



Your Weekly News "Paws"

April 19-23, 2010

The mission of St. Cyprian's Episcopal School is to be a community of learners where students are challenged to achieve their highest academic, spiritual and physical potentials in a Christian setting.

HEADS UP BY BRINN WILLIFORD



This week my entry will be a little different, as I ask for your help in a couple of areas.

The first is in the area of registration for next year. We are getting close to the time of teacher contract renewal and classroom assignments based on our enrollment figures for the upcoming year. I know that a number of you have told me that you just haven't turned your paperwork in, and I understand that completely. It would aid the school, however, as we begin the process of planning for 2010-2011 to know the numbers of classes and class sizes. I will not hound anyone, but the sooner you can get that taken care of, the sooner we can nail down teacher assignments. Thanks in advance for your help.

The other is just a note about bringing pets to school. I love animals, as do most of our students, but some of our children have allergies and cannot be around our four-legged friends. With the 5K Pet Parade a pre-scheduled event, students know ahead of time where the animals will be and can avoid those that cause reactions. Thanks for your help and understanding in this matter.

We have completed a good week of TerraNova testing. Our students worked very hard to do their very best from Kindergarten through 5th grade. We should have test results before the end of school, and will mail them home when they arrive.

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

Girl Talk with Dr. Graves

Fourth and fifth grade girls are invited to a "girl talk" with Dr. Cristina Graves on Wednesday, April 21st, at 3:30. At least one parent must accompany each student.

Check out the St. Cyprian's website for updated pictures.

Spring Pictures Tomorrow!

Individual spring pictures will be taken on Tuesday, April 20th. It is a free dress day, so feel free to send your child in his or her finest spring outfit. No need to order now – proofs will be sent home for you to view before ordering. Thank you to Special Events by Lisa Crow (a St. Cyprian's mom) for offering this opportunity.

Class Pictures Wednesday, April 21st and 28th

Special Events by Lisa Crow will also take class pictures for first grade through fifth grade this Wednesday, April 21st. Class pictures for 3K through 5K will be taken next Wednesday, April 28th. Dress uniforms – red tops and blue bottoms – should be worn for class pictures.

Bayou Bash Winners

Congratulations to the following raffle winners from this year's Bayou Bash:

DC Graven	Yamaha Rhino
Del Graves	Watches
Kevin Jones	Gas & Groceries
Tyler Finley	Benelli Shotgun
Michelle Wray	I-pod Touch

The street into the St. Cyprian's parking lot will be renamed soon by Cissy McCarroll, Austin McCarroll's grandmother.

The Boone family has purchased the rights to the reserved parking spot near the front entrance. We kindly request that all others please refrain from parking in the reserved spot, even if it is "just for a minute."



Bayou Bash Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following Bayou Bash Committee Chairs for all of their hard work:

Bayou Bash Co-Chairs: **Medora Boone** and **Nancy Winston**; Decorations Co-Chairs: **Shannon Davis** and **Lorelle Coleman**; Royal Street Raffle Co-Chairs: **Dessa Glass** and **Nickie Ashby**; and the following committee members: Amy Ross, Courtney Gould, Del Graves, Donna Ross, Emily Jordan, Erin Hudson, Jennifer Martin, Julianne Greak, Jackie Zimmerman, Lacey Keath, Melinda Moore, Michelle Haney, Shannon Davis, Traci Airington, Whitney Garza, Stephanie Oliver, Anne Hunt, Callie Winston, and our countless volunteers who helped with the event.

We would like to offer a special thank you to **Ross Motorsports** for providing the Rhino for this year's Ramblin' Rhino Raffle. In addition, we would like to thank our Royal Street Raffle donors: **Tommy's Watch and Jewelry Repair**, **Brookshire Brothers Grocery & Brookshire Brothers Conoco**, **First Bank & Trust East Texas** and **Jordan Family Dentistry**.



We would also like to thank **Popeyes Chicken & Biscuits** for the delicious meal; **Lufkin Coca Cola** for the soft drinks and bottled water; **Walker's Rustic Acres** for the beautiful plants; **Mack Carnes** of Carnes and Company for his auctioning services; **Danny Merrell** for serving as our emcee; and **GAP Broadcasting** for providing music for the event.

2009-2010 Yearbooks Now on Sale

Preserve the memories of your child's year at St. Cyprian's by purchasing your full color 2009-2010 Lion's Pride Yearbook. The cost of the yearbook is \$25. Add a special love note to your child for only \$10 more, and top it off with a YearZine insert highlighting U.S. and world events in pictures. Orders are due by Friday, April 23rd.



Mother's Day Impatiens Sale

Delight Mom with some beautiful potted New Guinea Impatiens in a 12-inch Deco pot. The fifth grade class is selling New Guinea Impatiens in white, dark salmon, red, hot rose, and orange. Order forms will go home this week and are due by Friday, April 30th. The flowers will be delivered on Monday, May 3rd, just in time for Mother's Day. Proceeds go to help the fifth graders pay for their upcoming trip to Washington, DC.



Mark Your Calendar

April 20 th -30 th	Impatiens Sale
April 20 th	Spring Individual Pictures
	Free Dress Day
April 21 st	4 th & 5 th Grade "Girl Talk"
April 22 nd	"Not So Free" Dress Day
	5K Pet Parade
	Dynamic Dads and Kids Night
April 23 rd	1 st - 5 th Grade Class Pictures
April 27 th -29 th	TAKS Testing
April 28 th	3K - 5K Class Pictures
May 1 st	PSIA State Competition
May 4 th -8 th	5 th Grade DC Trip
May 6 th	Free Dress Day
May 10 th	Parent Conferences/Student Holiday



Specialty Scoop - Spanish

Our 3K, 4K, and 5K students will be learning home and school commands, polite words, greetings, colors and shapes, and some of fun action verbs, such as playing ball and jumping rope.

