

# MEPA Messenger

MESQUITE EDUCATIONAL PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION  
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## President's Message

I can't believe the 2008-09 school year is already here. My how time flies! I hope you had a safe and happy summer and you are as excited as I am about starting the new school year.

My theme is "You are an Essential Piece", and my logo is a jigsaw puzzle piece. We all know it takes more than one puzzle piece to complete a picture. Have you ever started a puzzle only to find a piece missing? It's very frustrating and you will never complete the picture. The same is true for MEPA. We need the support of our district, the MEPA board, and our committees working together, but that still does not complete the picture. It takes members like you to complete the MEPA picture. *MEPA needs you!*

TESA held its annual summer conference in Houston this year from June 19-22. MEPA won, "Most Unique" in the table decoration contest at the banquet. The board and committee members had a wonderful time; we did a lot of planning, and learned a lot in classes.

In July, the board and committees met for our summer work session. Many things were discussed: membership, meetings, newsletters and holiday bazaar, just to name a few. Jennifer Lamb, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs, has a great speaker planned for our September meeting and some new exciting ideas for the 2008-09 school year.

Our Hospitality Committee will greet you at each meeting and assist you in signing in. They will be available, along with the board, to answer any questions. Our Liaison Booster, Debbie Wright, is ready to encourage and reward our liaisons for their service to MEPA. Remember, being a liaison comes with a free banquet ticket! This year, when you join MEPA, you will receive a padfolio with the MEPA theme on it. We will have a membership table set up at the first meeting where you can pay your dues and receive your gift. We are very excited about the gift this year and hope you will be too.

We will not have a traditional liaison meeting this year. Paula Hutchinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership, will be speaking to the liaisons briefly at our 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.

Make plans to attend our kick-off meeting August 21. We have been asked to offer a morning and an afternoon session so every paraprofessional will have an opportunity to attend.

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 you this year as your 2008-09 MEPA President.

*Remember...be an essential piece to MEPA.*

*Paula Lambright*

MEPA President 2008-09



Visit the MEPA Website at: [www.mesquiteisd.org/MEPA](http://www.mesquiteisd.org/MEPA)

## 2008/09 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 20, 2008

CONVOCATION

Lake Pointe Church -

Rockwall 9:30 a.m.

NEW PARA ORIENTATION

PDC Board room 1:00-4:00 p.m.

AUGUST 21, 2008

KICK-OFF MEETING AND  
LIAISON INFORMATION

PACKETS  
Poteet HS  
8:15-11:15 a.m. or  
12:45-3:45 p.m.

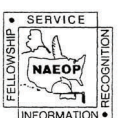
SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

MEPA MEETING  
PERRY EATON  
Poteet HS  
1:00-4:00 P.M.

Perry Eaton is a husband, father of four boys, the Parent Involvement Coordinator for Brownsboro ISD and Pastor of Lake Community Baptist Church. He is passionate about his faith, his family, people of all ages and education. Through his music and his speaking, he strives to be an encouragement as he motivates his audiences through laughter and through tears.



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2008-09

MEPA Board and Committees

**BOARD**

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Paula Lambright	Administration
<b>PRESIDENT ELECT</b>	Dianne Lemons	Business Office
<b>1ST VP PROGRAMS</b>	Jennifer Lamb	North Mesquite HS
<b>2ND VP MEMBERSHIP</b>	Paula Hutchinson	Payroll
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Sherry McCulloch	McWhorter Elem.
<b>TREASURER</b>	Diane Hogg	Curriculum
<b>HISTORIAN</b>	Nancy Beene	Business Office
<b>PARLIAMENTARIAN</b>	Debbie Faires	Business Office

**COMMITTEES**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON</b>	Karen Nix	Administration
<b>ALTRUISM</b>	Sandra Hicks	Administration
<b>BUDGET-FINANCE</b>	Diane Hogg	Curriculum
	Paula Lambright	Administration
	Dianne Lemons	Business Office
<b>HOSPITALITY-WELCOME</b>	Tina Scott	Black Elem.
	Sylvia Martinez	Agnew MS
	Ady Reyna	BEES Center
	Debby Wright	Energy Mgt.
<b>NEWSLETTER</b>	Tina Scott	Black Elem.
<b>LIAISON BOOSTER</b>	Debbie Wright	Energy Mgt.
<b>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE</b>	Debbie Boggs	Vanston MS
<b>HOLIDAY BAZAAR</b>	Paula Lambright	Administration
	Dianne Lemons	Business Office
	Debbie Faires	Business Office
	Diane Hogg	Curriculum
	Jennifer Lamb	North Mesquite HS
	Nancy Beene	Business Office
	Debbie Wright	Energy Mgt.
	Tom Warren	Rutherford Elem.
<b>SCHOLARSHIP</b>	Linda Williams	Administration
	Paula Lambright	Administration
	Sandy Gunn	Mesquite HS
	Madeline Kelton	North Mesquite HS
	Donna Caldwell	West Mesquite HS
	Donna Henry	Poteet HS
	Pat Wood	Horn HS
	Debbie Barbour	Academy
<b>STEM/TESA LIAISON</b>	Dianne Lemons	Business Office
	Debbie Faires	Business Office
<b>NAEOP/PSP LIAISON</b>	Sylvia Martinez	Agnew MS
<b>WEBMASTER</b>	Paula Lambright	Administration

**DOOR PRIZES FOR  
AUGUST**

Admin. Annex \* Admin. Bldg.  
 Athletics \* BEES Center  
 Curriculum Bldg. \* Florence Annex  
 Information Technology \* KEOM  
 MEPA Board/Committees  
 Planetarium \* Warehouse

**DOOR PRIZES FOR  
SEPTEMBER**

Austin \* Cannaday \* Galloway  
 Hanby \* Lawrence  
 Learning Center \* McDonald MS  
 McWhorter \* North Mesquite HS  
 Pirrung \* Range \* Seabourn  
 Service Center \* Smith \* Tosch  
 Transportation \* Wilkinson MS

Mesquite STEM schedule can be found on our website @ [www.mesquiteisd.org/mepa](http://www.mesquiteisd.org/mepa)

**MEPA**

Annual Holiday Bazaar

9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
Poteet High School  
Saturday  
December 6, 2008



**MEPA Treasurer's Report**  
August 12, 2008 (submitted by Diane Hogg)

**Pecan Fundraiser**  
(submitted by Debbie Faires)

**MEPA Regular Acct.**

Beginning Balance – 7/31/07.....	<b>\$6,821.88</b>
Total Income .....	<b>\$16,378.41</b>
Total Expenses .....	<b>\$14,128.55</b>
Balance as of May 31, 2007 .....	<b>\$9,081.74</b>

**MEPA Scholarship Acct.**

Beginning Balance – 7/31/07 .....	<b>\$13,406.49</b>
Total Income .....	<b>\$11,057.00</b>
Total Expenses.....	<b>\$10,177.44</b>
Balance as of August 1, 2008.....	<b>\$14,286.05</b>

We will be selling pecans again this year but with a new company, Durham-Ellis Pecan Company. This is a Texas company and we can order single items as well as cases. We can earn 40-50%, and they also give a cash incentive to organizations selling over 500 lbs of product. 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.

