

Bette Perot Elementary School

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Jump Rope for Heart participants February 2009

Each class will have a PTA-sponsored Valentine's Day Party on Friday, February 12, 2010 beginning at 2:00. We hope to see you there!

A note from our principal...

February is a busy month at BPE! Our paperless communication initiative went into effect this week. Please make sure your child's teacher has a current email address in order to communicate with you. Be sure to bookmark our campus [website](#), and check back often! We are excited about the opportunities paperless communication provides, but realize it may take a few weeks before it is as efficient as we expect it to be. To be sure our families have the information needed, the BPE website will be updated regularly. Information will also be sent through email from time to time. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

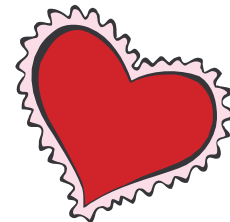
The Keller ISD faculty and administration believes that student success is a responsibility shared by the family, school, and community. In order for us to successfully partner with families and community, we feel it is important for all of us to know the expectations of the students, as well as what procedures they are asked to follow. Clear communication and consistency in practice are important parts of ensuring students' success. We never want a child to be in a situation where they are not sure of what they need to do. We hope you take time to review the handbook with your child and help us make sure they have the information they need.

As the testing season quickly approaches, we need to make sure the students are on track to meet their individual goals. One of the ways we do this is to administer assessments that will monitor progress and give benchmarks to identify areas where additional instruction is needed. Although testing can be time consuming and tiring, we feel it plays an important role in the educational process. We want to make sure we are addressing each student's needs. Testing provides us the data needed to do so. I encourage you to talk to your child and your child's teacher regarding the results.

Please join us for your child's Valentine's Party on Friday, February 12th, beginning at 2:00 PM. This is always a student favorite and we thank BPE PTA, as well as the parents, for always doing such a fantastic job providing for this party.

Patriot Proud,

Cory Wilson, Principal
Cory.Wilson@kellerisd.net



Happy Valentine's Day!

A message from our PTA President...

Patriot Families,

Where does time go? I can not believe that the first semester is behind us. PTA has many exciting things in store for the second half of the year.

We hope you can join us on Friday, February 12th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for our 2nd Annual Sock Hop. Be sure to throw on your poodle skirt, your leather jacket and hop on by for some fun! There will be a disc jockey in the gym and refreshments for sale in the cafeteria, along with complimentary photographs. Don't forget the Scholastic Book Fair will be open in the library.

Thank you to everyone who attended our January PTA Meeting. Our Dad's Club hosted "Family Game Night" and it was such a great time.

Thank you, Brian Wilder!! Those who attended had a lot of fun playing games with friends and family members, jamming on the stage and eating yummy snacks. We are looking forward to "March Math-ness" at our next PTA Meeting on Tuesday, March 23. Check your email soon for more information about that night. The kids will not want to miss it!

Although it seems that the cold will never end, I know that spring is just around the corner and our Outdoor Enhancement Committee is hard at work making preparations to begin construction on Bette Perot's Outdoor Learning Center. Once complete, this will be such a great tool for our teachers to get the students outside for a fresh learning environment. We are all very excited to see this project through!

PTA is thrilled to be working alongside Bette Perot to go paperless, so remember to check your email regularly. As always, our website is the best place to find information about upcoming activities, photographs of all PTA sponsored events, links to the BPES webpage and lots more! Check us out at www.bpespta.org.

Patriot Parent,

Angie Aldredge
BPES PTA President
aldredge4@verizon.net



Dates to Remember

February

February 5th	Wear Red Day; Early Release
February 6th	UIL Music Memory Competition
February 8th-12th	Book Fair; Penny for your Heart Classroom Competition
February 12th	Sock Hop & Book Fair
February 17th	Dining Out Chick Fil-A
February 18th	Brown Bag with Dr. V at Liberty Elementary
February 22nd-26th	4th Grade Teacher Appreciation Week
February 24th	Six Flags Read to Succeed forms are due
February 25th	4th Grade Musical "One Hundred Year Snooze"

March

March 8th	Open House
March 9th	1st Grade "Barnyard Moosical"
March 12th	Early Release
March 23rd	1st Grade Field Trip (half), PTA Meeting and Math-Madness
March 24th	1st Grade Field Trip (half)
March 25th	Brown Bag with Dr. V at Parkview Elementary

The bad weather makeup day for January 7th will be Friday, June 4th.



