



PiP Newsletter

December 2012

Ways to Get Involved!

- Parent Volunteers needed to help with lunch, recess, the December 20th day of Service, and much more. Please go to www.imagineparents.org to find out how you can help make a difference for our children.
- Scholastic Book Fair is next week! If you are able to help out, please sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044BADA728A31-book
- The Uniform Exchange Committee is planning to host their first event after Winter Break. Be sure to save those items that your children have already outgrown, and look for more details to be sent out soon!
- On December 9th, the Kindergarten classes are having a December Social at North Park Mall to see the North Park Trains. They are meeting at 3:00 pm, and hope that all kindergarten families can join the fun! Discounted tickets are sold at Tom Thumb.



Important Dates

- 12/3-12/7** - Scholastic Book Fair
- 12/7-12/9** - Texas Land and Cattle Fundraiser
- 12/14** - Free Dress Day
- 12/18-12/19** - Early Release Days
- 12/20** - IIA-NT Day of Service
- 12/21** - Class Holiday Parties
- 12/21** - End of Grading Cycle
- 12/24-1/6** - Winter Break



Dine and Donate at Texas Land and Cattle

Thank you for joining us at Mooyah, a great first Spirit Night! Imagine families raised over \$300 that evening! Our next spirit night is actually over an entire weekend! Go to Texas Land and Cattle December 7th - 9th to participate in the Dine and Donate program for Imagine. They have opened up an entire weekend at TWO locations (both Frisco and Plano) from 10am-11pm in order to accommodate our families. Texas Land and Cattle will give 15% of the pre-tax ticket back to the school. Why not schedule a Friday business lunch, a holiday party, or simply invite another Imagine family to come eat at Texas Land and Cattle? **In order to receive credit for Imagine, a flyer must be given to the server.** Flyers will go home the first week of December, a printable version is attached to this newsletter. Be sure to share these flyers with your family members and co-workers. Every little bit counts....hope to see you there!

Show Your Spirit!

Imagine's online Spirit Store is open for business! Show your spirit with Imagine t-shirts, yard signs, decals and much more. Be sure to check the PiP Newsletter for updates on new products offered through the Spirit Store throughout the school year, and let us know what you're interested in buying in 2013! Check out all the merchandise currently available at www.imagineparents.org!

Faculty and Staff Appreciation Update

Our children are extremely fortunate to have dedicated professionals who strive to provide them with a very rich educational experience! The Faculty and Staff Appreciation Committee works to express the gratitude of students and parents to the staff of IIA-NT. They will be hosting appreciation events each month, organizing additional activities during National Teacher Appreciation Week in the spring, and marking teacher birthdays.

November's "Pie Day" was a total success. A very special thank you to all the wonderful parent volunteers that brought in pies, and even hand written notes, which made the event very special.

The Faculty and Staff Appreciation Committee is always looking for more volunteers! If you would like to help by providing food or non-food treats, assisting before or during school to set up, serve, or clean up from an event, or doing out of school preparations, please contact kjohri@hotmail.com. We also welcome your suggestions and creative ideas. Every bit of help is appreciated!

Do you know someone who is making an important or creative contribution to Imagine? We'd love to feature them in an upcoming PiP Parent Spotlight! Send an email to imagineparentnews@gmail.com letting us know how they are making a difference at Imagine. Nominations must be received by the 15th of each month in order to be considered for the next month's newsletter.

PiP Parent Spotlight

Name:

Frank and Maricarmen Buhr

Occupation:

Owners of Nini's Corner, Frank is the Diving Safety Officer for the Dallas World Aquarium

How They're Making a Difference at Imagine:

The Buhrs were one of the founding families that helped to bring IIA to McKinney. Both Frank and Maricarmen assisted with the Back to School Picnic.

Maricarmen is currently a first grade Room Mom and the chair of the Spring Boutique committee.

The Buhrs run a small family owned business called Nini's Corner. They sell gems, minerals, and nature related items with children in mind (which make fabulous stocking stuffers...hint hint). Nini's Corner also hosts some truly creative themed birthday parties - be sure to check out the Scuba Diving Adventure parties and Mining Adventure on their website. If you are interested in scuba diving, they offer several programs starting at age 8, or refresher courses for those who have not been diving in a while. Their daughter, Ximena, is even involved with the family business. She is currently designing travel dog beds and Christmas ornaments for sale on their website.

Nini's corner will donate 30% of all purchases made in December to Imagine, and 10% of all birthday parties booked through the remaining of the school year.

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Ximena Buhr helping out with a scuba diving party.



Underwater photo of Frank Buhr.

Box Tops Challenge: Boys vs. Girls!

With only two months of collecting Box Tops, our school revenue so far is \$863.00! It's crazy to see how these little cardboard rectangles can add up so quickly! Congratulations to Mrs. Stafford's kindergarten class for earning the pajama day reward scheduled for Tuesday, December 4th. Her class alone brought in 742 Box Tops! Mrs. Stafford says to all with excitement, "Don't underestimate the kindergartners!" Mr. Dluhy's MYP class won with 460 Box Tops and will get the honor of duck taping Coach Morgan to the gym floor at 8:00am on December 4th. This is a sight surly not to be missed!

The next school-wide contest, BOYS vs. GIRLS, begins now and runs through January 29th. If the girls win, they will have a "Pink Out" day on Monday, Feb. 4th while the boys wear their uniforms. If the boys win, they will have a comfy sports-related dress down day that same Monday while the girls wear their uniforms. Get grandparents educated about saving Box Tops, and place a collection container at the office! Every little bit helps!

