

Recognizing Alumni....

Robert Vlasis



Robert Vlasis is a 1997 graduate of Pleasant Grove High School. He then attended Baylor University where he obtained his Bachelor's degree in Finance and Real Estate. Robert was Chief Justice of the Student Court, and Chief Financial Officer of the Baylor Homecoming. In 2006, Robert graduated from the University of Houston, College of Law, with a Doctor of Jurisprudence. While attending the University of Houston, College of Law, he served as Articles Editor of the Houston Law Review, Moot Court Team, Dean's research assistant, and Associate Chief Justice of the Honor Court. Prior to working as an attorney, Robert worked for Exxon Mobile as Senior Accounting Analyst. Robert currently works for Weil, Gotsahal & Manges as an attorney focusing on clients in intellectual-property infringement investigations before the International Trade Commission in Washington D.C. Robert is very involved in the community, by providing pro-bone legal work, and volunteering with non-profits. He enjoys traveling to different places in the world.

Robert is the son of Robert and Debbie Vlasis.

School Board Election- May 9

An election is scheduled for May 9, 2009, at the Pleasant Grove High School, to fill the full 3-year terms of Position 6 and 7 of the PGISD School Board. Deadline to file for election is Monday, March 9, Pleasant Grove Central Services.

The seats that are up for election are:

Place 6 - Currently held by Kathleen Young

Place 7 - Currently held by Jay Davis

Early voting - April 27 - May 5, 2009 -
Pleasant Grove Elementary School - 7:30
A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Election - Saturday May 9 - Pleasant Grove
High School - 7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.



Formal Dress Consignment Sale

Shop Early for the Best
Selection!

March 7th, 2009
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Pleasant Grove High
School Gymnasium

5406 McKnight Rd, Texarkana, TX
Bring dresses to be sold on Friday,
March 6th, 12pm - 6pm or
On Saturday, March 7th, right at 9am.
Email terripar@aol.com with questions.

Save the Date

&

Find the Perfect Dress!

(formals, prom, homecoming, party)
Numerous "like new" dresses to choose
from!

CASH ONLY!



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Bond Issue Construction Update

Construction continues on the high school multipurpose building and football stadium, and the new intermediate campus.

To keep up with the progress of construction go to www.pgisd.net and click on Construction. The website is updated monthly with pictures of the progress.



CITIZEN OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY

These students were recognized at the February 12 board meeting for being the Citizen of the Month.

~~Isaac Wagnon, 4th grade~~
~~Ashley McKinney, 5th grade~~
~~Skye Proksch, 11th grade~~



Robert Sheppard, school board member, presents citizen awards.

In order to become Citizen of the Month, a student must be nominated by a teacher. All students nominated must have no less than an "A" in conduct, possess good leadership qualities, display a cooperative attitude, and show courtesy to teachers as well as fellow students. The nominee must also represent the district in a positive way to the community.

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Update

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2008 Hawk yearbook named a Pacemaker Finalist by the National Scholastic Press Association

The Pacemaker is one of two national awards given to high school publications. The Hawk yearbook was named a Crown Finalist by Columbia Scholastic Press Association in December. This is the fourth straight year that the Hawk has been named a Pacemaker Finalist. The book has been a Pacemaker winner for the past two years.

Since 1927, NSPA's Pacemaker competition has been considered by many to be student journalism's highest honor. All NSPA yearbook and magazine members are eligible to compete in their respective national Pacemaker competitions. Yearbook/Magazine Pacemakers are judged based upon the following criteria: writing/editing, design, content, concept, photography, art and graphics.

Pleasant Grove Middle School Yearbook Recognized Again!

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association has awarded a "Gold Medalist" certificate to the 2008 Pleasant Grove Middle School yearbook. This is the second year that PGMS has entered and the second year the yearbook has received this national recognition.

The yearbook has also been nominated for a "Star" award from the Interscholastic League Press Association. The awards represent the top 25 outstanding books in the state of Texas...including high school and middle school. The book has received "stars" for the past three years. The awards will be presented during the state convention in April.

The 2008 staff was composed of only four students who did an outstanding job on their publication. Congratulations to Yearbook Adviser Karen Hargis as well as Tabitha Dutton, Laikyn Hadaway, Bailey Kern and Abby Pickett.

PGMS and PGHS Student Council Members and Attend Investiture Ceremony for Texas A & M President

Pleasant Grove Middle School and High School Student Council members and sponsors attended the Academic Convocation and Investiture Ceremony for Dr. Carlisle B. Rathburn, III the third President of Texas A & M University- Texarkana held at the Perot Theater on Thursday, February 5th. Participants were greeted by many local dignitaries, as well as the Chairman and Chancellor of the Texas A & M University System. After the ceremony PGMS Student Council members toured the Texas A & M -Texarkana Eagle Express Unit which is used for recruiting future students.



Elementary and Middle School named "Just for the Kids Higher Performing Schools in Texas".

Just for the Kids selected PG Elementary and PG Middle School as 2008 "Just for the Kids" Higher Performing Schools in Texas. These schools were selected as higher performing based on analyses conducted by the National Center for Educational Achievement, sponsor of the "Just for the Kids" Campaign.

