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August

# PRESTON HOLLOW

## Early Childhood Association

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE TEXAS AND NATIONAL PTA

### Ch-Ch-Changes for 2011-2012

## AUGUST 2011 MEETING

Unfortunately, we are in the middle of a meeting location switcheroo so we have to cancel our August meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone at all of our fantastic September activities!



Abby Berger tries to beat the heat by taking it easy indoors!

## At a Glance

August 17—10:00am

Membership Drive at Bookmarks

August 19—10:30am

Private Story Time at Preston Royal Library

August 22

Meeting Cancelled

September 15—4pm

Children's Activity at Scottish Rite Hospital Playground

Look inside for more info

Well, when I took on the role of president this year I wasn't out to revolutionize the club, but as has happened for probably the past 5 years, we need to keep making changes in order to keep up with the technological times! After talking it over with the board it seems like paper is out and online is in. Well, I guess we all knew that. Soooo a big thanks to our super tech savvy board, especially Jennifer Bryarly, for suggesting an extremely secure web platform for non-profits where we can house a membership database and each member can register themselves and pay securely through paypal. And would you believe she put the whole thing together in about a week, all while raising her 2 boys and doing all the other super-things she's into!

So, if you are reading this newsletter, then you are on the website and can go right now and register your membership for the new year!

As for other changes, Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church can no longer provide with us their nursery or childcare workers due to liability issues. Interestingly, we can still hold our children's parties there, yay! I only received this information last week and after doing a lot of research and discussing the issue with the board, we have decided to cancel our August meeting. Our children are our first priority and we want to make sure we do all we can to choose a location that has safe, on-site childcare as well as workers that are background checked etc... I would like to personally visit each of our options and each location has a different approval process, so this process is going to take more than the 10 days we have until the meeting! I apologize that we have had to cancel this event.

In other change news, it was wonderful to meet so many of the new members who have joined over the past year at our last children's event at Kidville, (thanks to Charmaine for letting us play there!) there were so many precious toddlers there! For our children's parties this year we are going to try to make them a little more toddler and baby friendly by setting up a crawling corral with clean foam flooring and toddler toys. We are also planning to hire some childcare workers or youth babysitters to man the bouncehouses and keep the kids in line. We know it's hard handling multiple small children at our events, so we're hoping to make it a little bit easier on the parents.

And lastly, we have our membership drive coming up which is basically comprised of 2 simple and fun events, for our members, there is no work on your part, we just ask you to show up and have fun. Our first event will be next Wednesday, August 17 at the Bookmarks Storytime. We'll be meeting there around 10. If you haven't met either me, or this year's new member liaisons, Jessica Steele or Allie Waldie, we'll be the ones handing out balloons with info on joining PHECA, please come up and introduce yourself, we'd love to get you know you and your little ones. If you've never been to this storytime, it's the big one, you enter by Kona Grill and go straight into the large open area, they are usually playing music, you can't miss it, it's a scene!

Also, join us Thursday, September 1 as we play with our kids, socialize and hand out sand buckets to prospective or new members at Preston Hollow Park at 4 pm. (Located on the corner of Park and Thackery)

Lots of fun stuff coming up, see you all soon!

Amy Ratterree

## A LITTLE SNACKING & A LITTLE LEARNING...

Celebrate back to school and learn a few new facts by baking a batch of these sweet snacks filled with a harvest of ingredients from all around the world.

Here's some background info on the tasty add-ins:

**Raisins:** California, the only place in the United States that harvests the grapes used to make raisins, is the world's No. 1 supplier.

**Pineapple:** Thailand produces approximately 20 percent of the world's pineapple crop, surpassing the Hawaiian Islands.

**Brazil nuts:** The complex growing environment this tree crop requires prevents it from being grown on farms. Instead, it's harvested directly from the rain forests of Brazil, Peru, and other South American countries.

**Chocolate:** Africa's Ivory Coast is the largest producer of cocoa beans, the ingredient that gives chocolate its unique, irresistible flavor.

**Coconut:** The Philippines and Indonesia are the world's leading producers of copra, or coconut meat.

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups baking mix (we used Bisquick)
- 1 1/2 cups instant oats
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup softened butter
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

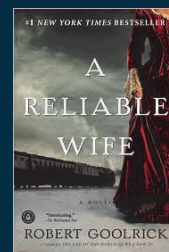


1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, combine the baking mix, oats, brown sugar, butter, egg, and cinnamon.
2. Stir the mix with a wooden spoon until you have a crumbly dough. Next, customize your international treats by folding in 1 cup total of the add-ins of your choice.
3. Press the dough into an ungreased 9- by 13-inch pan and bake for 17 minutes or until the center is set and the bars are slightly brown. Allow them to cool for 10 minutes before cutting. Makes 1-1/2 dozen 2- by 3-inch bars.

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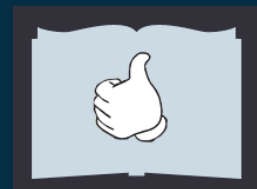
## BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be on **August 8th**



We are reading ***A Reliable Wife*** by **Robert Goolrick**

For July we read ***Half Broke Horses*** by **Jeanette Walls**. We all agreed:



### SCHEDULE:

Sept 12th ~ *South of Broad* by Pat Conroy

Oct 10 ~ *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

Nov 14 ~ *The Street of A Thousand Blossoms* by Gail Tsukiyama

We meet on the 2nd Monday evening of the month at the Neuhaus Cafe at 7:30pm.

Please send your RSVP to Trisha Terraciano-Spence at [info@phecpta.org](mailto:info@phecpta.org)



## MOM'S NIGHT OUT

Tuesday Sept. 20th

7:30 pm

Mattito's

(Forest & 75)

Watch for your Evite



# Children's Activity

## Time to Play!!!

### *Scottish Rite Hospital Playground*

Thursday, September 15th at 4pm



## 2011—2012 Memberships

*Don't forget to turn in your forms  
and dues before September 1st*

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