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A Constructive Solution to an Age Old Problem

Homework Room

The Devine ISD, through the Parent Learning Network, is interested in helping students and their parents find help with homework. One of the main things we hope to do is provide a place for children to study and work on assignments with their parents and have mentors and tutors available for those times when they are stumped and need a little extra help.

The Devine Public Library is providing a room for us to use on Monday and Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

All adults working in this program will be required to have a background check through the DISD. We will need help with the mentoring and tutoring if you can give some time.



Welcome Back to the P.T.L.

Another school year has started and the Parent Training Library (P.T.L.) is open and ready to help parents. We have some big changes this year starting with the days we are open. You can now join us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00 - 11:00. Last spring we relocated on the elementary campus, so when you sign in at the campus office they will give you directions to our new location.

SSL Class

Back by popular demand is Spanish as a Second Language class (SSL). This is a conversational Spanish class; it meets every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:00. It is set up in a way that you can join it at any time and not be behind. Handouts are supplied and light refreshments are provided. This class is open to anyone in the community.

Walk Devine Club

New & exciting.

Are you ready to improve your health? The **Walk Devine Club** is here to help you. Come to the PTL on Tue. October 3rd at 8:15 am for the kickoff of this new program. We will offer encouragement as you track the miles or minutes you walk. We will use charts, keychains and beads to mark your achievements as you make new friends who have the same commitment to improve their health.

Uniform Closet

The P.T.L. continues to operate the Uniform Closet. I would like to thank all the parents who donated nice uniforms. Right now we have a good assortment of sizes, but we can always use more. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings, after signing in at the elementary campus office, come by the P.T.L. to get gently used uniforms for Devine Students in any grade. If you have uniforms to donate bring them by the P.T.L., leave them at the campus office or drop them off at the DISD central office on College Street.

Box Tops for Education

The collection of Box Tops for Education little pink coupons is continuing. These coupons are showing up on more products all the time. Gather what you have, put them in an envelope or sandwich bag, send them with your child to give to their teacher, or turn them in at the Devine Public Library, or the DISD Central office. Both the Elementary and Intermediate Campus share the earnings from this activity.

A note from Mickie

Change can be good, stressful but good. We are now in a smaller space and have adjusted the program to reflect the differences. We have also taken into consideration the parents input from the Title I Needs Assessment Meeting held in May of 2006.

We are settling into a routine as the new school year gets underway. Families are coming in for uniforms; others are bringing their sewing to take advantage of our sewing machine. The coupon exchange has been the start of some interesting conversations on how to save money and feed your family well. It also gets us to share recipes and talk about better ways to cook.

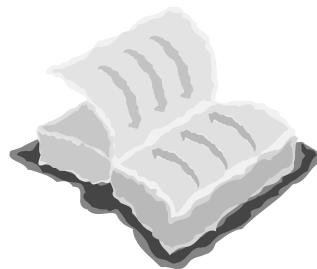
Rudolf Loves to Read A Book Drive for Santa

We want to be able to share a book with every student who visits Santa during picture time this year. Rudolf loves to read and wants to share his love with all the students in The Elementary and Intermediate schools.

We are collecting books and gift wrap for this project. This is where you can help. You may donate new books, but gently used is great too. The goal is to get books into the hands of children. Rudolf says reading is soooooo important.

If you have some books that you would like to share with others, you can drop them off at the Main School office on College St., or at the campus offices. We sort the books and wrap the ones for the younger grades.

Each of us has only so many hours in a day and want to help others so we volunteer in many places and many ways. With this book drive and distribution, each child in the Elementary and Intermediate Schools will be touched. Together we can do this. Give some books, give a few hours of help, and share the joy as children read.



Parenting Classes

Parenting classes will be presented by the PLN on Oct. 10th & Nov. 14th.

In our quest to meet the needs of more parents we are offering the class in the morning, and in the evening. Flyers will be coming home with the topics, so keep a look out for them

Notar de Raquel

Hola: Mi nombre es Raquel Gonzalez. Yo pertenezco a el programa de Padres de Familia (PLN) Quisiera invitarles a que nos acompañen los Martes y Jueves de 8:00 a 11:00 A.M. Nos gustaria que nos acompañaran ya que varios padres de familia disfrutamos y aprendemos diferentes actividades. Tambien tenemos uniformes para sus niños si ustedes nesesitan. Estamos localizados en la Escuela Elemental por favor vaya a la oficina y ellos le diran donde estamos.

Tambien ofresemos clases de español.

This is a small glimpse of some of the happenings at the P.T.L. We are here to help parents. We will not attempt to tell you how to raise your children but we cheer you on when things are good, and help you with practical answers to everyday questions. We can just be there when you need to share.

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