

# The KIB NEWSLETTER



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## VHA'S COMMUNITY DAY AT RUNNING BEAR PARK



VHA employees enjoyed a day of giving back to the community on October 9

Irving-based VHA, Inc. holds a Community Day every fall where employees participate in service projects with non-profit organizations. In their 4th year to partner with KIB, a group of 23 gave 103 hours of volunteer time to paint the playground area at Running Bear Park

### OCTOBER RECAP

Other activities in October included:

- 10/12: Community Appearance Index. KIB Staff and Board members Rick Hose, Julie Schmitt, Margie Stipes and Scott Wilson conducted the annual CAI to evaluate littering in the community.
- 10/12: COI Shredding event in KIB parking lot
- 10/13 and 10/27: Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Days in KIB parking lot
- 10/17: Monthly KIB Board meeting
- 10/20: Irving Disability Expo: KIB made this a green event, and had a table with prize wheel.
- 10/26: YMCA Fall Festival: Another green event, with 7 N Lake volunteers helping keep the event litter-free, and awarding books donated by the Friends of the Library. KIB has given out over 100 books in events this fall.
- 10/30: Northwest Recreation Center Paint Project: KIB, the Parks and Recreation Department and North Lake all partnered together to paint the multi-purpose room at the center. 6 volunteers gave 18 hours, and it looks great.
- 10/30: Googly Eyes Community Benefit: KIB was one of four local non-profits supported by this event, which was also a celebration of Googly Eyes' 5th anniversary. Many thanks to owner Meg Mueller for being such a great partner to us the past five years.

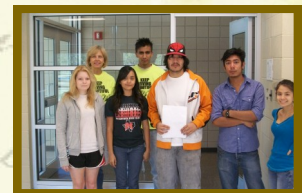
## UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 11/1: Irving ISD Green Team Teachers Recycling Kick-Off. KIB will attend along with representatives from AbitibiBowater, the district's paper recycler, and IISD to present opportunities for this school year.
- 11/8: KIB and North Lake Service Learning students will perform our environmental skit at Las Colinas Elementary School for the K-1 students.
- 11/9: Arbor Day Celebration at TJ Lee Elementary. This partnership with IISD, the Parks Department and KIB honors the school which recycled the most paper per student in the 2011-2012 school year. TJ Lee will receive a mayoral proclamation, a KIB award, and a tree planted on the grounds.
- 11/10: Porter's Unite for Troops Event: KIB will make this a green event and also have a booth. North Lake students will be promoting the event and accepting donations at the main campus the week prior.
- 11/14: Monthly KIB Board meeting
- 11/15: America Recycles Day: KIB will partner with the YMCA again this year. Seniors and Youth groups will compete to be the top recyclers.
- 11/22-23: KIB office closed for the holiday. Happy Thanksgiving from KIB Board and Staff!



## THOUGHTS FROM THE KIB BOARD

This week's contributor is VP/Schools co-chair Jim Scrivner: "This month we kick off our recycling efforts in the Irving ISD by recognizing our Green Team teachers and honoring our top recycling school at Arbor Day. Results of the district's program have been remarkable over the years, and KIB is proud to support the teachers and the creative methods they use to encourage our students to recycle."



The North Lake College Service Learning Program students have been very active during the fall semester. They are shown here at the Irving Disability Expo (L) and at a paint project at Northwest Park Rec Center.

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