

# MEPA Messenger

MESQUITE EDUCATIONAL PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION  
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## President's Message

Wasn't our speaker at the September meeting, Pete Hinojosa, great?! I hope you really enjoyed him and learned something also. Our next meeting on October 22, will be just as good. We will meet at Mesquite High School at 8:00 a.m. and hear several speakers on legal issues that will be beneficial to us on our jobs. You won't want to miss it!

Be sure to sell those pecans! The proceeds from this fundraiser will go into the MEPA Operating budget, which enables us to pay for our staff development and the yearly expenses for MEPA.

The Holiday Bazaar will be here soon, December 8. We are still in need of volunteers. We set up early that morning and clean up after we close and need help for both of those duties. We also need volunteers all during the day to sit at the basket table to sell chances for the baskets, and sit at the pecan fundraiser table. So please come shop and volunteer for just one hour, we need you and you will have fun! Call or e-mail Paula Lambright for times. Holiday Bazaar proceeds provide the scholarships that we award each year to high school seniors and paraprofessionals.

The nomination forms have been sent. Please consider either being on the nomination committee this year or working with the board next year.

During the time that Roy Rogers and Dale Evans' baby was sick, before she died, Dale Evans penned a song. In three hours time she wrote the song that would be their theme song and a testament to the way they lived their lives.

*Some trails are happy ones, others are blue,*

*It's the way you ride the trail that counts;*

*Here's a happy one for you.*

*Happy Trails to you until we meet again...*

Adapted from *The Cowboy and the Senorita*

Happy Trails!

Debbie

*Debbie Jaires*

MEPA President 2007-08



## 2007/08 Calendar of Events

### \*\*October 22

Mesquite HS Auditorium — 8:00 a.m.-noon  
*Legal Issues and Other Information We all Should Know*—Do you know what to do if the media shows up? What if a parent comes to pick up a student, what do you do? Who has legal access to student records? If you do not know the answers to these questions, it would be important for you to attend. Answers to these and many other questions will be answered at this meeting.

If you have any questions you would like to have covered, please use the form you received at the last MEPA meeting, or email your question to [dhogg@mesquiteisd.org](mailto:dhogg@mesquiteisd.org).

### December 8

Holiday Bazaar

Poteet HS— 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### \*\*February 1

MEPA Luncheon

Poteet HS cafeteria 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Program to be determined.

\*\*Represents MEPA Annual Meeting

### DOOR PRIZES FOR OCTOBER

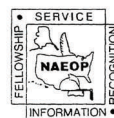
Academy/ACCESS	Horn HS	Poteet HS
Agnew MS	Mackey	Rugel
Beasley	Moss	Shands
Florence	New MS	SSC
Gentry	Porter	Thompson
Hodges		

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[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**.



### MEPA Wants You



Do you have 1 hour to spare for a good cause? Are you able to sit at a table selling chances or sit at a table selling pecans? Are you willing to help vendors find their booth locations or help clean up after we close?

What am I asking you to volunteer for...MEPA's Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Poteet HS.

Remember the proceeds provide scholarships to our high school seniors and paraprofessionals. Help us make this the best Holiday Bazaar ever!

Call me at 7390 or email me at [plambright@mesquiteisd.org](mailto:plambright@mesquiteisd.org) and I'll sign you up!



### MEPA Treasurer's Report

August 11, 2007 (submitted by Sherry McCulloch)

#### MEPA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Beginning Balance as of 8-31-2007.....	\$7,930.40
Deposit    General Fund.....	\$400.00
Balance as of 9-30-2007 .....	\$8,330.40

#### MEPA GENERAL FUND

Balance as of 8-31-2007 .....	\$7,048.39
Deposits: .....	\$0.00
Checks: .....	\$2,179.10
Balance as of 9:30-2007 .....	\$4,869.29
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### Pecan Fundraiser

(submitted by Paula Lambright)



I hope everyone is still selling pecans/candies! The deadline is quickly approaching. If you need additional order forms, price list or color brochures, they are online for your convenience. The link is on our website under Fund Raisers at: <http://www.mesquiteisd.org/mepa/fundraisers.htm> Remember to write the TX Driver's License # and date of birth on each check. Checks should be made out to MEPA. All orders and money need to be turned in to me by noon on Friday, October 12. I am located in the Administration Building. Please call me @ 7390 or email me [plambright@mesquiteisd.org](mailto:plambright@mesquiteisd.org) if you have any questions.



### MEPA Holiday Bazaar

(submitted by Nancy Beene)

We had a total of 119 booths last year at the MEPA Holiday Bazaar. I mailed new contracts to those booth holders August 7, 2007. I think our bazaar will be just as big, or bigger, this year.

This year's bazaar is December 8. Mark your calendar and please volunteer to help. 100% of booth rental goes to scholarships for 11 MISD seniors. Show your support of these kids by helping with the bazaar. There is nothing too small, no time too little to help with the bazaar. To volunteer, contact Paula Lambright by email. If you don't have access to email, call her at Ext. 7390. There will also be a Volunteer Sign-Up sheet at the October 22, 2007 MEPA meeting.



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