



St. Cyprian's News "Paws" Oct. 19-23



HEADS UP BY
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Parents-

Several events are coming up that I would like to tell you about this week. We received official notification last week that our PSIA District Meet will take place on Friday, March 26 at Green Acres Baptist Church. There was some doubt early in the fall about whether we would have a meet this year or not. The good news is that we will indeed have a meet, and the other good news is that it will not compete with DI for student participation. So even if you have a child in DI, and they want to compete in PSIA, they are eligible. See Ashlie Ballard for more information. PSIA is an academic competition for students in First Grade and above.



Our first Book Fair of the year is this week. Included is the next installment of my current favorite children's series, Diary of a Wimpy Kid. These are very entertaining for kids of all ages. Be sure to check it out. Thursday night is Family Night at the Book Fair.



Tonight is our 3K Parent Meeting. We will be in the Science Lab and will begin at 5:30 pm. As usual, there is not a set agenda, but it will be a time of discussion and Q & A about whatever is on your mind. I hope to see you here.



Psalm 31:3 – "For You are my rock and my fortress, for Your name's sake You will lead me and guide me."

Brinn Williford, Head of School

Last call for PSIA

PSIA - Private School Interscholastic Association - is an academic competition for private schools, much like UIL. The contest categories are Art Memory (4th and 5th grades), Creative Writing (1st and 2nd), Math (4th and 5th), Music Memory (3rd-5th), Number Sense (4th and 5th), Ready Writing (3rd-5th), Spelling (2nd-5th), and Storytelling (1st-3rd). Students will practice once a week with a sponsor/coach at a time that is convenient to both the coach and students. The district meet will be held Friday, March 26 in Tyler. If your child is interested in participating, please stick a note in Mrs. Ballard's mailbox by Friday.



Fall Festival Volunteers Needed

Parents, please sign up in your child's homeroom for Fall Festival shifts. Fall Festival is Thursday, Oct. 29, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Red Ribbon Week October 26-30

Monday, October 26: "Sock Out Drugs"

Wear crazy socks. Tara Watson, Former Ms. Texas and St. Cyprian's alum, will join us for chapel and a short presentation.

Tuesday, October 27: "Dress for Success"

Wear what you want to be when you grow up. First Bank & Trust will be here to judge door contests and put on a presentation after chapel (2nd -5th grade)

Wednesday, October 28: "Dream BIG!"

Wear your pajamas. Rusty Allen from the Sheriff's Department will bring the drug dog after chapel.

Thursday, October 29: "Stomp Out Drugs"

Wear boots, country wear, bandanas, camo. Drug-Free All Stars will come read books to children, and we will have door contest parties.

Friday, October 30: "Team Up Against Drugs"

Wear Red Ribbon shirts or a team shirt. Athletes will come talk to students about making good choices.

Lewey's Library News



Wow! Things are really Poppin' in the library this week! We are now in the BIG middle of Lights, Camera, Action, READ! Book Fair. Book Fair is open

from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM every day and on Thursday we will have Family Night. Thursday evening your children may dress up as their favorite book character and come walk the "red carpet" to Book Fair. The Book Fair will be open until 8:00 PM on Thursday evening. Be sure to bring neighbors, friends, grandparents... anyone at all! Don't forget your cameras. There is no telling how many famous characters you will see.

I would like to thank you in advance for all of your support for projects such as Book Fair. I could not have such wonderful success with Book Fairs without the volunteers that we have. The funds that we make from Book Fair go directly back into the school to purchase new books for our library.

Birthday Book Club has some new members: Emily Elizabeth DiLorenzo, Mrs. Gayle Jones' granddaughter; and our very own Haylee Shumway. Happy Birthday Emily and Haylee!


Pop Open Those Books and READ!

Mrs. Lively

Smile and Say Cheese

Fall pictures are scheduled for this Wednesday, Oct. 21! All students should wear their dress uniforms (red shirts and navy bottoms, no jumpers). Please return order forms with payment on Tuesday or Wednesday. All students will have their







pictures made using the blue background and pose #2.




Grade Level News




3K News: Last week we had apples – this week we have PUMPKINS! We'll learn all about these amazing gourds as we head into the fall holiday season. We will soon be heading out on our first Investigative Excursion of the year to the Farmer's Market. Watch for more info soon. Don't forget to sign up to help out at the Fall Festival! Our letter of the week is F, and our number is 5.



