

MEPA Messenger

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



President's Message

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It's time to start a new school year and I am looking forward to serving as your 2009-2010 MEPA President.

I will continue with the theme, "You are an Essential Piece", and my logo will be a jigsaw puzzle piece. We all know it takes more than one puzzle piece to complete a picture. It takes members like you to complete the MEPA picture. *MEPA would fall to pieces without you!*

The TESA Summer Work Conference was held in Houston June 17-20. MEPA is very proud to announce that our superintendent, Dr. Linda Henrie, won the TESA Administrator of the Year Award. MEPA submitted her name with a letter highlighting her outstanding qualifications and her continued support of MEPA. The board, several committee members, Dr. Henrie's secretaries and her husband, Mike Henrie were in attendance to see her accept the award. This is the highest award presented by TESA. A picture of her award is on our website under the Essential News section.

Our Kick-off meeting will be Tuesday, August 18, at the First Baptist Church Sunnyvale on Beltline Road. A map will be available on our MEPA homepage. Please make plans to attend. We will be offering a morning session which will begin at 8:15 a.m. and conclude with door prizes at 11:15 a.m. Refreshments will be served at 8:00 a.m. — 8:15 a.m. Our afternoon session will begin at 12:45 p.m. and will conclude with door prizes at 3:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m. — 12:45 p.m. These times should allow every paraprofessional an opportunity to choose the session that best fits their schedules. Dr. Henrie will help us kick off our year with a motivational presentation.

Once again we will not have a traditional liaison meeting this year. Paula Hutchinson, 2nd VP Membership, will be speaking to the liaisons briefly at our Kick-off meeting and will have packets available for liaisons to pick up after the meeting. If you miss the meeting, your packet will be sent to your campus. This year, when you join MEPA, you will receive a pen and notepad with the MEPA theme on it. The pen and notepad will compliment the padfolio you received last year! We will have a membership table set up at the meeting where you can pay your dues and receive your pen and notepad.

The New Paraprofessional Orientation will be 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19 in the Board Room at the PDC. We encourage all new paras to attend. Someone from Payroll, Benefits Department, and Risk Management will be available to answer questions. New paras will receive their insurance packets at this meeting. New paras who do not attend will need to go by the Benefits office to pick up their insurance packet.

Our Hospitality Committee has several new committee members this year. They are eager to greet you at each meeting and assist you in signing in. They will be available, along with the board, to answer any questions.

I hope you have a wonderful school year. Please feel free to contact me or any board member with any concerns or questions you may have. I look forward to serving again as your MEPA President.
Remember...be an essential piece to MEPA.

Paula Lombright

MEPA President 2009-10

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



Calendar of Events 2009

August

- 18th—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.
- 19th—Convocation—all employees**
Lake Pointe Church—Rockwall
9:30 a.m.
- 19th—New Para Orientation**
PDC Board Room
1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

September

- 8th & 10th STEM Class—PDC Rm. 211**
Personal Profile for Success
Cheryl Gregory
4:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
- 19th—STEM Class—SSC Rm. B104**
Business Grammar
Debbie Faires
8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
- 28th—MEPA Meeting**
First Baptist Church Sunnyvale
1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

October

- 2nd-4th—STEM Consultant Training**
Austin, TX
- 8th—STEM Class—PDC Rm—211**
Leadership and Team Building
Diane Hogg
4:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
- 17th—STEM Class—SSC Rm B104**
Effective Office Practices
Dianne Lemons
8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
- 29th—STEM Class—PDC Board Rm**
Assertive Training
Cheryl Gregory
4:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

November

- 3rd—STEM Class—PDC Board Room**
Time Management
Debbie Faires
- 12th-15th—TESA Fall Conference**
San Marcos, TX

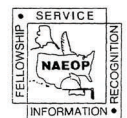
December

- 12th—MEPA Annual Holiday Bazaar**
Poteet HS
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

****Please Note****
Professional Image will be taught by
Diane Hogg, but date hasn't been
decided.



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



2009-2010 MEPA Executive Board

President :	Paula Lambright	Administration	972 882-7390
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2009-2010 MEPA Committee Members