Book Fair Diner: All You Can Read

I was star struck recently when I got to meet Andrew Clements, a favorite author among children. His advice to people who want to be great writers was pretty simple, “READ!” He also said that in his home, books were “non-negotiable.” As a child, he stated that there were several things he could always count on having: food, clothing, shelter, fuel, and BOOKS!

I hope BPES students AND parents will challenge themselves to fill 2010 with many, many books!

Speaking of BOOKS, I am excited about “[Book Fair Diner: All You Can Read](#)” which will be held February 8-12, 2010. The Book Fair will be open every day from 7:30 AM until 3:30 PM and from 3:30 PM until 5:00 PM on Wednesday, February 10. On Friday, February 12, feel free to shop before and after Valentine’s Parties and especially from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM during the PTA Sock Hop.

You won’t want to miss all of the great books that Scholastic has to offer. Book Fairs also help raise funds to purchase books for our library and classrooms, so look for more information and make plans to attend.

I realize it’s early to be thinking about summer plans, but it will be here before we know it. Why not do some reading now and get a free ticket for Six Flags later? The Six Flags Six Hour Reading Club is sponsored by Six Flags theme parks and Weekly Reader. The Reading Club encourages students to engage in recreational reading and rewards them for their efforts. Each child who completes six hours of recreational reading and turns in the student form by **February 24, 2010** will earn a ticket good for one free admission valid at participating Six Flags theme parks. Tickets will be sent home in your child’s last report card of the year. The reading forms were sent home before our winter break. If you need a new one or if you have any questions, please visit me in the library!

Reading Makes You a **STAR!**

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Pratt
amy.pratt@kellerisd.net



Join us for Bette Perot Elementary

2nd Annual Sock Hop
DJ & Dancing

Friday, February 12, 2010
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Bette Perot Elementary Gymnasium

Root Beer Floats, Popcorn, Cotton Candy, and Refreshments will be available for sale!

A limited number of long-stem roses will be for sale.

Penny for your Heart Week!

February is Heart Health Month!
All students may bring in pennies to their classroom during the week of February 8th - 12th.

The classroom who brings in the most money wins an **extra recess!**

Have a heart...
support heart health month! We all LOVE the heart!

Please see the BPES PTA [Website](#) for additional details!



Did you know that, for the first time, some experts predict that because of inactivity and obesity-related illnesses, children's life spans will be shorter than their parents'? Over the next few weeks, I will be teaching your child how to take care of their heart so that this fact does not become a reality with our students.

During our jump rope unit, we will also participate in the American Heart Association's fundraiser "Jump Rope for Heart." Each student has watched a video in PE explaining the purpose and uses of the money that is donated to the American Heart Association. If your child decides to collect donations, please return the donation packet by **Wednesday, February 17**. Students are not required to participate in Jump Rope for Heart, but I have encouraged every child to donate at least one dollar to this worthy cause. Last year, Bette Perot donated more money to the American Heart Association than any other KISD school. The generosity of our students and families continues to amaze me!

~Kelly Cerny

kelly.cerny@kellerisd.net

Test-taking Tips...

This month marks the beginning of test-taking season for our students. We will be administering numerous assessments over the next four months to check the progress of our kids. Depending on their grade level, students will be taking the Texas Primary Reading Inventory (TPRI), Reading A-Z assessment, Curriculum-Based Assessments (CBA), AIMSweb Benchmarks, TAKS Benchmark, and TAKS test.

