



December 2009

Mustang Messenger

A publication of the Hughston Elementary PTA

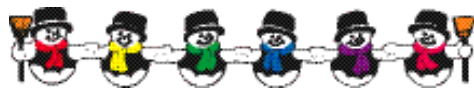
www.hughstonpta.org

2601 Cross Bend Drive, Plano, TX 75023

Monthly Events

December

Winter Parties - 2pm	17
Magic Mustang Assembly 9:15am	18
Report Cards Go Home	18
Early Release 12 noon	18
Winter Break	12/21 - 1/4



January

Classes Resume - Tuesday	5
PTA Board Meeting - 1:30pm	5
Student Holiday - MLK Jr Day	18



The Hughston Elementary PTA
would like to wish
all our Hughston Families
a Safe Winter Break
and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Hughston families are the best! Thank you for all the support throughout the school year. Your help make our school the Best in the West!

Not all PTA projects involve monthly meetings or lots of time. Our awesome moms, dads, and grandparents contribute to so many different projects and activities! Our volunteers work in the classroom, the office, on the school grounds, and even at home on special projects. Volunteer opportunities can be on an on-going basis or for a one-time project only. Please consider volunteering.

Box Tops 4 Education

Box Tops is an easy way to contribute to our school. We will be collecting again in the spring so keep Clipping!!!

Do You Shop Online?

Use This Link to Earn Cash for Our School with Every Item You Buy:
www.boxtops4education.com



****Don't forget to check out the lost and found for those missing coats, hats, mittens, etc. Labeling your child's items will help make returns easier.**

Please make sure your child has a coat or jacket for recess every day!

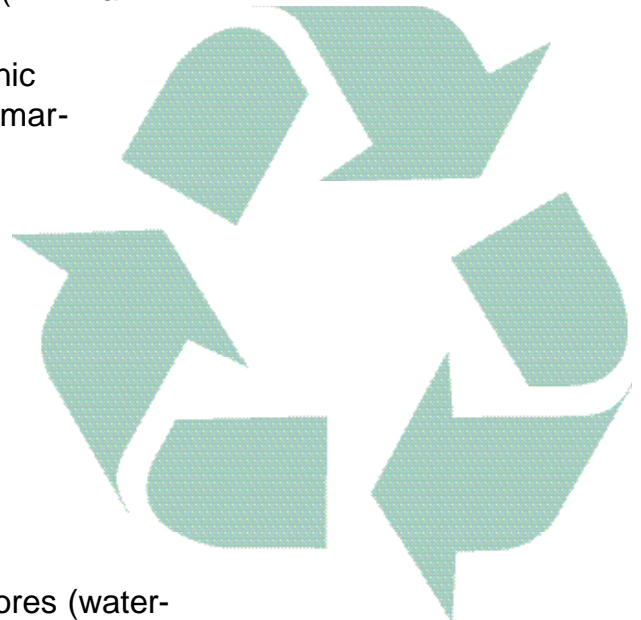
Be sure to visit the Hughston PTA website for information and to make suggestions at www.hughstonpta.org.

Top 5 (or 6) Things To Do To Recycle/Reuse During The Holidays:

- 1) Make as many tree ornaments, decorations, table setting items, and gifty items as possible using items normally recycled! Even store gift cards can be put into a special hand-made box or holder (made from greeting cards) that can be personalized and special!
- 2) Make new greeting cards from old ones.
- 3) Wrap and decorate gifts with Sunday comics, map pages, or reusable shopping bags! Use bows saved from previous occasions, or make bows from magazine pages. Make gift tags from greeting cards.

Instead of actual "products" or "items" to give as gifts, consider:

- a yearly pass that gets one carful of friends or family members into any national park or forest (www.fedrecpass@usgs.gov)
 - a gift certificate that's accepted at hundreds of eco-pas around the world (www.spafinder.com)
 - a gift membership to an eco-documentary DVD club which ships four movies per month in biodegradable packaging (the giftee gets to keep the DVDs); www.earthcinemacircle.com- a movie-ticket gift certificate for theaters nationwide (www.fan-dangobucks.com)
 - a course at Whole Foods Culinary Centers: organic cooking, gluten-free baking, etc. (www.wholefoodsmarket.com)
 - a class on wine, cooking, yoga, or dancing
 - a gift certificate to a restaurant or coffeehouse
 - a round of play at a golf course or miniature golf course
 - tickets to a sports game
 - membership to Netflix, a theater, or arts organization (ballet, symphony, etc.), a museum, or a park/conservation organization
 - organic milk delivery
 - a homemade gift certificate to help giftees with chores (water-proofing the porch, washing the windows, etc.)
- 4) Recycle gift wrap:
 - save paper when unwrapping gifts (be careful to cut or tear off tape)
 - iron wrinkled paper on low heat
 - store boxes for reuse if possible; if not, put them on Craigslist or other sites
 - 5) Buy foods (for holiday dinners) and candies (or other treats) in bulk. Less packaging, less food waste.
 - 6) Be sure that whatever products you buy (and their containers, if possible) during the holidays can be recycled or composted.



Reprinted from the Plano ISD Council of PTAs Newsletter December 2009