

Bette Perot Elementary



Welcome to Bette Perot Elementary School

Before our school was built, before our staff was complete, we had a group of parents whose goal was to help make Bette Perot the most successful school possible. They worked tirelessly to ensure that we had the support, the materials and whatever else our students and staff needed to achieve that goal. That group of parents was our initial group of PTA members. Luckily, each year we have had another group of parents who have set the same goal for themselves. They have made sure the vision of the BPES PTA has carried on.

Without the work, the assistance and the giving our PTA provides us with, we would not be the school we are today. Over the past five years

our PTA has given us leveled books for our literacy library, scholarships for students to Sky Ranch, classroom instruction materials, school-wide events, classroom parties, canopies over the playgrounds, programs from the Fort Worth Zoo and Mad Science, countless volunteer hours, and much, much more. To say PTA has made a tremendous impact on our school is an understatement.

I encourage each of you to become involved with PTA as much as possible. The time and money they donate to our school provides our students with opportunities we would not be able to offer without them. I hope you have a great 2009-2010 school year, and I look

forward to seeing you at our PTA meetings and events!

Patriot Proud,

Cory Wilson
Principal

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Please join us for our first PTA Meeting of
the year!

General Assembly Meeting

Join us for our

PTA BASIC TRAINING

Tuesday, September 22, 2009
at 6:30 p.m. in the Bette Perot
cafeteria. Following a brief PTA
general assembly meeting we will
hear from:

Mr. Wilson, BPES Principal

Mrs. Wilder, BPES Assistant Principal
Nurse Marchelle, BPES School Nurse

Kevin Stevenson, KISD School Board
Member

Patriot Families,

Welcome back! It is great to be starting another year at our fabulous Bette Perot and what an exciting year this will be! I look forward to seeing all the Kindergartners in the lunchroom, our grown up 4th graders that not so long ago were Kindergartners, and everyone in between!

BPES PTA has many exciting things in store for our community this year. Our fall carnival is just around the corner. Be on the lookout for information to come home soon about this fun-filled event. Our first PTA General Assembly meeting, "Basic Training," will be Tuesday, September 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the BPES cafeteria. I hope to see everyone there.

The PTA's goal this year is to continue enhancing our outdoor environment. Look for new basketball goals to be installed soon and a learning center that is in the development stages. This will be a great place for our teachers to get the students outside for some unique learning experiences.

It is such a joy to be a part of this organization! There are so many opportunities for volunteering and the level of involvement is up to you. It can be as simple as paying the \$8.00 membership fee or helping your child's teacher on a weekly basis. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Patriot Parent,

Angie Aldredge

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BPES PTA President

Important Dates to Remember

September 2009 Calendar

7th Holiday - No School
11th Picture Day
15th Dining Out Night McDonald's - Heritage Trace
21st - 25th - Kindergarten Teacher Appreciation Week
22nd General Assembly Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
25th Early Release From School
28th-30th BPES Book Fair

October 2009 Calendar

1st - 2nd BPES Book Fair
2nd Bette Perot Carnival
14th Dining Out Night Chick-Fil-A - Watauga
23rd Early Release from School
26th Student Holiday / Parent Conferences



OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY IS TOP PRIORITY!



Legislative Update

New laws in Texas and new rules for the Keller ISD that all parents need to know and follow:

1. HB 537 requires that everyone in the car, regardless of age and regardless of where they are sitting, needs to wear a seatbelt.
2. HB 61 requires that all children younger than 8 years and less than four feet nine inches tall be in a child safety seat system.
3. Please note that cell phones are not to be used in the school zone. New signs are in place as a reminder.
4. Have your Driver's License ready when planning an on-campus visit to your child's school. All Keller ISD campuses are now equipped with Raptor V-soft which scans a visitor's license and screens for perpetrators, domestic dispute offenders and other trespassers.

REMINDERS:

Safety is our priority! Whether dropping your child off or picking up, please remember the following:

1. Use the crosswalk.

Always go to the manned crosswalk at the intersection of General Worth and Dalton. Wait for the crossing guard to direct you to cross. Walk scooters and bikes across the road at the crosswalk. Always stay within the white lines at the crosswalk.