Tests can make all of us a little nervous. There are many things that you

can do at home to help your child prepare for an upcoming assessment. First, reassure your child that they can, and will, be successful. Remind them to take their time and always do their best. Second, make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast. A well-balanced breakfast and plenty of rest will give him energy throughout the day and ensure that he is alert and focused. Finally, help your child relax and concentrate. Encourage him to take deep breaths and close his eyes to refocus. Most importantly, be positive! If your child imagines himself doing well on the test, then he is more apt to feel at ease.



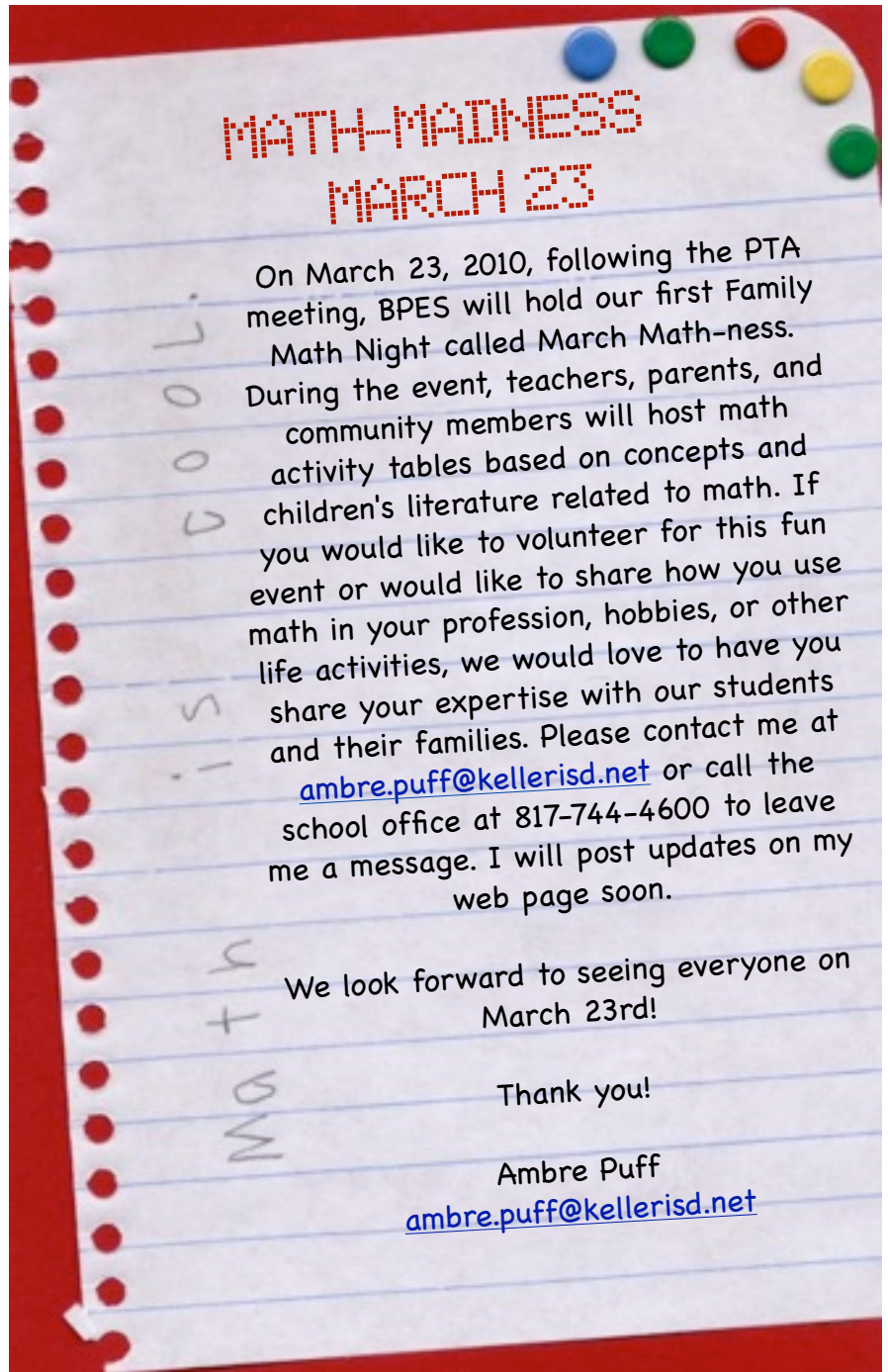
Cultural Awareness Fair

BPES Families,

Get your suitcases packed and passports updated! The 3rd annual Cultural Awareness Fair will be held Tuesday night, April 20th. Families that celebrate a unique culture will showcase food, clothes, music, language, games, art and pictures from their country. If your family would like to host a table or if you know of a cultural dance group that would like to perform for us that evening, please contact:

Caroline John
ESL teacher
caroline.john@kellerisd.net

Bon Voyage!



Teacher Appreciation Continues

It's time to appreciate our fourth (4th) grade teachers!

The week of **February 22-26** has been set aside to say "thanks" to our wonderful 4th grade teachers. Have your child draw a picture, make a card, or do something equally thoughtful to show their teacher they are appreciated!



February Cultural Calendar

Until April 4th –

Slappy's Puppet Playhouse -

Aladdin & the Magic Lamp

13350 Dallas Parkway, #3140 Dallas, TX
75240 214-369-4849

www.slappysplayhouse.com

Until May 9th –

Fort Worth Museum of Science and History -

Get into the balancing act!

Balance isn't just an act. From teetering toddlers to tightrope walkers, balance is something we all use in our everyday lives. Children and their families can expand their understanding of balance – and learn how to practice and improve it – in *Balancing Act*, a new children's exhibit on display at the new Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. The interactive exhibit, designed and developed by the Museum of Science and History, focuses on the physical nature of balance and the body systems that work together to achieve that balance. Through a variety of challenge activities, such as balance beams, bridges and boogie boards, you can get into the act and test your sense of balance in a fun, playful environment.

