

# MEPA Messenger

MESQUITE EDUCATIONAL PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION  
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## President's Message

I hope everyone had a great holiday! Our MEPA Annual Holiday Bazaar was very successful this year. We had over 100 booths at Poteet High School on December 8, and raised \$8,780.28, for scholarships! We had over 40 theme baskets which brought in \$1,719.00, to put in our general fund. McDonald Middle School won again this year for having the most tickets purchased for their basket. Way to go McDonald! They will be treated to desserts by the MEPA Board.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting this month to prepare the ballot for the 2008-2009 MEPA Board. Look for your ballot in February, and be sure to vote!

The annual MEPA Banquet will be February 1, at Poteet High School. The meal will be catered by Spring Creek Barbeque and we will introduce all nominees that will be on the ballot for the 2008-2009 MEPA Board. You will be receiving information on this soon!

Be sure to check the website for information on our scholarships for students and paraprofessionals. Also check out the STEM classes that are being offered this spring. We hope you will take advantage of these opportunities.

"He used his immense talent to encourage moral and spiritual strength. Roy Rogers took the best of America's most important icon, the Cowboy, and created a code of honor for all. He was the most important American entertainer in the twentieth century"

Michael Martin Murphy-singer-songwriter

Happy Trails!

*Debbieaires*

Debbie

MEPA President 2007-08



## 2007/08 Calendar of Events

### \*\*February 1

MEPA Luncheon  
Poteet HS cafeteria 11:00 a.m.-  
1:00 p.m.

Tickets \$10—see your campus  
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\*\*Represents MEPA Annual Meeting

### STEM CLASSES:

#### Conflict Management

February 5 & 7

PDC Rm 211

4:15—7:15 p.m.

#### Basic Communication

March 1

SSC Rm B-104

8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

#### Business Grammar

March 29

SSC Rm B-104

8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

### DOOR PRIZES FOR JANUARY

Austin  
Hanby

Cannaday  
Lawrence

Galloway  
Learning Center

McDonald MS

McWhorter

North Mesquite HS

Pirrung

Range

Seabourn

Service Center

Smith

Tosch

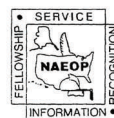
Wilkinson MS

Visit the MEPA Website at:

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

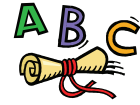


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# SCHOLARSHIPS

Two types of scholarships are available through MEPA.



High school seniors interested in a MEPA scholarship must make application through the MEPA website. Download, complete and place the application in an envelope labeled **MEPA Scholarship**. Submit completed information to the appropriate counselor's office.

MISD paraprofessionals, who are members of MEPA and attending college, are eligible to apply for the MEPA Paraprofessional Scholarship. Applications can be located on the MEPA website. Paraprofessional applications should be returned to **Linda Williams – Communications – Administration Building**.

**DEADLINE** to apply is **March 3, 2008**. Late applications will not be accepted.

## MEPA Treasurer's Report

January 11, 2008 (submitted by Sherry McCulloch)

### MEPA Scholarship Fund

Balance as of 12/30/2007..... \$15,775.05

### MEPA General Fund

Balance as of 12/30/2007..... \$ 9,346.02

## CONGRATULATIONS



Lisa Porter, Benefits Office for completing the STEM Certification Program

Jennifer Ivey, Student Support Center for receiving her PSP

Lorie Floyd, Seabourn Elementary for receiving her CEOE through the PSP Program

## PECAN FUNDRAISER

(submitted by Paula Lambright)

Our fundraiser was a success! What salespersons we have in our organization. Together we sold \$8,444.04 worth of pecans and candy. After we deduct the purchase price of \$5,569.60, we have a profit of \$2,874.44. Thanks for all of your hard work.