2. Remember your signs.

Remember to bring your name signs to pick up your child/children. If you do not bring it, you will need to go to the front office to sign out your child.

3. Note "NO PARKING" signs.

Some of the roads, particularly on General Worth, have "No Parking" signs that prohibit parking or standing during drop off and pick up hours. Please abide by these laws for the safety of all.



Culture Calendar

Art in Education



Saturdays at 4– until September 7, 2009 -

Slappy's Puppet Playhouse –

The Wizard of Oz

13350 Dallas Parkway, #3140 (in the Galleria Mall); Dallas, TX 75240
214-369-4849

www.slappysplayhouse.com

September 9— The Modern

Wonderful Wednesdays 4–4:45 PM
Visiting the work of William Kentridge. This free gallery program for families is designed as an informal introduction to the collection & 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.

3200 Darnell Street, Fort Worth, TX 76107

Telephone: 817.738.9215 For more information, email

childrensprogram@themodern.org

www.themodern.org

September 11 - Keller Town Hall -

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Public Art Show

Join us during our September Public Art Show as we feature local Photographers Carter Love, Jeff Goff and Daniel Yubeta. The public is invited to attend the "Meet the Artist Night" 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, September 11 in the foyer at Keller Town Hall. FREE.

[1100 Bear Creek Parkway](http://1100BearCreekParkway.com); Keller, Texas 76248 www.cityofkeller.com Contact: City Manager's Office at 817-743-4010 or publicarts@cityofkeller.com

September 12 - November 22, 2009 –

Slappy's Puppet Playhouse -

Cinderella and the Stinky Slipper
13350 Dallas Parkway, #3140 (in the Galleria Mall); Dallas, TX 75240
214-369-4849

www.slappysplayhouse.com

September 19 - Kimbell Art Museum

Children's Workshop 10 AM – Noon

Dragon Tamers

Connect with artworks, new friends, and creative activities during Saturday workshops for children (ages 6–14) and their adult partners. 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

September 25 - October 11 - Casa

Mañana Theatre The Jungle Book

This moving and unique musical, based on the classic works of Rudyard Kipling, is an extraordinary adventure that follows Mowgli, a boy raised by wolves, and his friends Baloo the bear, Bagheera the panther and Kaa the python. Together they laugh, sing and learn about the Jungle Law while thwarting the evil Shere Khan, a man-eating tiger who has vowed to destroy Mowgli. Suitable for all audiences. Season tickets (5 shows) range from \$64.50 to \$74.50.

3101 West Lancaster Avenue, Fort

Worth, TX 76107 Box Office:

817.332.2272 www.casamanana.org

September 26 - Bear Creek Park - 10:00

AM - 8:00 PM - Wild Wild West Fest

FREE EVENT Join the biggest and the best celebration of the Old West this side of the Tarrant County Line. In the morning, get up early and take part in "How the West Was Run" 5K and Fun Run. Then, head on over to Bear Creek Park for plenty of entertainment for all ages including the popular Children's Stick Horse Rodeo, arts and craft vendors, children's games and activities, main stage entertainment, a food court, tractor pulls, and much more.

[400 Bear Creek Parkway](http://400BearCreekParkway.com); Keller, Texas

76248 Contact: Keller Parks and Recreation (817)743-4050

parksandrec@cityofkeller.com

September 26 - Fort Worth Museum of Science and History -

Planetarium - [Star Party](#)

Join the Noble Planetarium staff and members of the Fort Worth Astronomical Society for our free monthly Star Party. You'll find plenty of telescopes for viewing and even more astronomy buffs to help you navigate your way through the skies. Star Parties are held in the parking lot just south of Museum construction (corner of Montgomery and Harley). The party begins at dusk, weather permitting, and lasts until approximately 10:30 p.m. Best of all, it's FREE! Note, parking is available in the lot south of Harley Street. Check the skies before you come. For more information about the Star Parties, contact [Linda Krouse](#) at 817-255-9409

1600 Gendy St., Fort Worth, TX 76107
ph: 817-255-9300 www.fwmuseum.org

Contact [Jen Guerrero](#)

at majorwelch@gmail.com or

817-337-8556 or

845-664-1861 if you have an event you'd like to share!

