

The Grove PTA Newsletter



December 2024

Letter from the President

Hello Shady Grove Families! Happy Holidays!!!

The Shady Grove Holiday Shop is quickly approaching. Some of our new families may be wondering what this is all about. Here are the details...

The Holiday Shop is intended for students to be able to surprise family members or close loved ones with gifts. Kids will get an opportunity to preview, plan and budget for items they may want to purchase for their family members. Our preview date will be this Friday, Dec 6th (2nd grade will hear from teachers due to Field Trip). The kids will come home with an envelope they have filled out during the preview. There are labels in the envelope for them to complete for the family members they are shopping for. Immediate family members for their class shopping day - our last shopping day Friday, students may come back to shop for extended family members, friends, neighbor, second gift for mom, etc. Please have them bring the envelope, completed labels and cash money on their designated shopping day. The items available are a variety of price ranges (\$1-\$11) so there is something for everyone's taste and budget.

STUDENTS love it - the experience of being able to shop and surprise loved ones is difficult to pull off. This gives them the opportunity and they feel so grown up!!

PARENTS love it - hassle free shopping for the students to pick gifts for siblings and close family members. Bonus! already wrapped! Don't forget our last shopping day (Friday, 13th) students can come back to shop for second gifts, extended family members or friends, neighbors, etc. Please come clean us out!!

PTA loves it - Shady Grove PTA has made it a tradition for many years now to have the best Holiday Shop in KISD!!! We do not hire this out, we put on the event 100 percent ourselves. The gifts we purchase are higher quality for much lower price. Our focus is truly to the Grove students and families through this event. The prices are set to cover costs, not to act as a fundraiser.

Personal shopper "Elves" will be on hand to help make purchases and re-direct if a wanted item is no longer available. Holiday Shop items will come home already wrapped and labeled :) and ready to put under the tree. The joy on their faces as the gift is unwrapped will be priceless as will the lesson they learn about giving!

If you have any questions (or want to volunteer!)- please don't hesitate to reach out.

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We hope to make this 2024 Holiday Season
Merry and Bright

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Update



Just before Thanksgiving break, we completed our APEX Fundraiser and we want to thank all of our wonderful families for your help in making it a huge success! Through the generous donations made by the friends and family members of our Stars, we were able to raise **more than \$22,000, which is a 50% increase over last year's fundraising numbers!!!! Wow!!!** We can't thank you enough for your dedication to helping raise funds for our school. The money raised will go toward funding field trips, school PTA events, and refreshing the "Guided Reading Room" at our school. (please see the graphic below for details):

pta Fundraiser
Guided Reading Room

What is it?

A room with books & materials that would be available for all grades/teachers to use as an extension of their classrooms.

- Books will be organized by reading levels, allowing students to gain confidence and improve their reading skills.
- Resources will support the curriculum, allowing for more in-depth studies of what's being covered in class (i.e. Baggie Books for K, Historical Figures project for 1st, Texas History project for 4th, etc.)
- Will have soft seating, bright colors, and can be decorated in fun themes for events like book tastings and read-a-thons to encourage a love of literacy.

How is this different from the library?

Student time in the library is to discover a love of reading and find books of interest. The Reading Room will support classroom learning.

Extension of the Classroom

Flexible Seating options

We hope your students had a lot of fun earning prizes through the Apex fundraiser, hanging out with our awesome Apex staff members (shout out to Ballin' Brooke and Triple T!!!) and learning all about how to be a future leader. We were also so impressed with how hard our students worked during our fun run obstacle course at the end of the fundraiser - every single student out there completed all of their laps! And finally, we'd like to say a big thank you to all of the parent volunteers who came out to help with the fun run. We couldn't have done it without you!!

- Sarah Andreani, President Elect