

HOOF PRINTS

Mary Jo Sheppard

PTA Calendar

Feb. 27, 6:30pm- General PTA Meeting,
Lego Night/ Robotics Demo

March 1-10- Adventure Dash Fundraiser

Mar. 7, 5:30pm-7:30pm- Open House

Mar. 27, 6:30pm- General PTA Meeting and Petting Zoo

April 7, 3pm- PTA Selling Snacks

April 7, 7pm- Movie Night

April 24, 6:30pm- General PTA Meeting:
Family Picnic/Food Trucks

May 12, 8am- Morning with Mom

May 15, 6:30pm- General PTA Meeting and Volunteer Dinner

May 26, 3pm- PTA Selling Snacks



Mary Jo Sheppard Robotics

The Mary Jo Sheppard robotics team, the Roboticolts, competed in the First Lego League Competition on December 10, against 4th-8th grade teams from the DFW area. They had the highest score on the Mat competition, but they did not advance to the next competition. Good job, Roboticolts!

“Each year FIRST LEGO League releases a Challenge, which is based on a real-world scientific topic.” This year’s challenge was “Animal Allies.” “FIRST LEGO League challenges kids in over 80 countries to think like scientists and engineers. During the ANIMAL ALLIES season, teams will choose and solve a real-world problem in the Project. They will also build, test, and program an autonomous robot using LEGO MINDSTORMS® technology to solve a set of missions in the Robot Game.

Throughout their experience, teams will operate under the FIRST LEGO League signature set of Core Values, celebrating discovery, teamwork, and Gracious Professionalism.” <http://www.firstlegoleague.org/challenge>

Reflections

Congratulations Finley Van Dyk, Mary Jo Sheppard's PTA Art Reflections winner!

Started in 1969, the PTA Reflections Art Program has encouraged millions of students by giving them positive recognition for their artistic efforts. This year Mary Jo Sheppard had three art entries entered in the contest. The entries included were one Visual Art picture and two Photography entries to represent our school. All three entries were from Finley Van Dyk a third grade student. Two of Finley's entries made it to the Council level and we will find out the results this coming April.



Protecting Children at Home

There are some easy steps to protect your children when they go online. First, use filters at home. OpenDNS is free and will block adult sites. Go to <https://www.opendns.com/home-internet-security/> to set it up. There is also accountability software such as Covenant Eyes. Go to covenanteyes.com for free parent guides and information about their services. For youtube, sign in and click on "restricted mode," click on "on," and click "save." This will block sex channels, but youtube is unpredictable and new material shows up all the time. It's better to supervise your kids when they use youtube. Set up parental controls on iPhones and iPads. Require a parent password for kids to get apps. Remove internet access on iPhones and iPads or install Covenant Eyes, which is a safe browser. Contact Gena Kelly at genaannkelly@hotmail.com if you need help installing any of these safeguards. Take action today!



MISD Clothes Closet



We will be collecting toothpaste and deodorant for the MISD Clothes Closet during the months of February and March. Please bring donations to the front office or send them with your child. Thanks!



The upcoming 2017-18 PTA board applications will be going home soon! Let's support our school together. Go Colts!