4K News: We love fall fruits!! This week we will study the apple and pumpkin. We will use these items in our math lessons to cultivate the seeds and make sets. We will graph our favorite apple, use apples or pumpkins as a tool in measurement and keep up our study of the number 2. Our language arts unit will find us writing about the wonders of the apple and pumpkin in addition to learning about the letter G. Fire prevention will be the theme of our social studies lesson as we learn the job of a fireman. We will begin this study with an Investigative Excursion to Fire Station #1 on Monday. We will follow up this visit with a few fire-related activities!! Our students of the week are Pranav Rao, Grant Ashby, Maggie Grider, and Bosten Oliver.



Kindergarten News: Last week we wrapped up our "Weather & Seasons" unit in the kitchen. After reading *Thunder Cake*, we baked and ate our own Thunder Cake. This week we will begin our "Creepy Critters" unit. We will focus on spiders and bats using a variety of fiction and nonfiction literature. In math, we will begin Unit 2. This unit includes positional words, identifying patterns, and extending patterns. This six weeks, we will be working with Mrs. Lively in the library during our SEEK time. We will be studying the meaning of The Pledge of Allegiance, talking about American symbols and designing a flag showing symbols of freedom. We will present our project to the Veterans here in Lufkin. Please remember to sign up for a time to help with the Fall Festival. The sign up sheet is outside our rooms. Our Star Students are Nick Hineman and Connor Morgan.



1st Grade News: Even though our trip to Moore Farms was rained out last week, we had a great time on our trip to UFO Pizza. We learned about the history of pizza and what country it came from. We toured the kitchen and saw the brick oven and giant refrigerator. We watched Mr. McHaney toss, stretch and catch the pizza dough. The best part was building and eating our own pizzas! We are still looking forward to our rescheduled trip to Moore Farms on Oct 27. In the meantime, please send a small pumpkin to use for math activities this week. We will be having lots of pumpkin fun all week! In addition, we are off to a great start on our patriotic

SEEK project with Mrs. Greer. Sea Sea Dance and Julisa Palacios are our Students of the Week.

2nd Grade News: Second grade is building a city in social studies. We are also learning about why we have certain laws and how we work together in our community. In science, we are studying about our body and especially our bones. In math we are still going strong on our addition facts and time...just ask us what time it is! We are learning also how to write the most gorgeous, fabulous sentences in the world. We will use many descriptive words in our writing.

3rd Grade News: We will still be reading *Snot Stew* and working on questions and vocabulary in the novel. In language, we will work on paragraphing, identifying the topic, and written directions. Third graders will be studying about air pressure and air pollution in science. The students will take a short quiz about weather on Tuesday. We are checking the Weather Station daily and recording the data. The third grade class will learn about the economy in community. We are working on our Red Ribbon posters and preparing for Red Ribbon week. In math, the third grade students will be reading a centimeter scale and learning more about triangles and rectangles. There will be a test on Friday. Melanie Patterson will be our guest speaker during language arts on Thursday. She will be talking about "Saying No to Drugs."

4th Grade News: We will continue reading *Little House in the Big Woods* and writing our how- to recipe. We will also watch a DVD on writing strategies. In language, we will work on organizing information and ordering ideas. Fourth grade will continue studying about explorers to Texas and take a test on Chapter 3 on Wednesday, Oct. 21. We will conclude studying Chapter 4 in science and have the test on that chapter on Thursday, Oct. 22. In math, we will be learning to multiply by powers of 10, and drawing lines and angles. There will be a test on Monday. We will have a guest speaker during language arts on Thursday. Melanie Patterson will be talking to them about "Saying No to Drugs."

5th Grade News: We will continue reading *Sign of the Beaver* and writing a recipe for life. We will also study apostrophes in nouns. We will be working on topic sentences and paragraphing. The fifth graders will continue Chapter 6 in social studies and have a test on Thursday, Oct. 22. Be sure to do the online review for the test on early English settlements (Chapter 6). The science test for the fifth grade will be Friday, Oct. 23. That date will give us plenty of time to finish Chapter 4. Be sure to study the end of the chapter review and the vocabulary words. The fifth graders will be learning more about fractions and decimals in math, with a test on Friday.

3rd, 4th, and 5th grade mystery book reports will be due on November 12 and 13..

Sally Foster Sale in Progress

Order forms are in your child's folders TODAY!!!!