



Texas Association for Family Child Care P.A.T.T.E.R.N.

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September 2011

Notes from the Acting President

As most of you know, I went in as vice president at the April conference, and have been acting as president while Phyllis has been out of state. It is with a sad heart that I must let each of you know that Phyllis has sent in her resignation. She is still in New York and does not feel it is fair to the board and the members to stay on as President.

She does not know when she will be back and has too much on her plate to keep going on like this. She looks forward to the time when she will be able to be active again.

With our by-laws I will serve as President and will try to serve you as she has asked me to do. We wish Phyllis all the best and hope she will be home soon.

Janie Mills, President

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Hello members! This letter is going to center on the upcoming conference in Fort Worth in April.

The board has been working hard trying to structure the contract with the Radisson Hotel Fossil Creek (2540 Meacham Blvd.). The hotel is located on the west side of Interstate 35W (first exit-56A- south of NE 820) . We are encouraging members to pay for their membership and/or conference in payments so they don't have to pay the fees in large amounts or all at once.

The Association Board knows how difficult the economy is and we are making it as easy on membership as we can. The Membership Secretary and Treasurer will have the particulars on the payment plan. I have attached maps (to the hotel) to help you all find the easiest way to get there from your city.

I hope everyone survives this heat, and always think positive.

George Romo,
Recording Secretary

Vice President's Notes...

Summer has come and gone. I hope your summer has been as much fun as mine. We started it off with the birth of a new great granddaughter. She came early at four pounds. She also had an infection and we did not know if she would make it. I took off for Georgia to be with them (the baby has since come home and is up to five pounds), then came back and started our summer program.

All of the children have read 25 books or more with the summer program, sponsored by the library and endorsed by Governor Perry. They earned circus tickets, pizza from Pizza Hut, ice cream from Sonic, food from Whataburger, Joe's Crab Shack and Applebees, a day at the wreck center, skating tickets and a book to take home from the library.

We've also enjoyed activities such as bowling, movies, and water day every week. We've participated in fun events such as sock day, hat day, backwards day, princess day, and a Teddy bear tea party. We went to the zoo three times, we traveled to a Dallas museum, and Bounce For Fun 2 twice. Our last excursion was to the new Sea Life at Grapevine Mills, and it is worth every penny.

I took off the first week in July and went to Disney World by way of Georgia. We had nine of our kids and grandkids with us, along with eight of the little girls in my day care and six of their parents and grandparents. It was a wonderful time, but I came home with a fractured wrist and arm. I'm still in a brace and will be for a little bit longer as of this letter. Thank goodness for my assistant (my husband Clois), granddaughter Kat and helper Katelynn. They have helped keep everything running.

I recently visited Great Wolf Lodge in Grapevine, letting my helpers have a weekend free of children before school started for our children in private school.

In addition, the association conducted three board meetings and worked on conference for 2012. The board has tried to keep our conference as affordable as possible over the past years. This year, we are going to ask for your help. Each year, the hotels ask us to let them know how many members will be in attendance, so we have to give them a specific number. This number is what they bill us for the food. If we say 70 members, then we have to pay for that amount, even if we only have 50 in attendance. This is costly, so this year we are going to offer members something very special.

The conference fee is \$95 if you send in your registration and payment by Feb. 17. Those who register at the door or send payment after Feb. 17 will pay \$125 (if membership fees have been paid; if not, then you will need to pay the additional \$40). We are going to have a special gift for the members who register early, and this is the only way to get the gift.

Our conference theme this year is going to be *Building Blocks for Education*. We all know there are changes taking place in the state rules, and we need to keep up with them. Rhonda Crabbs is working to assure that all our classes meet or exceed the new state requirements.

Candy Amuda is organizing the exhibits at conference. She'll have 12 tables and lots of space. The exhibit will be out in the open, and there will be room to walk around and shop. Charline Dunlap will oversee door prizes, so when she calls and ask you for help, be sure to step up and assist. If anyone has contacts for free items for our resource bags, please inform Linda Morris and Peggy Romo, who are overseeing conference resources.

If anyone would like to work on the conference, please get in touch with me (e-mail is janiemill@yahoo.com, cell 214-794-2691, home 972-296-2093). If you would like to help on one of the chairs I mentioned in this article, please contact the appropriate chairman. They all could use your help.

