

Recognizing Alumni....

SCOTT NORTON



Scott Norton is a lifelong resident of Texarkana and attended Pleasant Grove K-12 graduating in 1990. He then attended Texarkana College and went on to Texas Tech where he graduated in 1998 holding two bachelors degrees. Mr. Norton is employed with Texarkana College as the Director of Business Office & Workforce Development. He is a graduate of Leadership Texarkana and currently serves on the board. Mr. Norton has also served on boards and committees of Boy Scouts of America, International Paper, TRAHC/AMAX Committee, American Cancer Society, and United Way. Mr. Norton is serving this year as President of the newly formed Pleasant Grove Education Foundation. He is a member of Pleasant Grove Christian Church and enjoys coaching his son's soccer, basketball and baseball teams. Mr. Norton comes from a family of educators; his two brothers, two sisters, and mother have made education their careers.

Scott is married to a PG graduate, Michelle Norton, and they have two children, Ray and Alex.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEET THE TEACHER



HAWK CREDIT UNION

Ashley Boons and Jasmine Ross are here to help students with their banking needs. They are the tellers for the Hawk Pride Credit Union, a student branch of Red River Federal Credit Union located in Pleasant Grove High School.

HUNTER ROBERTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

A scholarship fund* has been established in memory of Hunter Roberts. Hunter was a 2004 graduate of Pleasant Grove High School.

Contributions for the scholarship may be made to:

Pleasant Grove ISD
Hunter Roberts Memorial Scholarship Fund
8500 North Kings Highway
Texarkana, Texas 75503

*Contributions are tax deductible.

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PLEASANT GROVE ELEMENTARY NAMED TO THE TBEC HONOR ROLL FOR 2007

Pleasant Grove Elementary has once again been named to the TBEC Honor Roll. The Texas Business and Education Coalition Honor Roll is the most prestigious award for sustained, academic excellence in Texas. It recognizes schools that have demonstrated three years of consistent, high performance in all subjects. TBEC Honor Roll schools have the highest percentage of students performing at the state's most rigorous standard-commended in every subject. Of the more than 8,000 Texas public schools less than 5% will be so honored. The Elementary School will be recognized at an Awards Reception in Austin, Texas on October 22, 2007.

"The mission of Pleasant Grove Independent School District, in partnership with the community, is to educate and prepare each student with an excellent foundation upon which to build a future."

BOARD ACQUIRES LAND FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

The Board of Trustees has acquired 25 acres of land for future development of district facilities. The land is located adjacent to the new Texas A and M University-Texarkana campus, near the northern end of Scott Wright Road. The site will have access to city utilities.

The district already owns 45 acres on North Kings Highway. The new intermediate school, which was approved last spring and is currently being designed, will be located on the North Kings Highway acreage.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER

These students were recognized at the September 13th board meeting for being the citizen of the month on their campus.

- Caroline Crain, 4th grade
- Parker Wright, 6th grade
- Nikki Bain, 12th grade



John Tidwell, 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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EDUCATION FOUNDATION CREATED TO BENEFIT Pleasant Grove Independent School District

A group of community leaders have come together to form a foundation to support Pleasant Grove ISD schools. The PGISD Education Foundation has announced their focus to enhance community support and to expand resources that enrich teaching, inspire learning, and maximize opportunities for all students in the Pleasant Grove Independent School District.

The Pleasant Grove ISD Education Foundation was formed as a independent non-profit charitable organization governed by a volunteer board of directors. The sole purpose of the newly formed Education Foundation is to benefit the Pleasant Grove Independent School District by providing funds for educational programs and activities which are not funded by the normal operating budget. These funds will be used to facilitate student achievement and skill development, to recognize and encourage staff excellence and to expand community involvement from individuals, businesses and civic organizations. Funding priorities will also include funds for innovative teaching grants that will provide resources directly to the classroom for teachers to implement exciting new educational programs. The grant process has been established and teachers and staff will be eligible to participate in requesting funds this fall.

