

# GREEN OAKS SCHOOL NEWS

*"Learning That Lasts a Lifetime"*  
Summer 2009

## Down Home With the Stars ... Tons of Fun!



Arlington's own Melissa Lawson, the 2008 winner of Nashville Star, provided a first class evening of entertainment to our guests at *Down Home With the Stars*, the annual Green Oaks School fundraiser that was held at the Arlington Convention Center on May 2. The bidding was lively as our crowd competed for fantastic live and silent auction items, which included some great one-of-a-kind and priceless items. Our never-ending thanks to all who attended, to all who donated items to be auctioned, and to all who volunteered their time to make this such a successful event for our school and our students. We say it over and over, but without God's blessing and the tremendous support we get from our community, Green Oaks School would cease to exist.

**Thank you one and all!**

*We thank God every day for bringing you into our lives!*

♥ **John Mathiesen**, who has been our volunteer bus driver for the past two years. He has always made himself available when we have called on him... and our students LOVE him! God bless you, John!

♥ **Margaret Yaquinto**, Jacob's Mom, who was named our GOS Volunteer of the Year for 2008-2009 at Spring Fling! She is truly an indispensable member of our GOS team. We love you, Margaret!

### Dates to Remember

First Day of School  
August 19, 2009

Tarrant County Buddy Walk  
October 24, 2009 at River Legacy Park

## Green Oaks Adult Learning Program

Judging by the community interest we have seen in our expanded program for adults with Down syndrome and similar developmental delays, there is a huge need for quality programming of this type. The mission of the Green Oaks Adult Learning Program (G.O.A.L.) is to offer an exciting day program **that continues to teach academics** to our GOS students as they age beyond typical school years, and to offer that same quality program to others in our community who have not had the advantage of GOS in their earlier years. In addition to academics, other components of the G.O.A.L. Program include frequent community based instruction visits, regularly scheduled significant volunteer jobs in our neighborhood, speech and conversational skill instruction, scheduled fitness activities and daily social interaction with peers. We firmly believe that adults with developmental delays must continue to make use of what they've learned or they risk losing it. A three-day program is available for G.O.A.L. students if needed. G.O.A.L. offers our adults an opportunity for continuing social, educational and personal growth in a caring, Christian atmosphere. **We invite families of potential participants of any adult age** to contact Green Oaks School for more information about this innovative, high-interest option for their family members.

## Green Oaks School

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## ✝ GOS is Partnering with Lake Arlington Baptist Church ✝

Green Oaks School is very grateful that we have been able to partner with Lake Arlington Baptist Church in Arlington to use some space in their beautiful facility to locate our G.O.A.L. class. With the recent growth we have seen at GOS, our building has become extremely crowded. Due to this issue, and our desire to locate our adult students in their "own" place, our G.O.A.L. students will start the new school year by meeting right up the street at LABC. This location is very convenient and allows our families to maintain their carpooling arrangements. The staff and members of LABC have been incredibly welcoming to us! We are thankful for the blessing of their generosity and friendship.



### Bus For Sale

1996 International  
3600 Thomas  
school bus, 68,000  
miles, automatic  
transmission.  
Call 817-496-5100  
for details.

## Our School's Current Needs

*Your small investment in Green Oaks School could literally  
change someone's life for the better!*

- Two to four laptop computers for use by our G.O.A.L. students or Best Buy gift cards for this use
- Three 10-12 pass. vans for student transportation... we need one to start the year
- Paper cutter
- Laminating machine repair
- New carpeting in our building
- Mini-fridge for G.O.A.L. class
- Two digital alarm clocks
- Color 8.5 x 11 copy paper