Hope everyone is enjoying the newsletter. Penney Warner is doing a great job with it. As of this time, I have not heard from our reps about seminar dates, but the information will be on the web page as soon as they are set.

Hope to see you all soon.

Janie Mills, Vice President and Conference Chair

Hello TAFCC members,

I would like to take this time to talk to you about the 2012 Conference -“Building Blocks for Education”, which takes place **April 27-29** at the **Radisson Hotel (2540 Meacham Blvd Fort Worth, TX 76106-817-625-9911)**.

The conference fee is \$95.00 if you pre-register before February 17. You will also receive a free gift if you register before this time.

For those registering after February 17, or registering at the hotel, the conference fee will be \$125.00. Those registering after February 17 will not receive the free gift.

If you pay your 2012 membership dues and /or your 2012 conference fee by December 31, you will be able to use it for a 2011 tax deduction.

Payment Plan:

The TAFCC Association payment plan option is available to any and all members that wish to pay throughout the year instead of paying the full amount all at once. Submit a Registration form with every payment.

Make check or money order payable to TAFCC

Mail completed application and payment to:

TAFCC

c/o Pam Cannataro

104 Wild Rose Court

Weatherford, TX 76087

Make sure we receive your last payment before February 17 to qualify for the \$95.00 conference fee and free gift. You will find a copy of the 2012 Conference Registration form included in the newsletter and you will also find it on the association website (www.tafcc.org) so you can print it off.

Thank you,

Teresa Smith, Membership Secretary

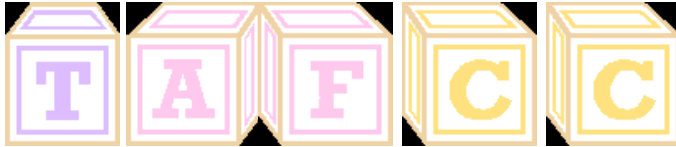
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817-996-4211



Texas Association for Family Child Care Annual Conference Registration Form

“Building Blocks for the Education”



When : April 27,28 & 29, 2012
Where: Radisson Hotel
2540 Meacham Blvd
Fort Worth, TX 76106

Rooms:\$89 + tax (up to 4 people)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Fees:

\$95.00 Conference registration fee if preregistered February 17, 2012

\$125.00 if Registered after February 17, 2012

\$40.00 **TAFCC Membership Dues if not already a 2012 member** (you must be a member to attend)

\$_____ **Total Enclosed**

****Registration must be postmarked by February 17,2012 to receive the preregistered gift and fee ***

****Gift will NOT be given to persons registering after February 17, 2012 or at the Hotel ****

Payment Plan:

I would like to submit \$_____ toward my conference fees.

The TAFCC Association payment plan option is available to any and all members that wish to pay

Make check or money order payable to TAFCC

Mail this completed application and payment to:

TAFCC ** Pam Cannataro

104 Wild Rose Court

Weatherford, TX 76087

For more information contact
Conference Coordinator
Janie Mills

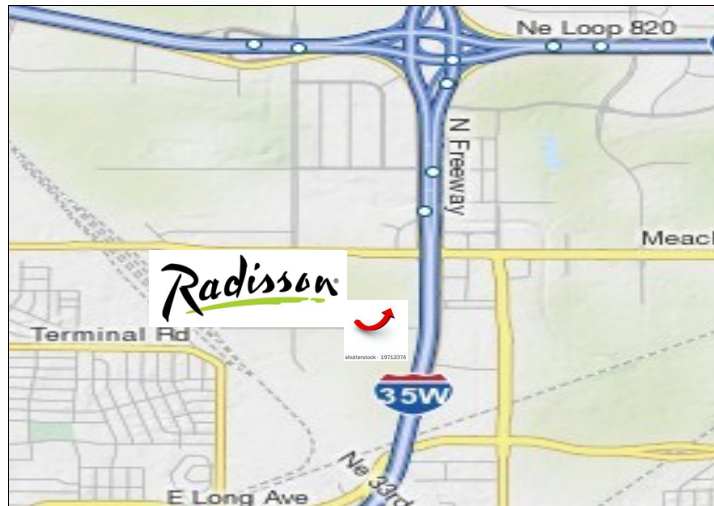
OFFICE ONLY:

Date Received: ___/___/___ Check #: _____ Amount: \$_____ Treasurer Initial: _____

