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Still Time to Join the PTSA

As the new semester begins, parents and students still have time to become members of the Diboll PTSA. Membership is \$6 per school year and membership is open to everyone beginning with pre-K 3.

High School students who have not joined this year need to do so. All students who have been members all four years of high school are eligible to apply for a PTSA scholarship during their senior year.

To date, Diboll PTSA has 236 members for this school year. To join, send your dues, along with your name and contact information, to any DISD campus or mail to Diboll PTSA, P.O. Box 312, Diboll 75941.

Annual Parent Summit Coming Soon

The third Annual Parent Summit is being planned for January 29 at the Family Education Center on Neil Pickett Street.

The event is from 9 am until 2 pm and will offer a number of sessions that will be beneficial to parents. Coffee and donuts will be available that morning and a free lunch will be served at noon.

Organizations, churches, and businesses are encouraged to set up booths at the Summit to distribute information to the attendees. Donations of door prizes are also appreciated.

For information, contact Carly Morris at camorris@dibollisd.org or Charlotte Carter at cmorris@dibollisd.org. You may also call 829-6021 or 829-3744 for information.

January is School Board Appreciation Month

January has been designated as a time to recognize and honor the men and women who serve on school boards across the state of Texas. Diboll ISD will recognize board members during the January meeting.

Local school board members are Trey Wilkerson, Ronnie Coleman, Andrea Swor, Roy Salazar, Laura Beth Grider, Greg Stephens, and Rodney Cheshire. Board members are elected to serve a three-year term. They do not receive any payment for their services.

Be sure to tell them they are appreciated,

PTSA Business Members: East Texas Tupperware—829-4817; *Diboll Free Press*---829-3313; 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; McWilliams and Sons Heating and AC---639-1688; Sandra Pouland Real Estate---829-4040; Morris AC and Heat---829-2630

Junior High Collects Food for Christian Outreach

Students at Diboll Junior High helped make the holidays a little brighter for many local families. Students collected 1,017 non-perishable food items for the Outreach Center prior to the Christmas holiday.

Food items are distributed to families on a weekly basis at the Center. All donations are appreciated. For more information on how you can receive help, stop by the Center, located in The Temple House, on Thursday mornings.

Thank You from the PTSA

December saw several PTSA members working with various events. A special thank you to Nora Munoz, Veronica Hernandez, the Diboll High School Interact Club, Crystal Williams, and Joe Flowers for helping make memories at the "Breakfast with Santa" event.

Jan Wilkerson and Liann Tate worked the "Santa's Secret Shop" each day, as well as handling the distribution of the poinsettias.

Nora Munoz, Laura Beth Grider, Cecelia Mendoza, Michele Wilkerson, Tina Jowell, and Jan Wilkerson helped serve concessions during "Christmas in the Park."

The PTSA appreciates those that help make our events possible.

Calendars Delivered

The Community Birthday Calendars were delivered or mailed prior to Christmas. If you did not receive your copy, please contact Jan Wilkerson at 829-4817 or janwpta@consolidated.net. Additional copies are available for \$5.

January Dateline

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| 4 Classes Resume | 18 MLK Holiday—No School |
| 5 Civic Club meets—Temple House—6 p.m. | 19 Begin 3 rd 9 weeks/2nd semester |
| 7 JH Girls BB—Hudson here
Boys—there | 21 JH BB girls—Huntington here
Boys—there |
| 11 Junior High BB girls—Jasper there
Boys—here | 25 JH BB girls—Hudson--there
Boys—here |
| 12 PTSA officers' meeting 6:30 p.m. | 29 Parent Summit—9-2 |
| 15 End of 2 nd 9 weeks/1st semester | |

Please watch for notes home with information on additional events. You may also check the district calendar by visiting www.dibollisd.org.

Be sure to "Like" Diboll PTSA Facebook page to keep up with events.