The Pleasant Grove ISD Education Foundation is a charitable organization under the Internal Revenue Service section 501 (c)(3) and contributions to the organization are tax deductible. According to Kristen Giles, PGISD Education Foundation District Liaison, the idea for the foundation grew from a need for supplemental funds and awareness of a growing number of education foundations serving Central Texas school districts. "We brought in Foundation Innovation LLC, a firm which specializes in developing foundations, to ensure that we meet our first year goals and objectives," she added. Foundation Innovation has worked with many communities and school districts in Texas and other states to establish foundations to benefit public school systems. According to Milli Christner of Foundation Innovation, "Following in the footsteps of public universities and colleges, K-12 school districts and their local communities are establishing their own foundations to leverage private dollars and expand opportunities for their teachers and students. There are currently hundreds of education foundations set up in Texas and the number continues to grow."

"The Education Foundation Board of Directors is dedicated to our community and educational excellence, and I am proud to serve with them to support and enhance the tools available to the district," states Scott Norton, President of the Pleasant Grove ISD Education Foundation. "We are very excited that community members have organized to help attract private funds to benefit our schools," he added.

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Jon Sheppard, Scott Norton, Trish Reed, Phillip Jordan, Pat Nance, Kristen Giles, Lisa Howell, and Margaret Davis

KENDALL LINDSAY WINS KIDS FOR THE CURE T-SHIRT CONTEST

The Kids for the Cure Committee and Race Committee of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure presented Kendall Lindsay with balloons, cupcakes and a t-shirt with her design for winning the Kids for the Cure t-shirt contest. Race for the Cure holds this contest every year and one student's art work is chosen to be the Kids for the Cure t-shirt that year.

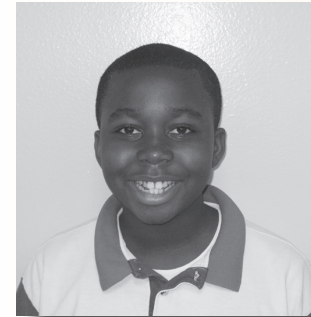
Shanna Griffis, 6th grade teacher had all of 6th grade students participate in the contest. "I asked the whole 6th grade class to participate because I believe that each child has a special gift, and this was a way to express their feelings." Ms. Griffis said.

Kendall and the second-place winner will receive prizes from Texarkana Fun Park, Chuck E. Cheese and more. Kendall will also be recognized at the Komen Race for the Cure on October 20.



Donna Knight, Holly McDougal, Grover, Kendall Lindsay and Lynlee Harvey with her t-shirt.

PG MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT JUSTIN OTOR TO APPEAR ON JEOPARDY'S KIDS WEEK



America's #1 quiz show will celebrate youth and academic excellence with 15 of the nation's brightest students competing in Jeopardy's Kids Week. The country's elite 10 to 12 year-olds were in Los Angeles in August to tape five shows in which they compete for cash prizes. The winner of each show will keep the money he or she wins, with a minimum guarantee of \$10,000. The shows are scheduled to air Wednesday, October 10.

Mark your calendars for October 10, 2007!

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB HOSTS ANNUAL WATERMELON SUPPER



Students and fans enjoy the annual Watermelon Supper. The event took place on August 24 at the Leon Blake football stadium before the football scrimmage.



FLY THE HAWK NATION FLAG

The PGHS Interact Club began the Hawk Nation flag project as a fundraiser and a great way to show Hawk Spirit. The Interact Club is a division of the Rotary Club of Texarkana. Our High School club assists the Rotary Club with the American flag project. This project has expanded to also include Hawk Nation Flags. The flag idea originated last year with graduate Kevin Peters and sponsor Marion Houff.

The Interact Club is selling the Hawk Nation flags for \$50.00 a year. They will place the flags at your home or place of business on days of special school events, as well as game days. The club will pick them up at night.

If you would like to purchase a Hawk Nation Flag, you can contact the high school office at 903.832.8005.