Directions to the 2012 TAFCC Conference



2540 Meacham Blvd [Fort Worth, TX 76106-2311](http://FortWorth.TX.76106-2311)

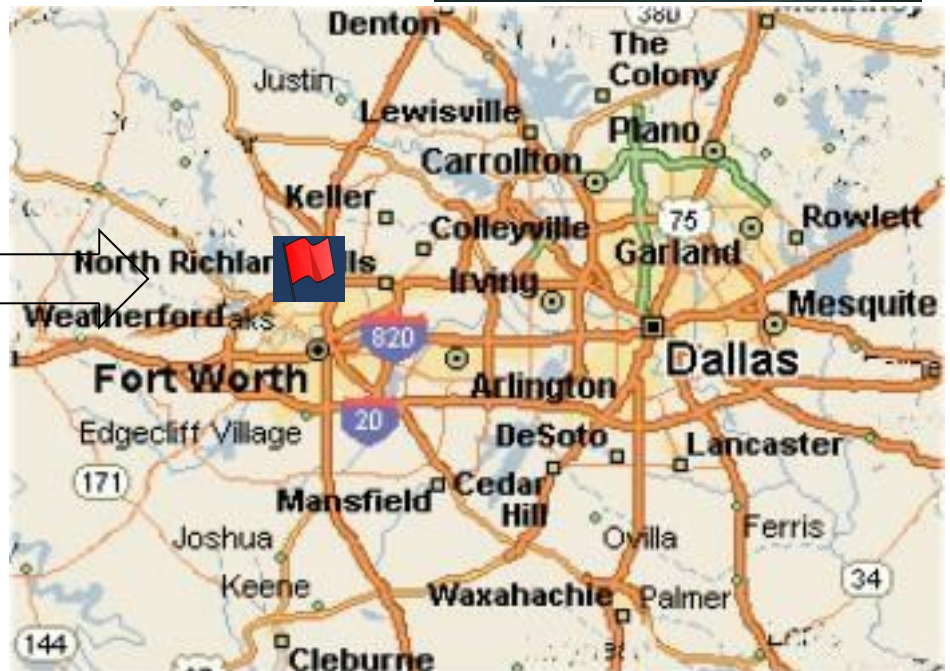


Meacham Blvd.

Broadway Ave.



Radisson



Representatives' Notes

Is it hot ! hot ! hot! enough for you? Ready for the cold? I am for sure, but don't see any relief in sight. I hope all is going well for you in this heat. Keep water close by and stay cool.

I just want to say hello to you all and remind you to start saving for the 2012 conference. Send a payment to your treasurer, Pam Cannataro (104 Wild Rose Ct., Weatherford, TX, 76087). If you were to send more or less \$25 a week, or every other week for that matter, your conference fee would be paid before you know it. All that would be left to pay is your hotel room.

You won't want to miss this conference. It's in a good location and good food will be offered. The hospitality room will also have food, and the door prizes are going to be great. You will enjoy yourself, have fun visiting other providers, and make new friends. Let's not forget the clock hours you will earn for 2012. Stay as cool as you can, and God bless each of you.

Judy Johnson

Fort Worth Representative

817-431-2783



Melting

My little ones and I are praying for snow! That's right. About five years ago, we prayed a long time for snow, and it arrived on a Saturday in February. Actually, it was on Valentine's Day. It was perfect in every way.

We are so hot, and we are on our knees again praying for snow. It would most likely start a global panic. Some people find problems with the best things. Oh well, it is still a good idea.

We should always dream and pray with our little ones. It gives them hope. They will have to face the hardships of life soon enough. We should keep them little for longer than we do. We sometimes push academics way too early. What they really need more of is joy.

Don't we all? Have a nice day.

Ms.
Saundra Shults
Area Representative

Treasurer's Report

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Dear Members,

As the Treasurer, I believe in transparency and believe that this responsibility is to be taken seriously. You deserve to know how your association operates and you are entitled to hold each board member to a high standard while we serve you.

In July I managed to injure both my ankles and my right wrist.... this has given me pause as to how breakable I really am! Lupus is unforgiving and takes a daily toll on my body. After 4 weeks in a wheelchair and a long therapy recovery ahead of me... I am being asked by my husband, Angelo, to reduce my activities. I ask myself if I am able to honor my commitment to the role as Treasurer and if it is in the Association's best interest for me to give less than 100%. Please understand it is with a heavy heart that I must consider this option.