Administrative Liaison	Karen Nix	Administration	972-882-7391
Altruism	Sandra Hicks	Administration	972-882-7310
Budget-Finance	Diane Hogg	Curriculum	972-882-7373
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Hospitality-Welcome	Debbie Wright	Technical Services	972-882-5590
	Terri Meeder	Learning Center	972-882-7150
	Tina Scott	Black Elementary	972-882-7240
	Ady Reyna	BEES Center	972-882-3141
	Elia Murillo	BEES Center	972-882-3140
	Olga Rodriguez	BEES Center	972-882-7217
	Norma DeLay	BEES Center	972-882-3145
Newsletter	María R. Hernández	Curriculum Bldg.	972-882-7330
Liaison Booster	Marsha Baker	Purchasing	972-882-5589
Holiday Bazaar	Paula Lambright	Administration	972-882-7390
	Dianne Lemons	Business Office	972-882-7320
	Debbie Faires	Business Office	972-882-7321
	Diane Hogg	Curriculum Bldg.	972-882-7373
	Jennifer Lamb	North Mesquite HS	972-882-7982
	Sandy Salazar	Curriculum Bldg.	972-882-7402
	Paula Hutchinson	Payroll	972-882-5457
	Tom Warren	Achziger Elementary	972-290-4180
Scholarship	Linda Williams	Administration	972-882-7404
	Paula Lambright	Administration	972-882-7390
	Sandy Gunn	Mesquite HS	972-882-7390
	Kim Cook	North Mesquite HS	972-882-7807
	Donna Caldwell	West Mesquite HS	972-882-7902
	Donna Henry	Poteet HS	972-882-5310
	Pat Wood	Horn HS	972-882-5206
	Debbie Barbour	Academy	972-882-7575
STEM/TESA Liaison	Dianne Lemons	Business Office	972-882-7320
Mesquite STEM Liaison	Debbie Faires	Business Office	972-882-7321
NAEOP/PSP Liaison	Sylvia Martinez	Agnew MS	972-882-5750
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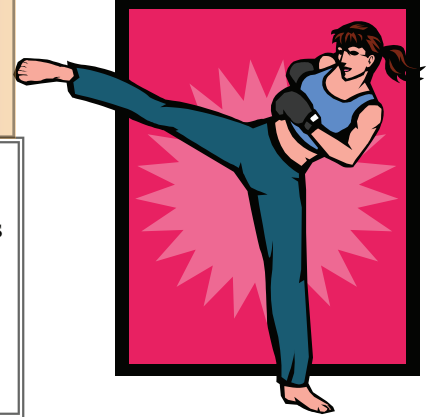


Welcome Back!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready for the new year! My name is Marsha Baker and I am excited to announce that I will be this year's MEPA Booster Liaison! Each of you is such an essential piece of the MEPA organization and I am honored to continue the "goody incentives" program. If you enjoyed your treats last year, you can look forward to more surprises this coming year. It definitely pays to be a liaison! Keep up the good work! Feel free to contact me if you have any comments or concerns: mdbaker@mesquiteisd.org

Kick-off Meeting —August 18, 2009

On August 18, 2009, MEPA will be having our Kick-off meeting at Sunnyvale Baptist Church; two sessions will be held 8:15 a.m.—11:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.— 3:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served before each meeting. We are honored to have Dr. Linda Henrie as our guest speaker. Dr. Henrie was nominated by the Mesquite Educational Paraprofessional Association for the Texas Educational Support Staff Association – Superintendent of The Year Award — and won! We are so lucky to have such a wonderful Superintendent that supports the paraprofessionals within the district. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. —Sandy Salazar, 1st VP Programs — ssalazar@mesquiteisd.org



Pecan Fundraiser

We will be selling pecans again this year with the same company as last year, Durham-Ellis Pecan Company. We can earn 40-50% profit, and they also give a cash incentive to organizations selling over 500 lbs. of product which we did last year. Liaisons will be sent color brochures, price lists and order forms very soon so that we will have them in time for Thanksgiving. Watch your mailboxes!

—Debbie Faires, Parliamentarian — dfaires@mesquiteisd.org

MEPA Treasurer's Report

MEPA Regular Account Treasurer's Report July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Beginning Balance July 1, 2008	\$9,081.74
Total Income	<u>\$18,161.65</u>
Total Expenses	\$16,809.08
Balance/Checkbook and Bank June 30, 2009	\$10,343.31

MEPA Scholarship Account Treasurer's Report July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Beginning Balance July 1, 2008	\$13,856.05
Total Income	<u>\$ 9,565.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$13,336.84
Balance/Checkbook and Bank June 30, 2009	\$10,084.21

DOOR PRIZES

August 18, 2009

First Baptist Church Sunnyvale
8:15 a.m. or 12:45 p.m.

Administration Annex
Administration Building
Athletics — BEES Center
Curriculum Building
Florence Annex
Information Technology
KEOM—Warehouse
MPEA Board/Committees
Planetarium —Transportation

September 28, 2009

First Baptist Church Sunnyvale
1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Austin — Cannaday
Galloway — Hanby
Lawrence — Learning Center
McDonald MS —North Mesquite H
McWhorter — Pirrung —Range
Seabourn — Service Center
Smith —Tosch
Wilkinson MS





MEPA

2009-2010

You are an
"Essential Piece!"

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

BUILDING/CAMPUS _____

POSITION HELD _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF TESA? YES /NO

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF NAEOP? YES/NO

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$7.00. DEADLINE TO JOIN IS OCTOBER 31, 2009.

(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:

PAULA HUTCHINSON 972-882-5457

C/O MEPA MAILBOX

CURR. BLDG. MAILROOM



Date Received _____ Check # _____

Membership Card Sent _____

Membership Gift Sent _____