



PTSA News

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Jonata-Oak Valley PTSA- Helping Our Kids Grow!

April 2013



\$23,000+ Raised by Running! (and walking)

On March 22, Shannon Hazard and her team (Steph Rossler, Angela Schmidt, Val Swanson, Kelli Vannasap, Sharon Parker, & Misty Sedehi) ran a very successful and fun Jog-a-Thon at Oak Valley. The JAT team did a fabulous job bringing in community and local business sponsorships amounting to over \$9,000, and Oak Valley students and families raised nearly \$13,000! This year 54% of students collected pledges – a new record! Kindergartener Katie Parker collected the most

pledges (\$650) winning the top prize package of a Kindle Fire HD, Mighty Bright Book Light, and an off-campus lunch with Mr. Bergan. Congratulations, Katie!

Later that day, Jonata's Andrade Challenge sprinted along, with 85 students participating. This is the highest number of students in recent years, and registration fees brought in an additional \$1,760! Many thanks to Andrade Challenge Chair, Lisa Schrader, for motivating so many students to run or walk for 30

minutes. Yes, WALK! This year Lisa added a walking lane so that non-runners would also have the opportunity to participate. Thanks also to Mr. Andrade for his continuing support of this event to promote health, fitness, and a little fun competition!

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2012-13 PTSA President

p.s. Have a question or want more information on a PTSA-related issue? We are here to listen and help! Send us an email at ptsa@buelltonusd.org. Most inquiries answered within 24 hours.

Don't Forget!

Spring General Meeting and Dinner is April 16, at 6 p.m. in the OV MP room. We'll approve PTSA's most recent audit, revised budget, and elect the new board for 2013-2014. There are a number of open positions, including President. Email mar.yamaki@verizon.net if you are interested in serving on the Board. Hospitality Chair Alicia Huddy's cooking a fabulous chili dinner with all the fixings – with hot dogs for non-chili lovers – and Ballet Folklorico will perform afterwards. Join us if you can!

How Does Our Garden Grow?

On March 23, community volunteers raked, shoveled, planted, watered, and had a lot of fun installing the new garden at Oak Valley with the expert help of the Orfalea Foundation. Garden Education Managers (GEMs) Laura Cogan, Nancy Puder, and Ana Tapia continue to put in many

volunteer hours each week to keep things going and growing, and many students have already experienced Lead Garden Educator Ana Tapia's enthusiastic garden instruction. To keep the garden open to students as often as possible, we do need parental assistance, i.e. two parent

volunteers from each classroom. Contact Laura at laurapassionflow-ers@gmail.com, or sign up on the sheet on the green bench near the shed. Thanks to the GEMs for all their work in seeing this project through!



Technology Update

Earlier this year, Members approved the release of \$28,000 for classroom technology upgrades, including an iPad pilot program at OV and Jonata. The incredible success of the pilot will allow PTSA to fund the purchase of iPads for every classroom teacher at Jonata and Oak Valley by the end of the school year!



Congratulations Oak Valley!!

What a great Jog-a-Thon!
We couldn't have done it without the
support of these generous local sponsors:

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Upcoming Events

4/16 PTSA General Meeting/Chili Dinner

5/10 Carnival

5/20-24 Book Fair

Volunteers needed for
Carnival and Book Fair!
Please email
ptsa@buelltonusd.org
to sign up.

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