.  
-Jen Guerrero, Art in Education**



Art in Education  
Cultural Calendar for December

## DECEMBER

### Ongoing – Fort Worth Science Museum – it's open!

1600 Gendy St.,  
Fort Worth  
817-255-9300  
[www.fwmuseum.org](http://www.fwmuseum.org)

### til December 17 - Omni Theater -

#### The Polar Express: The IMAX Experience

All Aboard! **THE POLAR EXPRESS: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE** will again delight children and adults when it returns to the Omni Theater to coincide with the opening of the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History's new facility. The Omni Theater will offer the only domed IMAX presentation in the Southwest. The holiday-themed film, based on the classic Caldecott medal-winning children's book written by Chris Van Allsburg, is directed by Oscar® winner Robert Zemeckis and stars two-time Academy Award® winner Tom Hanks. Using state-of-the-art CGI and performance capture technology to create a unique blend of realism and fantasy, it tells of a doubting young boy who takes an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole and embarks on a journey of self-discovery that shows him that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe. \$9 for adults, \$8 for children (3-12).

1600 Gendy St., Fort Worth  
**817-255-9540**  
[www.fwmuseum.org](http://www.fwmuseum.org)

### Til December 23 - Casa Mañana Theatre

Santa Claus is Coming to Town  
Christmas is in trouble! When the greedy toy company DeBiggy Toys International gets a judge to outlaw Santa Claus, a ragtag band of singing, dancing children are the only ones who can save Christmas. The adventure zips from the North Pole to Acapulco and back again in this clever, fun-loving musical by Joel Ferrell. A true North Texas classic! This show is suitable for all audiences.  
**3101 West Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76107** Box Office:  
**817.332.2272**  
[www.casamanana.org](http://www.casamanana.org)

### Til January 3, 2010, – Slappy's Puppet Playhouse

- The Nutcracker SWEET!  
13350 Dallas Parkway, #3140  
(in the Galleria Mall); Dallas,  
TX 75240 214-369-4849  
[www.slappysplayhouse.com](http://www.slappysplayhouse.com)

### December 6 - The Modern

Drawing from the Collection for Children 2-3:30 pm -Chris Powell  
This exciting gallery program is designed for children between the ages of 6 and 12, and is offered on the first Sunday of each month when gallery admission is free. (Children under the age of 6 must be accompanied by an adult.) The program is led by an artist who takes participants through informal drawing exercises in relation to works in the Modern's collection. Bring a sketchbook and pencils or buy materials from The Modern Shop. Attendance is limited to 20 participants, so arrive early to sign up at the information desk to ensure your space. Class is closed to additional participants after 2 pm.  
3200 Darnell Street, Fort Worth, TX 76107

817.738.9215  
[www.themodern.org](http://www.themodern.org)

**December 9— The Modern** Wonderful Wednesdays 4-4:45 PM- Visiting the work of Susan Rothenberg  
This free gallery program for families is designed as an informal introduction to the collection and special exhibitions. Offered once a month, Wonderful Wednesdays consists of a focused tour and is accompanied by a gallery project designed by the Modern's education staff. Prior registration is not required. Meet at the admission desk to sign in. Limited to 30 participants.  
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### December 11 – 24 Bass Performance Hall -

The Nutcracker  
A holiday party, a mysterious guest and a young girl's dream. Ring in the holiday season with Ben Stevenson's critically acclaimed production of **The Nutcracker**. This beloved ballet tells the story of Clara and her magical Nutcracker Prince as they embark on a thrilling adventure. Along the way, they meet a Christmas tree that grows to 40 feet, toy soldiers battling mischievous mice, waltzing flowers, dancing candy, and sparkling, swirling snowflakes that fall on dancers and the audience alike. Stunning costumes, dazzling sets and remarkable dancing to holiday music by Tchaikovsky make **The Nutcracker** a favorite family tradition. Call the box office at 877.828.9200 or order online at [www.texasballettheater.org](http://www.texasballettheater.org)

