

The Big Red Gazette

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Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

A number of fun events are lined up for December to celebrate Christmas. Be sure to check the *Diboll Free Press*, the message sign in front of city hall, and the school website, www.dibollisd.org, for information on events, dates, and times. Have a wonderful holiday season from Diboll PTSA.

Breakfast with Santa Dec. 5

The PTSA will host a "Frozen" Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 9 a.m. The event will be held in the cafeteria of the Family Education Center on Neil Pickett Street.

Children will enjoy breakfast and a story from one of Santa's Elves. They will make a craft, color, and be able to visit with Santa. Each child will have his or her picture made with Santa.

Tickets are \$5 for children and \$3 for adults. Come out and enjoy a fun morning.

Santa's Secret Shop is Back

At the request of parents, the longest-running PTSA fundraiser is back this year. Santa's Secret Shop has been around since 1983. Children can shop for their family and friends for very little money. Parents can shop for stocking stuffers and unique items for everyone on their list.

This year the shop will be held at the cafeteria of the Family Education Center on Neil Pickett Street. It will be open on Thursday, Dec. 3, from 9-5, and on Friday, Dec. 4, at the same time. On Saturday, Dec. 5, the shop will be open from 9-noon. This will allow those attending the Breakfast with Santa a time to shop.

Come out and join the fun and support the PTSA.

Poinsettia Pick-Up Dec. 1-2

Poinsettias can be picked up in front of the Elementary School beginning at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 1. All plants should be picked up by the end of school on Dec. 2.

A limited number of extra red poinsettias will be available for \$10. To reserve one, call 829-4817. Plants will also be available at Santa's Secret Shop.

Pick up several to use as gifts and to decorate your home or office.

Parent Summit Planned

The Family Education Center is making plans for the Third Annual Parent Summit on January 16. This is a free event for all area parents. The summit is planned for 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. allowing plenty of time for parents to drop-off and pick up their children at school.

Coffee and donuts will be available that morning and a free lunch will be served at noon.

Organizations, churches, and businesses are invited to set up booths at the Summit to give out information to the attendees. Donations are also being solicited for door prizes.

For information, contact Carlye Morris at cmorris@dibollisd.org or 829-6021 or Charlotte Carter at cmorris@dibollisd.org, 829-3744.

PTSA Business Members: East Texas Tupperware---829-4817; *Diboll Free Press*---829-3313; East Texas Tupperware---829-4871; Simple Simon's Pizza---829-5959; His and Hers Trade Days---707-9120; Book Mouse Publishing---956-220-5162; Tropical Toucan---US 59 and Thompson St.; Morris AC and Heat---829-2630; McWilliams and Sons Heating and AC---639-1688; Sandra Pouland Real Estate---829-4040.

Christmas in the Park

Old Orchard Park is getting all dressed up for the Christmas Season. Light displays will be in place from December 5 throughout the remainder of the month. The displays will be lighted each evening. A full-size sleigh will be in place to be used for photos with family and friends.

Individuals, churches, and organizations are still invited to have a display. Bring your display to the park on Saturday, Dec. 5, and join the others being set up.

December 16 at 6 p.m. will be the annual service in the park with our area churches and choirs. Come out for an evening of fellowship and enjoy once again the Christmas Story.

The PTSA will have concessions available that night.

Civic Club Sponsors Luncheon and Bingo

The annual Ladies' Luncheon and Bingo is being planned for Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 11:30 a.m. This year five games of regular bingo will be played with one blackout game. Lunch is \$5, and the bingo cards are \$1 each.

Fran McClain is in charge of food donations. She can be reached at 829-2779. Jan Wilkerson is collecting donations for the prize baskets. She can be reached at 829-4817. All donations are welcomed. Door prizes will be given throughout the event.

Proceeds go to Christmas Blessings.

Diboll ISD. Hosts Annual Hugs and Mugs

The community is invited to stop by the Diboll ISD Administration Building any time during the day on December 16 to celebrate the Holiday Season. Food will be available all day, and each person attending will receive a mug. Plenty of "hugs" will be available also.

PTSA to Meet December 8

The December meeting of the PTSA will be Tuesday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the H.G. Temple Schools. Following the business portion of the meeting, the school choirs will be performing holiday music.

Refreshments will be served. Plan to come out and get into the holiday spirit by listening to our students perform.

Letters from Santa

Make sure your child receives his or her own letter from Santa this year. Order forms will be sent home with students in grades pk-3 through 3rd grade. Deadline to place an order is December 11. Each letter is personalized just for your child. Cost is \$4 each. Letters will be mailed no later than December 15. For information or to request an order form, call 829-4817.

December Dateline

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| 1 Civic Club Meets—6 p.m.
Poinsettia Delivery | 14 JH Boys BB here—5 p.m.
JH Girls BB at Huntington |
| 3 Pilot Club Tree of Light—5:30 p.m.
DBA Cash for Christmas Drawing—5:30 p.m.
JH Boys BB here
JH Girls BB at Hudson | School Board meets—7 p.m. |
| 3-5 Santa's Secret Shop | 15 Ladies' Luncheon and Bingo—11:30 |
| 5 Breakfast with Santa—9 a.m. | 16 Hugs and Mugs—all day
Christmas in the Park—6 p.m. |
| 7 JH boys BB at Jasper
JH girls BB here | 17 Band Concert—7 p.m. |
| 8 PTSA Meeting—6:30 p.m. | 18 Early dismissal |
| 10 Open House T.L.L. Temple Library—all day
JH GT to Houston | 21-Jan. 1 Christmas Break |
| | 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS |
| | 5-31 Light display in Old Orchard Park |