1600 Gendy Street,
Fort Worth, TX 76107 817-255-9300

www.fwmuseum.org

February 1st - 26th –

Keller Town Hall

Monday - Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM
February Public Art Show Featuring
Trish Biddle.

The Keller Public Art Program hosts monthly art shows at Keller Town Hall. The Art in Town Hall program presents exhibitions that showcase 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.

February 7th –

The Modern

Drawing from the Collection for Children 2-3:30 PM- Alvaro Perez
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 purchase 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
817-738-9215

For more information, email
childrensprogram@themodern.org
www.themodern.org

February 10 –

The Modern

Wonderful Wednesdays 4–4:45 pm-
Visiting the work of Ellsworth Kelly and Mark Rothko.

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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817-738-9215

For more information, email
childrensprogram@themodern.org
www.themodern.org

February 11th –

Keller Town Hall

Gallery Walk 7 PM to 9 PM

For more information contact the City Manager's Office at (817)743-4010 or e-mail publicarts@cityofkeller.com. Keller Town Hall, 1100 Bear Creek Parkway

February 12th-

Keller High School

Ft. Worth Symphony performance at Keller High School on Friday, February 12th. The tickets are only \$5 or 4 for \$15. This is a great family event here in Keller and you can't beat the price.

February 19th - March 7th -

Casa Mañana Theatre

Alamo the Musical

Adapted for students of all ages, this heroic, historic tale is based on the eyewitness account of Enrique Esparza, one of the children who witnessed the battle of the Alamo firsthand and lived to tell about it. Watch history come alive on stage as Casa Mañana presents a historically-accurate, musical portrayal of the siege of the Alamo. Combat is suggested theatrically in a manner suitable for all audiences.