### December 12- Irving Arts Center –

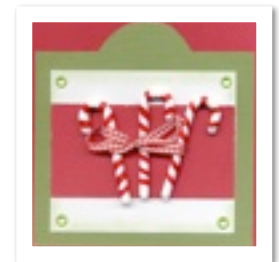
Doktor Kaboom! is an interactive one-man Science variety show suitable for all audiences. The creation of Actor/Comedian David Epley, Doktor Kaboom! creatively blends theatre arts with the wonders of scientific exploration. Join him for a

sidesplitting journey of increasingly spectacular, and often successful, experiments and demonstrations. Doktor Kaboom! keeps his crowds riveted with interest and rolling with laughter. \$15  
[3333 North MacArthur Blvd.](http://3333NorthMacArthurBlvd.com); Irving, TX 75062 Box Office: 972.252.ARTS  
[www.doktorkaboom.com](http://www.doktorkaboom.com)

### December 21-23 - The Keller Pointe - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Holiday Adventure Camp

The Keller Pointe will be hosting its Holiday Adventure Camp this holiday season. Campers will enjoy a full schedule of fun and exciting indoor games, swimming, arts and crafts, singing, dancing, talent shows and more! Snacks will be provided, but please bring your own lunch, swim suit and towel. Before and After Camp Care will be available for an additional fee. Ages: 6 to 12; Cost: Member \$75; Nonmember \$85  
[405 Rufe Snow Drive](http://405RufeSnowDrive.com); Keller (817)743-4FUN (4386)  
[thekellerpointe@cityofkeller.com](mailto:thekellerpointe@cityofkeller.com)

**December 28-30 -  
The Keller Pointe -  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Holiday  
Adventure Camp (2<sup>nd</sup> one)**  
See details above.





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**January 4 - 29**

**Keller Town Hall - Monday - Friday,  
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM** - January Public Art  
Show Featuring "Ann Hardy: Life's Adventures  
and Art"

The Keller Public Art Program hosts monthly  
art shows at Keller Town Hall. The Art  
in Town Hall program presents exhibitions  
that feature artwork by professional and  
amateur visual artists. This municipal  
program is committed to presenting a diversity  
of ideas by encompassing a variety of  
mediums, techniques and subjects.

Gallery Walk 7:00 to 9:00 PM, Thursday,  
January 14 in the Foyer at Keller Town Hall  
For more information contact the City  
Manager's Office at (817)743-4010 or e-mail  
[publicarts@cityofkeller.com](mailto:publicarts@cityofkeller.com). Keller Town Hall,  
1100 Bear Creek Parkway

**January 09 - Kimbell Art Museum**

Children's Workshop 10 am–noon - Dot,  
Dash, Swirl, Splash  
Connect with artworks, new friends, and  
creative activities during Saturday workshops  
for children (ages 6–14) and their adult.  
Limit of three children per adult; no charge for  
parents. Individual session fees are \$15 (\$12

for Kimbell members). To register, please call  
817-332-8451, ext. 297.

3333 Camp Bowie Boulevard; Fort Worth,  
Texas 76107-2792 817-332-8451  
[www.kimbellart.org](http://www.kimbellart.org)

**January 9 - April 4, 2010 – Slappy's  
Puppet Playhouse** - Aladdin and the Magic  
Lamp

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**Jen Guerrero**  
**Art in Education,**  
**[MajorWelch@gmail.com](mailto:MajorWelch@gmail.com)**

## Box Tops for Education...

### Dear Parents & Students:

Thank you for your continued support of the Bette Perot Box Tops for Education  
program. I am truly touched by all of your support so far this school year. We have almost  
reached our goal of 16,000 box tops, and we are only in December.

***The November classroom contest winner is  
Mrs. Ball's 3rd grade class!***

They collected a total of **264 box tops!** The class will enjoy a Pizza Party for their  
outstanding contribution to the program! Way to go, class!