Spirit Wear

Give a Great Big **CHEER**
Bette Perot Spirit Wear is
HERE!!!

We are very excited to introduce a new line of **BPES** spirit wear this year. There are several options to choose from including our new Logo shirt in red (\$10), Camouflage in red and blue (\$15) and a "Bling" style in black (\$18). We have sizes for kids and adults too. Look for the order form in the PTA packet or pick one up at the office. Remember every Friday is spirit day so wear your shirts proudly to support **BPES** Patriot school spirit.

WE LOVE BPES!



We Appreciate Our Teachers!

Show your teachers you do, too!

The PTA would like to invite you to join us in showing our teachers and staff at Bette Perot how much we appreciate them. If you would like to join us, please send a small token of your appreciation during the appointed week. Ideas include having your child draw a picture or make a card, or getting your teacher a favorite treat.

Watch the PTA newsletter and your child's folder for reminders and other information.

September 21-25 - Kindergarten

October 19-23 - 1st Grade

November 16-20 - 2nd Grade

January 25-29 - 3rd Grade

February 22-26 - 4th Grade

March 8-12 - PE, Music, Art, Special Services

April 12-16 - Office Staff, Principals, Custodians, Cafeteria



Mark your calendars!

The fall carnival is

October 2, 2009

from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The theme is

“Deep in the ♥ of Texas!”

There will be activities for the children, lots of food, vendors, raffles, and more! Be sure to look for more information in your child's folder!

Reading Makes You a Star!

~ a message from Mrs. Pratt, your librarian ~

I have truly enjoyed meeting all of the BPES students and it looks like everyone is ready for a Star Studded School Year.

The library theme is **“Reading Makes You a Star”** and students are beginning to make wonderful choices as they find “good fit” books to help their reading and literacy skills shine.

Reading Bingo Blackout will begin soon and students will be on their way to earning their key chains and charms. By completing all six Bingo Blackout boards by April 23, students will receive a T-shirt in May **AND** they will be exposed to all kinds of different books and literature genres. (If you

need more information about our Reading Bingo Blackout, please contact me!)

We look forward to our fall **Scholastic Book Fair** with its theme **“Destination Book Fair: Read around the World.”** The Book Fair will be held **Monday, September 28-Friday, October 2.** 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, so look for more information and make plans to attend.

Parents are always welcome in the BPES Library. You may accompany your child to the library in the morning or afternoon and you can check out books also. Our library volunteers are wonderful and

new volunteers are always welcome... no experience necessary! Looking forward to a fabulous year of reading!

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



WE WANT YOU

Thank you to those of you who have answered the call of "We Want You" and joined the Bette Perot PTA. In doing so you join the over four million strong who make up the PTA. This year the Texas PTA celebrates its 100 year anniversary. Together we all make the PTA the premier child advocacy organization that it is. From ensuring all children have available hot lunch and clean drinking water at school, to helping outlaw teen drivers from texting while driving, the PTA has been dedicated to ensuring that every child's potential becomes reality.

Your \$8 membership is divided so that \$4 stays at Bette Perot, \$2.25 is sent to Texas PTA and \$1.75 goes to the National portion of our organization. The \$4 that Bette Perot Elementary School keeps helps to support family activities such as Boo Hoo Woo Hoo, two holiday classroom parties and exciting events like the fall carnival. Your membership dollars will also be the foundation for creating an outdoor learning center that will allow our students to have a classroom outdoors.

This year our PTA membership goal is to increase membership by 10% over last year. We currently have 126 members which means we have around 210 members to go. We are also hoping to be awarded the MARS Award from Texas PTA. This award acknowledges the importance of men in our organization. We currently have 33 of the 50 men needed to be eligible for this award. Staying with the Texas PTA's We Want You Theme, the Bette Perot Elementary School PTA has developed the five star general club. Students who have one family member join the PTA will have their name on a star on the PTA wall, as a one star general, two family members and their star will move to the two star general all the way up to five stars. There will also be a classroom competition. Any class that has 100% participation in the PTA will be photographed and placed on the PTA wall as a Super Platoon.