Our first through fifth grade will be reviewing, writing and practicing previously learned material such as numbers, telling time, masculine and feminine nouns, articles, singular and plural nouns, colors, adjectives, verbs, and much more.



Our fourth and fifth grade friends will also be reviewing and writing compositions using personal pronouns and present tense conjugations of the verbs "to have", "to need", "to want", and "to be".

CASE OF THE MISSING KNIFE

Someone borrowed a knife from the cafeteria last week to cut a cookie cake, and it has yet to be returned. If you know where the knife is, please return it to the cafeteria.



Grade Level News

3K News: It's rodeo week in Lufkin, so 3K will be donning cowboy hats and boots and riding the range. Boots will certainly be in order on Wednesday as we head to Mrs. Alicia's farm in Hudson for some up-close encounters with many of the animals we have been discussing over the past two weeks. We will leave the school at 9:30 and return by 11:30. Please turn in your permission slips by Tuesday, and don't forget to bring a car seat on Wednesday morning if your child will be riding with a teacher or another parent. Also this week, 3K will begin going to "Big Chapel" with the rest of the school every morning at 8 o'clock, instead of having chapel in the music room later in the morning. Going to Big Chapel will help our 3K students get prepared for 4K. Our letter of the week is Y.

4K News: This week we will be wrapping up our exciting insect unit! We have learned the 3 major body parts of an insect as well as how many legs an animal needs to be classified as an insect. We will continue to chart the progress of our friendly caterpillars in the science lab and document this transformation. We will be creating our very own ladybugs, ants, and other insects. We will continue to use our insect manipulatives to group alike and different insects and also in our math unit to continue simple estimation. We will be making a story using a ladybug as the star of the show! Our focus letter is X. Students of the Week are Claire Berry, Grace Love, Taylor Adams, and Anna Kate McKinley.

Kindergarten News: Testing is done and the kids did a great job! This week we will end our pets unit with our annual 5-K Pet Show on Thursday, April 22nd. Please have your pet posters at school by Wednesday. Take a look at our "Pet Books" hanging in our hallway showing a description of our pets, how we care for our pets and why we love our pets. During math this week we will continue to learn about addition sentences. We will be making our own addition problems and writing the equation. During science this week we will take a look at isopods. We will compare pill bugs to sow bugs. On Wednesday, April 21st, we will travel to SFA to see "The Little Mermaid." We will be leaving the school at 8:15 and return by our lunch time. Please let us know if you can drive prior to Wednesday. Our Students of the Week are Jake Barrett and Kalli Anglin.

1st Grade News: Now that our test is behind us, we're going ahead full force! Thanks to all of the parents that provided snacks for our students. There's so much left to learn and we're getting busy. This week we will learn about the ecosystem of a pond and pond life. Students will learn about animals that make their home in a pond. We will read and learn about amphibians and reptiles and we will compare their similarities and differences. We will return to spelling this week and learn about final stable syllables. Blake Harris and Laird Boone are our Students of the Week.

2nd Grade: Second grade will start a new novel titled *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. In the science lab we are observing the caterpillars changing into the pupae stage. We appreciate Mrs. Ballard purchasing the butterflies and silkworm eggs for us to observe the stages of life of special insects. In math we will continue to practice 2 and 3 digit addition and subtraction. In English we will be studying synonyms and antonyms and when to use "a" and "an". We will also be studying about pond life and the unusual animals that might be in our backyard! Our Student of the Week is David Sloan!

3rd Grade News: Third grade had a wonderful field trip to What-a-Kite last week. Thanks to Mrs. Lively for arranging the trip. All the students were given kites and played relay races with parachutes. It was great!! In social studies we are continuing our study of geography and community. Students will have a vocabulary test on Friday, April 26. We are learning about rockets and airplanes in science. We will continue reading *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*. We will also work on handwriting, vocabulary, spelling week 31, and Target Reading. In language, we will study adjectives and adverbs. The third graders will continue their spiral reviews in the back of their math workbooks and reviewing for their TAKS tests.

4th Grade News: Fourth graders will revisit the famous battles of Texas in our Texas History class. In science the fourth graders will study forces and motion. Fourth grade will visit the Angelina County Landfill on May 5. Permission notes are going home Monday, April 19. We will continue reading *Ruby Holler* and do the online reading TAKS practice tests. We will study week 31 in spelling and Target Reading. We will also study about complex sentences, fragments, and run-ons. In math, the fourth graders will be multiplying and dividing fractions, converting units of measures for liquids, and studying more about angles. Fourth graders will also be reviewing for their TAKS tests.

5th Grade News: Fifth graders will spend the week reviewing for their science TAKS test on April 29. There will be no tests for fifth grade this week. We will finish *Charley Skedaddle* and then start *Number the Stars*. We will study week 31 in spelling and Target Reading. We will also work on combining

independent and dependent clauses. The fifth graders will be learning more about probability, areas of circles and volume of cylinders in math.

Reminder to 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade: NEW Reading Counts goals of a total of 60 points by the end of the year!!!!