

# MEPA Messenger

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



## President's Message

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It is hard to believe that the 2010-2011 school year is about to begin. I hope you had a wonderful summer and are excited to start a new school year.

My theme for this year is "Hands that Serve and Hearts that Care." As I was thinking about what slogan we could use this year I ran across this theme and it just kept coming to my mind. This past year we have lost several MEPA members, several have had cancer, others have had life altering experiences and some are still battling other things in their lives even today. I want to challenge all of us as members to look around, take notice of others and reach out and help those that are in need of compassion, encouragement, our friendship or even maybe just a pat on the back. It is amazing what it will do for you to have someone take the time to make you feel special. I challenge all of us this year to find someone everyday that we can make a difference in their lives and feel truly blessed that we crossed paths with them.

I am excited about Dr. Henrie speaking to us again this year. She has always been such a loyal faithful supporter of MEPA and really does care about all of the paraprofessionals in Mesquite ISD. Please plan to attend our Kick-Off meeting on August 19, 2010. We are offering two different time frames again this year so that everyone will be able to attend and hear our superintendent speak to us.

I look forward to serving you this year along with our board and committee members and hope that you will be glad that you attended all of our staff development days and events that we have scheduled for you this year. Please help us out again this year on the fundraisers we have planned. We can offer so many more scholarships with the extra funds raised and do more for our membership with these fundraisers. Have a wonderful year and please remember to have "Hands that Serve and Hearts that Care" all year long for everyone you come in contact with.

Thanks for your support,

*Dianne Lemons*

MEPA President 2010-2011

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## Calendar of Events

2010



### August

- 17th—Convocation—all employees  
Lake Pointe Church—Rockwall  
9:30 a.m.
- 17th—New Para Orientation  
Leadership Room  
1:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
- 17th—Liaison Meeting  
Board Room  
1:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
- 19th—MEPA Kick-off Meeting  
First Baptist Church Sunnyvale  
8:15 a.m.—11:15 a.m. or  
12:45 p.m.—3:45 p.m.

### September

- 16th STEM Class  
PDC Challenge Room  
Time Management  
Sandy Salazar  
4:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
- 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

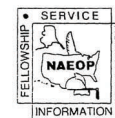
- 11th—MEPA Annual Holiday Bazaar  
Poteet HS  
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

#### 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



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# Kick-off Meeting — August 19, 2010

The annual MEPA Kick-Off Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2010 at First Baptist Church of Sunnyvale. Both meetings will be held in the Worship Center. The main entrance is facing Beltline. The first session will begin at 8:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and the second session from 12:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. We are honored once again to have our Superintendent, Dr. Linda Henrie as our speaker. Please make plans to attend one of the sessions!

Thank you! —Debbie Faires, 1<sup>st</sup> VP [Programs —dfaires@mesquiteisd.org](mailto:dfaires@mesquiteisd.org)

## BREAKFAST—SNACKS

### NOTE

There will be **NO** breakfast, but there will be water and snacks at the end of the meeting to go!

Thank-you!



### NEWS FLASH!!! TESA SWC

MEPA received the Certificate of Recognition Award for Achieving the Highest Membership in their local association for 2009-2010 this summer at the Summer Work Conference in Frisco, Texas.

Way to go MEPA!!!

Info at:

[www.mesquiteisd.org/mepa](http://www.mesquiteisd.org/mepa)

## Fundraiser

Our first fundraiser will be flavored popcorn for \$1. There will be 7 different flavors. Liaisons will pick up their bags at the Liaison Meeting. Each liaison is asked to sell 10 bags. Quick and Easy!!



## Calling All Liaisons

There will be a Liaison meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM at the PDC, room 211. At that time, you will receive your 2010-2011 Liaison Packets as well as flavored popcorn for the first MEPA Fundraiser.

Please make plans to attend! We will be announcing a \$50 drawing incentive for 100% Campus & Facility participation. We have lots of wonderful plans for this coming MEPA Year!!!

Thanks for agreeing to be a MEPA Liaison – you are so important to the organization! If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 972-882-5545 or email me at: [mchays@mesquiteisd.org](mailto:mchays@mesquiteisd.org).

See you at the PDC!!!

Cris Hays  
MEPA Membership Chair

Door Prizes



August 19, 2010  
First Baptist Church  
of Sunnyvale  
Worship Center

8:15 – 11:15 a.m.  
or  
12:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Administration Annex  
Administration Building  
BEES Center  
Curriculum Building  
Florence Annex  
Horn HS  
Mesquite HS  
North Mesquite HS  
Planetarium  
Potet HS  
West Mesquite HS

## MEPA Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report - MEPA Scholarship Account 2/2/10 to 7/20/2010	
Bank and Checkbook Balance 2/2/2010	\$11,987.70
<b>Income</b>	
Reim. From UTD	\$375.00
Booth Rental	\$100.00
	\$475.00
Total Income	\$12,462.70
<b>Expenses</b>	
Scholarship (para)	\$1,000.00
Scholarship (student)	\$3,750.00
Deposit Slips	\$17.00
Total Expenses	\$4,767.00
Bank and Checkbook Balance 7/20/2010	\$7,695.70

Treasurer's Report - MEPA Regular Account 2/2/10 to 7/20/2010	
Bank and Checkbook Balance 2/2/2010	\$12,786.08
<b>Income</b>	
Returned Ck replaced	\$9.25
Membership (11)	\$77.00
Pecans	\$140.00
Banquet	\$1,295.00
TESA reim SWC expenses	\$642.21
	\$2,163.46
Total Income	\$14,949.54
<b>Expenses</b>	
Hospitality	\$393.38
General Fund	\$44.00
Banquet	\$1,256.44
Gifts	\$541.84
Altruism/Flowers	\$84.92
STEM Catering	\$446.19
TESA Conference (Robinson)	\$2,312.55
Liaison Booster	\$294.45
Member Incentives	\$2,255.53
Historian	\$54.07
Total Expenses	\$7,683.37
Bank and Checkbook Balance 7/20/2010	\$7,266.17





## 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 \_\_\_\_\_