Pleasant Grove Elementary is Higher Performing in Writing
Pleasant Grove Middle is Higher Performing in Reading

2009-2010 New Showstoppers Announced

Hillary Howorth
Madison Coleman
Sara Hughes
Collins Riddell
Elizabeth Stark
Catherine Daddato
Katy Beth Irwin
Meredith Bunel
Emily Stouffer
Kristina Cox
Kendall Lindsey

Returning Showstoppers are:
Megan Hammett
Kelsey Davis
Ali Burks
Katie Pesek
Natalie Reynolds
Torie Davis
Hadley Smith
Rachel Breitfeller
Jordan Tidwell

Sarah Wilson
Sarah Smith
Haleigh Kate Wright
Amanda Cotton
Kelsey Florian
Sydney McElhaney
Riley Goodman
Catherine Thomas

Texas Public Schools Week – March 9-13

"Growing Graduates" is the theme this year. Parents are invited to attend the events on their children's campus. Campus activities are as follows:

Elementary Campus

Parents are invited to eat lunch with their children. Each day will be designated for a certain grade level.

Monday, March 9	Early Childhood Parents eating lunch – 10:15 Pre-K Parents eating lunch – 10:15 Kindergarten Parents eating lunch – 12:05
Tuesday, March 10	First Grade Parents eating lunch – 12:05
Wednesday, March 11	Second Grade Parents eating lunch – 12:05
Thursday, March 12	Third Grade Parents eating lunch 12:05
Friday March 13	Fourth Grade Parents eating lunch 12:05

Also, Grandparent Donut Breakfast will be Wednesday, March 11.
8:15-9:00 a.m. Grandparents whose grandchild's last name begins with A-L.
9:00-9:45 a.m. Grandparents whose grandchild's last name begins with M-Z.

Middle School Campus

Parents please have lunch with your children on the schedule as follows:

Monday, March 9	-Student's last names – A – C
Tuesday, March 10	-Student's last names – D – H
Wednesday, March 11	-Student's last names – I – O
Thursday, March 12	-Student's last names – P – S
Friday, March 13	-Student's last names – T – Z

Lunch times are as follows:

A Lunch:	10:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.
B Lunch:	11:25 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.
C Lunch	12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Grandparents are invited to enjoy a continental breakfast with their grandchildren on Thursday, March 12, at 8:15 a.m. – for grandchildren's last names that begin with A – L and 9:00 a.m. for grandchildren's last names that begin with M - Z.

High School Campus

As part of the public school week activities, high school will focus on the clubs and the impact of the service work the clubs do for the community and how it all interplays in growing leaders in our community.

During the week of March 9-13, clubs will set up a small area in the library displaying information on the club and projects done for the community or school.

Community members, board members, and parents are welcome to visit the high school campus any day that week and view the services provided by the clubs and refreshments will be provided. Club members will be available to welcome visitors.

Certificates of appreciation will be presented to teachers thanking them for "Growing our Graduates" into upstanding young adults with leadership abilities. Letters of invitation to parents and board members will thank them for the hand they have in helping to "Grow our Graduates" into positive role models for success.

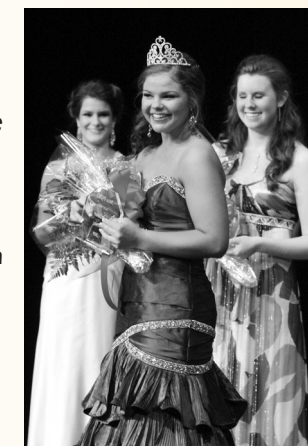
Don't forget!!! Students will be out for Spring Break, March 16-20.

Shelby DeMuth Crowned Miss PGHS 2009

Shelby DeMuth was named Miss PGHS at the pageant held on January 31 in the Pleasant Grove Performing Arts Center.

1st Runner-up - Ali Burks
2nd Runner-up - Caroline Cotten
Miss Photogenic - Shelby DeMuth
Miss Congeniality - Haley Box
Talent Competition - Ali Burks

~~The contestants were Carly Coopwood, Caroline Cotton, Caroline Gaddy, Kelsey Davis, Shelby DeMuth, Katie Pesek, Haley Herrington, Amanda Lloyd, Haley Box, Shane Forrest, and Ali Burks.~~



~~Pictured left to right Carly Coopwood, Shelby DeMuth, Caroline Cotton~~

~~Sponsors for the Miss PGHS pageant - Tiffany Beck, (Drill Team) Tiffany Horton and Heather Barron (Cheerleading)~~

Natalie Thigpen, PGMS Student, wins "What is Good Sportsmanship" Writing Contest!

~~Natalie Thigpen~~ won the grand prize writing contest sponsored by the Harlem Globetrotters and local radio station POWER 95.9. She received a pizza party for her class, a V.I.P. shoot prior to the game with the Harlem Globetrotter players, six game tickets for the game on Friday, January 30th at the Four States Fair Grounds, a locker room visit, an autographed Harlem Globetrotter basketball, a Harlem Globetrotter jersey and lots of POWER 95.9 gear. Over 4,000 students from the Texarkana area entered the "What is Good Sportsmanship?"

