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A Message from your President

Optimists,

I would like to wish you a Happy New Year. I hope your holidays were fun-filled times with family and friends. We have a great new year ahead of us to work on projects and programs that will benefit the children in Grand Prairie.

Please include the Optimist programs and meetings as you plan your 2012 calendar. Our club was busy in 2011 and I would like to continue that momentum in 2012 as we continue helping the children of Grand Prairie. Below are some quotes I found to help us look at the year ahead with anticipation and optimism.

Kendra

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves. —Bill Vaughn

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go,
Ring out the false, ring in the true.—Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1850)*

Happy Birthday

Jimmy Pengelly
January 1

Ariel Roper
January 17

Candy Babina
January 19

Kendra Roper
January 20

Dates to Remember

Saturday, January 14
Meeting @ Golden Corral
8 AM

Thursday, February 2
4th Grader Night @ Bush
Elementary School
6:30 PM





GRAND PRAIRIE OPTIMIST CLUB TO RECOGNIZE STUDENTS

Thursday, February 2 has been designated “4th Graders Night” as our club recognizes the “most improved” 4th graders throughout the Grand Prairie Independent School District. Students are selected by their classroom teachers for this recognition. Join us for this special evening as we recognize these deserving students at **6:30 PM** at **Barbara Bush Elementary School** (511 E. Springdale).

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The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself ...

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

Optimist Mission

By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.

Optimist Vision

Optimist International will be recognized worldwide as the premier volunteer organization that values all children and helps them develop to their full potential.