The Board has been incredible in supporting me while I recover although it has caused me to miss important Board Meetings. I would like to also thank all the members that sent e-mails and prayers in my direction, I treasure the sisterhood I have in TAFCC.

As we grow we should each understand that there is something for each of us to do. I know there are talented members that have the desire to step up and be counted in service to their association. Should you want to be considered for an active role in your Association, please contact a Board Member.

NOTE: Below reflects TAFCC Accounts as they stand to date.

Pam Cannataro/Treasurer
104 Wild Rose Ct.
Weatherford, Tx 76087
[817-596-7654](tel:817-596-7654)

Checking Account for Business Account Recap

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2011	\$ 8,128.24
3 withdrawals [minus]	111.22
Ending Balance as of July 29, 2011	\$ 8,017.02

Savings Account Account Recap

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2011	\$ 1,118.47
Interest Paid [plus]	.04
Ending Balance as of July 29, 2011	\$ 1,118.51

Board of Directors

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Sharlene Dunlap - Door Prizes
Peggy Romo & Linda Morris - Conference Resources
Terri Bell, D Franklin, Marcia Jones, Rolanda Sterling, Sharlene Williams - Conference Greeters



Don't let all these names fool you. We are still looking for volunteers to rotate shifts at conference. If you are interested in serving the association, please contact any of the board members.

Oreo Turkey Cookies



Here's a fun recipe that makes an adorable sweet treat for Thanksgiving! This recipe was originally posted on Flickr. [Kimi Coopet](#), a photographer and mother of two had posted this recipe in previous years. Her Oreo Turkey cookies are so adorable and easy to make. Don't you think they would be a fun project for your kids to make for each other and their families? I think these would make a delightful addition to the dessert table and they'll be so proud of their contribution.



Oreo Turkey Cookies

What you will need for each turkey:

- 7 pieces of Candy Corn (9 if you add wings)
- 2 Double Stuffed Oreo Cookies
- 1 Whopper (malt ball candies)
- 1 Reese's Peanut Butter Cup (miniature)
- 1 Tube of black piping gel
- 1 tube of white icing
- 1 Yellow and red food coloring (to make orange for the feet)
- 1 plastic Ziplock bag
- 1 sharp knife
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 bowl

Prep:

Put your Peanut Butter Cups in the fridge to cool. If you have cold, hard chocolate to work with, it makes it a lot easier.

Squeeze some of the white icing into a bowl. Mix red and yellow food coloring with the icing to create your desired orange. Then put that into a plastic bag and set it aside for later to use to make the feet.

Creating:

First, you will be creating the tail using 1 Oreo cookie and 6 Candy Corns. Gently, with one candy corn, pull apart just one side of the Oreo. Don't break apart the entire thing. Put a good amount of icing in between the two sides. This will help the Candy Corn stay. Place 6 Candy Corn (white side down) in between the cookie.

Recipe (Cont.)

Take your white icing and squeeze a generous amount onto the top back of an Oreo cookie. Take the other Oreo and put the bottom into the icing to have it stand up. If it doesn't stand, add more icing! Once you have it standing, put it up against something so it doesn't fall until the icing is dry. I use a thick book.

Remove your Peanut Butter Cup from the fridge. Take your knife and cut off the very bottom so you have a flat surface. Put icing on the bottom of the bigger flat. Bump it up against the bottom and back of your Oreo cookies. See pictures.

Next, take your Whopper and squeeze more icing on it on one side. Place the Whopper on top of the Peanut Butter Cup to make your head.

Find a piece of Candy Corn that has a nice, big white end. Using your sharp knife, cut the color off leaving you with the white end. Place some icing on it and stick it on your Whopper as the beak to your Oreo Turkey. Hold for a moment.

For wings:

Put some frosting on the back of a Candy Corn and place it on the side of the Peanut Butter Cup with the small end pointing up. Do this on each side for the wings. Make sure to hold for a moment to get them to stick!

Take your icing and place two white dots as eyes. Get your tube of black piping gel and place a black dot on each eye to make them come alive.

Grab your bag of already created orange. Cut a very small hole in the corner of the bag. Now, pipe feet.

Now you are done! It is that simple!!

Have fun in the kitchen and have a

Happy Thanksgiving!

Shellbelle

This recipe was found at:
<http://www.shellbellestikihut.com/2009/11/oreo-turkey-cookies.html>