Our classroom contest for 2009 is now over. Thank you to everyone for your contribution  
to the program! Our next contest will be in January 2010. So you will have 2 months of  
saving up box tops, I can't wait to see how much you collect!

We hope that you and your family have a great winter break, and remember to keep  
clipping away!

To learn more, visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) . Thanks for choosing to make a  
difference in our school with Box Tops!

Thank you,  
Kristi Frazier  
[kristifrazier@yahoo.com](mailto:kristifrazier@yahoo.com)  
BPES Box Tops Coordinators

Sabrina Dixon  
[cali2girl77@yahoo.com](mailto:cali2girl77@yahoo.com)

## BPES Dad's Club Presents... Family Game Night!

After a brief PTA General Assembly Meeting on January 12th, please join us for an evening of family fun! Bring your favorite game or play at one of the many game stations! Dance, Dance Revolution will certainly be a favorite! We'll have popcorn and drinks for all. Be sure to enter the drawing to win board games.



## News from Mrs. DeRosa...

### **Working Together\***

#### **Family Rules**

Rules help your child's classroom run smoothly. Why not have family rules to help your household run smoothly, too? Try these ideas.

#### **Involve Everyone**

Your youngster will be more agreeable to rules that she helps write. Ask family members for suggestions on getting along better, staying safe, and keeping the house neat. Make a note of every idea - you can narrow the list down later.

#### **Keep It Simple**

A short list of clear rules will be easier to follow. Consider putting them in "we" format to show that they apply to everyone. For example, you might write, "We put things back where they belong," and "We speak nicely to each other." Or you can make a list of do's and don'ts: "Do your homework on time." "Don't interrupt when someone is talking."

#### **Set Consequences**

Rules will be taken more seriously when children know what will happen if they're broken. Come up with a logical consequence for each one: "If you fight over a toy, it will be put away." "If you talk back, you'll have a timeout." TIP: Post the consequences alongside the rules.

#### **Refer to Rules**

When your youngster breaks a rule, help her take responsibility. You can have her look at the list, read the rule she has broken, and tell you the consequence. If she asks to do something that's against the rules, (eat in the living room), remind her why your family set the rule (to keep the furniture clean).

\*from Home and School Connection, December 2007

## Rockin' Fun Run Update

Bette Perot PTA would like to send a big THANK YOU to all parents, families, and friends who contributed to our annual Fun Run. Through your generous donations, we collected over \$12,000!

A big congratulations to **Mrs. Norris' Kindergarten class** for bringing in the most money!

Congratulations to the top earners for each grade level. Each of these students will be awarded with a pizza party on stage with Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Wilder!

The top individual earner was Remedy Dixon in Mrs. Abbott's Kindergarten class.

Congratulations to the top individuals for each grade level:

Kindergarten - REMEDY DIXON

1<sup>st</sup> Grade - JOEY SINEL-BARR

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - KYLIE SAYRE

3<sup>rd</sup> grade - DESTINEE PIERCE

4<sup>th</sup> grade - JULIANNA BRADSHAW

We will continue to accept pledges throughout the school year in the hopes that we will reach our goal. Remember, 100% of the funds raised stays within our school and will help benefit such projects as the outdoor learning environment as well as the enhancement of sports equipment.

Thank you again for your support!

Susan McLemore  
Fundraising Team Lead

**We've discovered a wonderful way to raise funds for our school. It's super-easy, and all you have to do is use your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. We will receive a percentage of the amount of each purchase in the form of a cash donation from Target through the Take Charge of Education® program. It's easy. Just visit [target.com/tcoe](http://target.com/tcoe), or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school. So if you're going to Target anyway, please consider using your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. Remember, Grandparents, alumni, neighbors and friends can take part, too.**

**Find out how much money our school has already received at [target.com/tcoe](http://target.com/tcoe). Our school ID is 121084.**

**A big thanks to those who are already doing their part to make a great school even better.**

## 2009-2010 Bette Perot Elementary PTA Voting Board Members

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