You can send Box Tops to school on the PYP Thermometer collection sheet or in a baggie. Please, please make it clear if the Box Tops are being submitted by a boy or a girl. There are several names that apply to both genders such as Ryan, Sam, or Landry. Write "for the boys" or "for the girls" somewhere on the submission or include a blue or pink piece of paper in the bag as a clear way of differentiating them. Questions? Email BoxTopsForImagine@gmail.com. Good luck!

Two Box Tops facts you may not have known...

1. Did you know that Box Tops are on other products besides food? They're on Kleenex and Ziplock boxes, Avery office products, copy paper, Scott paper towels, Hanes and Hefty products as well as frozen veggies. You can see a complete list at www.boxtops4education.com.
2. Did you know that if you shopped online through the Box Tops website at your favorite stores that you can earn additional eBox Tops for our school? Check out this link to see what stores are available. You can holiday shop AND help Imagine, too! <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/marketplace/Default.aspx>

Did you know.....

that schools offering scholarships for students with an IB diploma include but are not limited to: American University of Paris, Savannah College of Art & Design - Savannah, GA, Southern Methodist University, TX, St. Lawrence University, NY, St. Mary's College of Maryland, MD, Temple University, PA, Texas Tech University, TX, University of Dallas, TX, University of North Texas, TX, University of Oregon, OR, and University of Tulsa, OK. Scholarships awarded are valued up to \$11,000 annually depending on GPA and IB test scores.



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Sunday, December 09, 2012
11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

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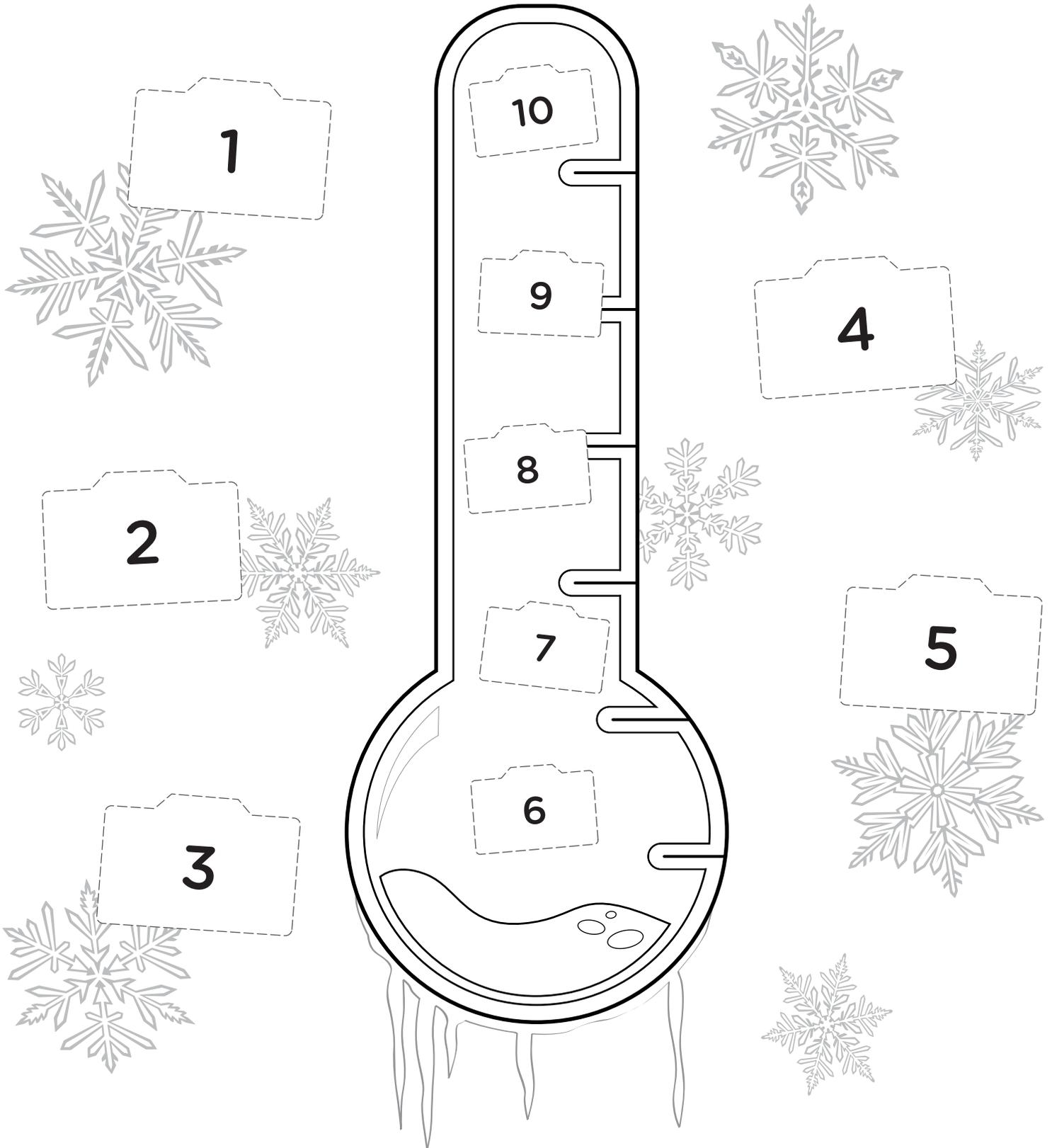
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heat up your school spirit!

The more Box Tops you add, the hotter your school's earnings will be



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Grade _____

Teacher's Name _____

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