

MEPA Messenger

MESQUITE EDUCATIONAL PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
Mesquite ISD-405 E. Davis-Mesquite, Texas 75149



Calendar of Events 2010

September

- 27th—MEPA Meeting
PDC Leadership Room
Speaker: Donna Rial-Baker
1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
- 28th—STEM Class
PDC Rm. 211
Professional Image
Diane Hogg
4:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

October

- 9th—STEM Class—SSC Rm. B104
Profile for Success
Cheryl Gregory
8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
- 14th—STEM Class
PDC Challenge Room
Rules for Spelling
Debbie Faires
4:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
- 28th—STEM Class
PDC Challenge Room
Assertive Training
Cheryl Gregory
4:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
- 30th—STEM Class—SSC Rm. B104
Business Grammar
Debbie Faires
8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

November

- 5th-7th—TESA Fall Conference
San Marcos, TX
- 13th—STEM Class—SSC Rm. B104
Assisting Difficult People
Dianne Lemons
8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

December

- 11th—MEPA Annual Holiday Bazaar
Poteet HS
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

January 2011

- 4th—Breakout Sessions
PDC-Leadership Room
7:45 a.m.—Breakfast
8:15 a.m.—First session
- 22nd—STEM Class
Customer Service
SSC Rm. B104
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Dianne Lemons
- 22nd—STEM Class
Professional Growth
SSC Rm. B104
12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Dianne Lemons
- 25th—STEM Class
Stress Management
PDC TBD
4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Sandy Salazar

MEPA MEETING INFORMATION

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SEPTEMBER 27th, 2010—PDC Leadership Room—1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Humble Leadership-Selfless Communication
Speaker-Donna Rial-Baker

Dr. Donna Rial-Baker holds a Doctor of Ministry degree with an emphasis in education and counseling, and she is completing a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology. She holds two Master's Degrees: a Masters of Education and a Masters of Arts in Professional Counseling. She was with the Kaufman ISD for almost 20 years as a teacher, high school principal, and assistant superintendent. She is currently an adjunct Instructor of Education at Southern Methodist University, Master Faculty in Education and Psychology at LeTourneau University-as well as the women's Chaplain at LeTourneau, Psychology/Education online instructor at Ashford University, and Psychology Instructor at Trinity Valley Community College. In addition to teaching, she is a General Adult & Pediatric Psychotherapist, in private practice in Forney, Texas. She and her husband have three grown children, and 7 grandchildren. She enjoys reading books about spiritual formation and ordinary people who make big differences in their communities. She and her husband enjoy going to movies, time with family, and relaxing nights at home.

DOOR PRIZES
September 27, 2010
PDC/Leadership Room
1:00- 4:00 p.m.

Academy/ACCESS

Agnew MS *	Athletics
Beasley *	Florence
Gentry *	Hodges
L.A. Berry Support Complex	
Mackey *	Moss
New MS *	Porter
Rugel *	Shands

Our Popcorn Fundraiser has been a success thanks to all of you! I don't have all of the figures complete at this time, but know we have made a nice profit. Thanks to those of you that participated and supported MEPA in this fundraiser. Many of you sold faster than I could count it out!!

MEMBERSHIP AND LIAISONS

Last day for membership sign-up is Oct. 31, 2010; but, if your campus/facility is trying for the 100% Membership – all memberships must be in by the Sept. 27th MEPA Meeting to be eligible for the \$50.00 Target Gift Card drawing.

As of 9/16/2010 only Austin Elementary, McKenzie Elementary, Motley Elementary, Shaw Elementary, Tisinger Elementary and the Administration Bldg. have turned in 100%.

We need all Liaisons to join MEPA ASAP. Thank you for being such wonderful TEAM players!!!

I need Liaisons to please turn in their Campus/Facility Paraprofessionals 2010-2011 completed lists. Please get those to me ASAP.

Thanks!
Cris Hays
Purchasing



It's time for our Pecan Fundraiser! You should have received color brochures, order sheets and price lists. You will need to collect money at the same time you take the order. The deadline will be Tuesday, October 5. Please plan to turn in your order and money to me no later than 4:00 p.m. or your order will not be placed. We must meet this deadline to receive fresh crop pecans before we leave for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

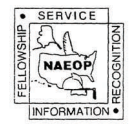
*What: Holiday Bazaar
Who: MEPA
Date: Saturday, December 11, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Where: Poteet HS
Why: Scholarships*

Visit the MEPA Website at: www.mesquiteisd.org/MEPA

MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide a meaningful and relevant paraprofessional staff development plan which addresses and promotes the growth and self-improvement of all paraprofessional employees so that individual professionalism is realized in a cohesive work environment through progressive understanding of the paraprofessional's role and relationship between the students, district and community.

In affiliation with Texas Educational Support-Staff Association and National Association of Educational Office Professionals





MEPA MEMBERSHIP 2010-2011

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____ CELL (Optional) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

BUILDING/CAMPUS _____

POSITION HELD _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF TESA? YES _____ NO _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF NAEOP? YES _____ NO _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$8.00. DEADLINE TO JOIN IS OCTOBER 31, 2010.

(After October 31, only employees new to the district may apply for membership.)

CASH OR CHECK (MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MEPA)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ABOVE MEMBERSHIP FORM & SEND TO:

**CRIS HAYS 972-882-5545
C/O MEPA MAILBOX
CURRICULUM BLDG. MAILROOM**

Date Received _____ Check # _____

Cash _____ Receipt # _____

Membership Card Sent _____ Membership Gift Sent _____