3101 West Lancaster Avenue,
Fort Worth, TX 76107
Box Office: 817-332-2272

www.casamanana.org

February 17th-21st -

Dallas Black Dance Theater

Limitless DANCE |

Cultural Awareness Series

Dance Has No Limits! Choreography of Allyne D. Gartrell, Troy Powell and Nycole Ray will surely take audience members to the edge of experiencing dance as Dallas Black Dance Theatre performs *Brother to Brother*, *Lambarena*, and *Love Tri-Tango*. New York choreographer Christopher Huggins returns to Dallas Black Dance Theatre with a spiritually influenced ballet that will be sure to move the heart and souls of all.

Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre,
Dallas TX

Call the box office at 214-880-0202 or
www.dbdt.com

February 20th -

Kimbell Art Museum -

Family Festival 1–4 PM

Look, Listen, Learn

Picasso painted guitars. Mondrian loved jazz. Discover how music and musical instruments inspired great artists and explore your own creative connections between music and art.

3333 Camp Bowie Boulevard
Fort Worth, Texas 76107-2792

817-332-8451 www.kimbellart.org

Ongoing - Camp Tonkawa

We are a Nature Awareness Learning Center for Children and Adults that was founded by the Holtzman Family. The camp gives a great "hands on" experience in the great outdoors. It is located on a 35 acre tract of land about an hour drive north of Dallas Texas. We offer a great range of classes and camps for all ages. Check out our Calendar for our upcoming schedule of classes and camps. Our mission is to reconnect mankind with nature with our "hands on" teaching of ancient Native American skills of nature awareness and primitive wilderness survival. The Camp Tonkawa property is a certified wildlife refuge. Our woods of oak and junipers have plenty of trails, a small creek, fishing pond, swimming pond, pasture, organic garden, barn and a long house. Camp Tonkawa is located just 25 minutes N.E. of Denton in Collinsville (50 min. from Lewisville or Plano area).

903-429-6483

www.camptonkawatexas.com



Membership News...



We had a great time in 2009 and we will do it again in 2010!

Hopefully by now you have been able to witness firsthand the wonderful work the Bette Perot PTA does for our school. In the fall of 2009 we put on the Deep in the Heart of Texas Fall Carnival, and volunteered with Camp Reads a Lot. The PTA also saw the installation of the basketball goals in the back of the school and organized, funded and ran the classroom winter parties. As we welcomed 2010 we have already shared a wonderful evening with friends at the Family Fun night and are just about to bring the classroom Valentine's parties and our second annual Sock Hop to the students and families here at Bette Perot.

Your generous \$8 membership in the Bette Perot PTA goes a long way in helping make Bette Perot Elementary school one of the best in the district. We have already been recognized with many awards for our current school year and that is all thanks to our wonderful membership and volunteers. While we have an amazing 364 members in our PTA we are still short of our goal of 100% participation in the PTA. If you haven't had a chance to join the PTA please consider doing so now. We are just 11 members away from the Spring Membership Award and would love to count you among our members. In the upcoming months you will see the beginnings of our outdoor learning center take shape as well as the buzz around the ever popular spring block party.

Please visit our PTA website at www.bpespta.org to download PTA membership forms or to check on the latest happenings in the PTA. The website is also a great place share in the fun the students are having at various events through our photo galleries. You are able to upload your own photos to events or download ones you like. If you are in the school please be sure to check out our PTA wall which displays students enjoying themselves at PTA events throughout the year.

As always if you have questions, comments or concerns please feel free to email me at catherine_haslett@me.com. Thanks again for your continued support of the Bette Perot Elementary School PTA.

Respectfully,
Catherine A. Haslett
2nd VP of Membership
Bette Perot Elementary School PTA

*Congratulations to our own art teacher, Brenda Wyatt,
Keller Public Arts Board Chairperson for 2009-2011.*

Did you know?

