

MEPA Messenger

MESQUITE EDUCATIONAL PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
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Hi,
I hope all of you are having a wonderful year. I know you have become an "Essential Piece" to your campus/facility and the job you give your best to everyday.

The pecan fundraiser has ended and we will give you the amount made at a later date. A big thank you to the liaisons as well as everyone who took part in this fundraiser. Thank you, Debbie Faires for organizing this fundraiser.

Is everyone enjoying their padfolios? Paula Hutchinson has been very busy sending them out to each of you who have joined. Our membership is growing on a daily basis and I'd like to thank all of you for your support of our great organization. Thank you, Paula, for your hard work on membership and getting everyone's padfolio to them so quickly.

Jennifer Lamb has several great breakout sessions planned for our October 27 meeting. Our meeting will be at Mesquite High School from 8:30 a.m.-noon, breakout sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. A schedule of the various sessions will be in your packet at the meeting.

The Hospitality Committee will serve McDonald's biscuits and fruit beginning at 8:00 a.m. Sylvia Martinez, Tina Scott, Ady Reyna and Debbie Wright will have sign-in sheets and puzzle pieces ready for your name for the door prize drawing. I appreciate each of them and their hard work.

Debbie Wright sent out her first liaison appreciation gift. They received decorative coasters thanking our liaisons for helping us "coast" through the first six-weeks. How creative!

Very soon the Nominating Committee will be accepting nominations for the 2009-2010 MEPA Board. This is the perfect time to submit your name for an office and help MEPA by becoming an "Essential Piece" to your organization. Please feel free to contact any of our board members to answer any questions you may have concerning becoming an officer. We have an excellent group and would love for you to join us!

We have over 50+ vendors for our Holiday Bazaar and it's only October! In order to make this bazaar a true success, we need your help. Please give us an hour of your time and volunteer to work at the bazaar. We need help selling boxed lunches from our Food Service Dept. This year we will be offering pictures with Santa and will need help in that area. You can help set up the night before. We also need help during the day on Saturday and help cleaning up at 5:00 in the afternoon.

Please don't forget our STEM classes. Sandy Salazar has worked hard to set up classes for this fall and spring. TESA will hold their Fall Conference in Addison again this year and STEM classes will be offered. You will find a listing in your meeting packet. Take a moment and read about each class. These classes are for you and promote your professional growth. Remember, after completing all of your STEM classes and various requirements, send your CEOP certificate as documentation to Mr. Lanny Frasier in Personnel and you will receive your one-time \$500 stipend.

I would like to thank the board, the committee members, and all our members for your support. Remember, it takes each of us to make our organization successful. Thank you for being an "Essential Piece."

Paula Lambright

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MEPA President 2008-2009



2008-09 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 27, 2008

MEPA Meeting

MESQUITE HS

8:30 am -12:00 pm

Breakout sessions @ 9:00 am



NOVEMBER 14-16, 2008

FALL CONFERENCE

ADDISON, TEXAS



DECEMBER 6, 2008

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

POTEET HS

9:00 am-5:00 pm



FEBRUARY 6, 2009

MEPA Meeting

Banquet & Installation of

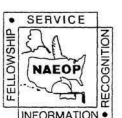
2009-2010 Officers

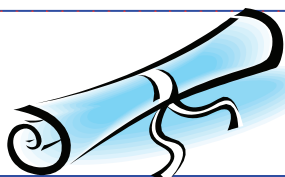
11:00 am-1:00 pm

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



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MEPA 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**.



DOOR PRIZES FOR

OCTOBER

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

DOOR PRIZES FOR

FEBRUARY

Berry MS*Black*Floyd
 Gray*Kimball*Kimbrough MS
 McKenzie*Mesquite HS
 Motley*Price*Rutherford
 Shaw*Terry MS*Tisinger
 Vanston MS*West Mesquite HS

MEPA Treasurer's Report

October 21, 2008 (submitted by Diane Hogg)
MEPA Regular Acct.

Beginning Balance – 9/16/08.....	\$8,182.25
Income—Pecans	\$5,762.75
Income— Membership.....	\$ 869.25
Balance.....	\$14,814.25
Expenses	\$ 666.65
Balance 10/21/08.....	\$14,147.60

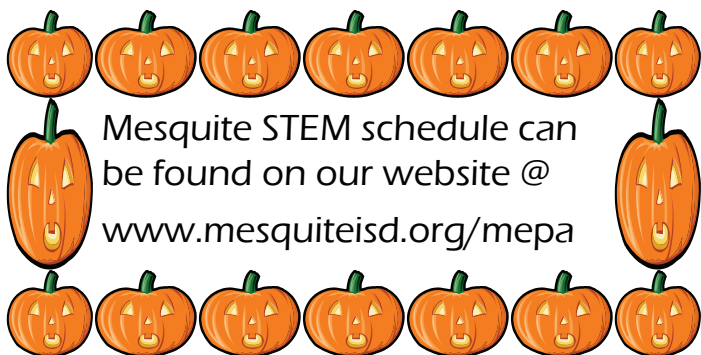
MEPA Scholarship Acct.

Beginning Balance – 9/16/08	\$12,806.05
Income –Bazaar.....	\$ 1,520.00
	\$14,326.05
Expenses-Scholarship.....	\$ 750.00
Balance 10/21/08	\$13,576.05



HAPPY FALL YA'LL

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



Mesquite STEM schedule can be found on our website @ www.mesquiteisd.org/mepa

Fall 2008 STEM Classes

- October 28 & 30, 2008
- November 6, 2008
- November 18, 2008
- January 10, 2009
- January 29, 2009
- March 28, 2009
- April 2, 2009
- April 18, 2009

- Interpersonal Communication
- Assertiveness Training
- Time Management
- Conflict Management
- Dialogue of Diversity
- Basic Communication
- Rules for spelling
- Agenda for Personal Organization and Improvement