Your membership in the PTA has profound effects on our school. As partners with the school, the Bette Perot PTA creates lasting improvements that increase the education all our children receive. Thank you for your support. Please be sure to keep up to date on the latest happenings of our school and PTA by reading the PTA newsletter and visiting our website at www.bpespta.org. If you ever have any questions about your membership in the PTA please email membership@bpespta.org. Together we make Bette Perot the amazing school that it is.



TO JOIN PTA!



Congratulations...

The Keller ISD Council of PTAs was recently awarded the Outstanding Council PTA Award for a Medium Council, as well as received the Gold Level of Achievement in Council, by the Texas Council of PTAs. They were presented with a plaque at an awards banquet held in July. Thanks to our own Catherine Haslett for her dedication and representation on the Keller ISD Council of PTAs and to all our PTA members for all of your hard work and dedication.

Thank you!



Boo Hoo



Woo Hoo

I would like to thank all of those who attended the Boo Hoo - Woo Hoo Kindergarten Breakfast on the first day of school. We had a great turnout and I enjoyed meeting some of Bette Perot Elementary School's new parents. I would also like to thank Allison Davidson and Angie Senne who helped with the preparations for the Boo Hoo - Woo Hoo breakfast. Additionally, I would like to thank the PTA board members and chairmen in attendance who helped welcome the kindergarten parents. I look forward to seeing some new faces at the upcoming PTA meetings.

Thanks again!

Denise Hunter

Hospitality Chairman

WE NEED YOU

The Bette Perot PTA is looking forward to a very successful year and establishing strong relationships with parents, staff, and students. We would like to invite you to be a part of the Bette Perot PTA vision of succes again, or for the first time, this school year.

We are in need of tangible donations that can be used for fund raising purposes as well as ongoing PTA projects. Donations for PTA events, such as the Fall Carnival, Teacher Appreciation, Family Fun Events, and door prizes at our General Assembly meetings would be very beneficial. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

If you own a business or work for a company that would consider being a Bette Perot PTA donor, please contact me for further information. Thank you!

We are looking forward to a great year!

Cyndi Spraggins

Sponsorship & Donations Committee Chair

817-223-9964 or terrifictrophies@aol.com

Calling all Preschool Patriots!

Who?: Children who turned 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2009 and that will attend BPES next year

What?: Preschool Patriots Storytime

Where?: Bette Perot Elementary Library

When?: Every other Wednesday from 8:30-9:30am
(Our first one will be on September 16!)

Why?: To get acquainted with the school and staff and to promote reading and early literacy

How do I sign up?: Return the bottom portion of this form to the BPES library or email Amy Pratt (librarian) at amy.pratt@kellerisd.net. If you have questions or need further information, please call Mrs. Pratt at 817-744-4623.

Please share this information with your neighbors and friends!

Child's Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____



2009-2010 Bette Perot Elementary PTA

Voting Board Members

President	Angie Aldredge	aldredge4@verizon.net
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We are on the web!

www.BPESPTA.org

Visit us often to download forms, see the latest updates and activities, download current and past newsletters and get to know your PTA!

Dear PTA...

Do you have a comment, question, suggestion, or praise you'd like to share? Do you want to know more about a particular position on the PTA? Please email president@bpes.org. We'll answer your questions here and on BPESPTA.ORG!

"Dear PTA,

I am interested in helping to raise money for the PTA outside of our fundraiser. Who do I contact? Is there someone on the PTA who is in charge of this? Thanks! Signed, *Happy to be Helpful* "

Dear *Happy to be Helpful*: That is an excellent question! Any money that can be raised for our wonderful school will not only benefit our children but also the community. You may contact Cyndi Spraggins at terrifictrophies@aol.com. She is the chairperson of sponsorship and donations for the PTA and would welcome the help!