Fine Arts Enrollment in KISD

- * 5289 or 70% of high school students
- * 3090 or 71% of all middle school students
- * Approximately 1600 students K-6 participate in an after-school choir, instrumental, or art club
- * 147 Fourth Graders qualified for the All-District Honor Choir
- * Approximately 1000 pieces of student artwork are displayed each spring during the 3 week District Art Show



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FACILITATED BY LINDA CLARKE, LCDC, RECOVERY RESOURCE COUNCIL

DAY OF WEEK	THURSDAY
DATES OF CLASSES	APRIL 1, 8, 15, 22 MAY 6, *13 NO CLASS ON APRIL 29 DUE TO TAKS
TIME OF CLASSES	6:00 P.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION OF CLASSES	BETTE PEROT ELEMENTARY LIBRARY

*THESE DAYS ARE RESERVED FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER/MAKE-UP DAYS ONLY.

ANSWERS TO:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HOW DO I GET THEM OUT OF BED IN TIME TO CATCH THE SCHOOL BUS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IS THERE A WAY TO DISCIPLINE MY TODDLER IN PUBLIC WITHOUT CREATING A SCENE?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HOW CAN I STOP MY CHILDREN FROM BICKERING AND FIGHTING?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HOW CAN I GET MY TEENAGE DAUGHTER TO COME HOME AT THE AGREED-UPON TIME?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HOW DO I GET MY CHILDREN TO HELP WITH THE CHORES WITHOUT AN ARGUMENT?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HOW DO I GET HIM TO STOP SPITTING HIS PEAS AND WHINING AT DINNER?

AND MANY OTHER DAY-TO-DAY FRUSTRATIONS...

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE CLASSES, PLEASE CONTACT BETH DE ROSA,

CAMPUS COUNSELOR @ 817-744-4600.

Kid Friendly Dining

It is always a treat to go out to eat with friends or family. It is especially nice when our kids can eat FREE or at a discounted rate! Enjoy eating out at these kid friendly restaurants to help save money...every day of the week!

SUNDAY

Dickey's Barbeque Pit *
(Children eat free all week!)

MONDAY

Spaghetti Warehouse \$.99 Kids' Meals

TUESDAY

Black Eyed Pea after 5 PM*

Celebrity Cafe 10 AM - 2 PM, Kids eat free with purchase of adult meal.

Central Market Free* between 4-8 PM

Chick-Fil-A, after 5 PM, Free kids' meal with the purchase of a combo

Joe's Crab Shack \$2 Kids' Meals

WEDNESDAY

Buffalo Wild Wings - \$.99 Kids' Meals

Luby's - \$2 Kids' Meals after 4:30 PM

Rainforest Cafe - \$1.99 Kids' Meals after 5 PM

THURSDAY

Dickey's Barbeque Pit *

FRIDAY

Texas de Brazil - Kids under 6 Free
Kids ages 7-12 half price all week

SATURDAY

Texas Land & Cattle- 11 AM - 4 PM *

Luby's - \$2 Kids' Meals

* Kids 12 and under eat free with the purchase of adult meal.



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- ★ State licensed centers
- ★ On-site at Bette Perot--no transportation of children necessary
- ★ On-site at all elementary/select intermediate schools in KISD
- ★ Full day holiday programs & early dismissal days
- ★ Drop-in and sibling discount rates
- ★ Financial aid opportunities
- ★ ISD Employee Discounts

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Dear Parents & Students:

Thank you for your continued support of the Bette Perot Box Top for Education program. So far we collected 13,257 box tops, which is \$1,325.70 earned for our school. We have almost reached our goal of 16,000! Way to go, Bette Perot!

The January classroom contest winner is Mrs. Koch's 1st grade class!

They collected a total of **302 box tops!**

The class will enjoy Donuts with Mr Wilson for their outstanding contribution to the program! Way to go class!

Thanks to all the Parents, Students, and Teachers for their contribution to the Box Tops for Education Program. Our next contest will **end March 31st**. The class that collects the most Box Tops will win **"Goody Bags!"** Clip and send your box tops to your teacher's classroom so that you will get a chance to win!

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BPES Box Top Coordinators

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