



## Spring is in the air!

It is hard to believe that as I write this President's letter, the weather has changed 360 degrees. Our Spring Break started out absolutely beautiful. I took my family to my sister's ranch in southeastern Oklahoma for part of the time. On that Friday, the kids even put on their swimsuits and waded in Pine Creek Reservoir. Late that night we headed back to Plano to start getting ready to head back to school. The next morning the torrential rains changed over to one last arctic blast that left us with 4 1/2 inches of snow! My kids got in one last snowman and threw a few more snowballs just before heading back to school! It was certainly some wild weather that we have had! I am glad to be sitting here writing this with my windows wide open, a beautiful breeze coming in the window, and winter finally gone for the year.

In March, I attended the Life Member Awards along with all our other honorees. I thank you for the Extended Service award that I was given. I have served in the PTA for 11 years now in many different capacities, and plan on continuing well into the future. I also attended the Presidents & Principals luncheon at the end of the month with our Principal Burton Smith. PISD, as usual out did itself and put on a lovely event.

If you missed our Parent Program at the end of February on Bullying and Harassment, you really missed a great speaker. Ms. Cynthia Garrison spoke on how to give our students the tools they need to deal with harassment. Are they part of a crowd watching? It only takes one student to say - "hey stop it" to end most situations, 85% of the time. Talk with your students about words they might use to help diffuse a situation. And how to tell the difference between being teased and when it becomes harassment.

We have another great speaker coming up on April 19 at 11 am in the Shepton Library. Ms. Mitzi Rudderow will be presenting "If I had only known then what I know now - how to be a Pro-Active Parent." She will be sharing the compelling story of her son's teenage substance abuse, recovery and mistake she made while dealing with it.

Thank you to every parent who takes time to help us in our school daily, whether it be in the Attendance Office, Copy Room, or Stallion Shop. Our children learn the importance of service to the community by your example.

**PTSA  
President  
Jamie  
Hanna**

## Destination College Workshops

### Getting Started at Collin College: For New Collin Students

6:30-8 pm, Thursday, April 8  
Spring Creek Campus Conference Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano

Are you planning on attending Collin College in the summer or fall 2010? If so, this workshop walks you through each step of the process to get started. Representatives from various departments will be available to answer your individual questions.



### Ca\$h In On Your Future

6:30-8 pm, Monday, April 12  
Central Park Campus Conference Center, 2200 W. University Drive, McKinney

Don't you wish money really did grow on trees? Join renowned author and key-note speaker Chad Foster and learn how to make, manage, multiply and protect your hard earned money. This interactive session will focus on credit card debt, needs v. wants, secrets to saving, internet scams, and insurance essentials, while helping students avoid the pitfalls that are all too common with young people today. Come away with a free book and stay to have Chad autograph it for you!



**While there is no fee to attend, registration is required. For questions, or to register, email [destinationcollege@collin.edu](mailto:destinationcollege@collin.edu) or call 972-377-1772.**

## State Spanish Contest Winners

By Dr. Eileen S. Zack

We had much success at the State Spanish contest. Overall Plano represented 6.8% of the school and took 13.7% of the awards!

Shepton won 15 awards. I would like to congratulate the following Shepton winners:

- Kelsey Ball: 3<sup>rd</sup> place- Reading; Honorable Mention- Grammar; 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Vocabulary
- Connie Chen: 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Vocabulary
- Camille Goldstein: Honorable Mention- Reading; Honorable Mention-Grammar; Honorable Mention-Vocabulary
- Stephanie Gullo: 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Reading
- Sharwin Khot: Honorable Mention-Reading; Honorable Mention-Grammar; 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Vocabulary
- Kimberly Kooker: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Reading; 1<sup>st</sup> place -Grammar
- Colleen Maney: 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Grammar
- Emily Niewiarowski: Honorable Mention- Reading

I am so proud of all of these students!