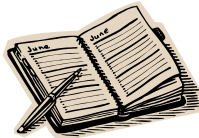




# Your Weekly News "Paws"

May 24-28, 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

Friends-

I wanted my last News Paws entry to be a little longer than normal, and I apologize in advance if it is a little wordy.

This week is the last week of a most wonderful school year. As with any year, there are always some interesting asides, but we have made a great number of memories and had many successes this year.

Who will ever forget Fall Festival 2009, when it rained so hard that we had to get to our cars "post-haste"? The SAES convention that our teachers attended and gained many strategies that they are using in their classrooms? The Camp Allen trip with our 4<sup>th</sup> graders, when six of those rascals made it to the top of the climbing tower along with Mrs. Ballard? What about the terrific Christmas programs which sounded great with the new microphones and sound system additions generously provided by one of our great families?

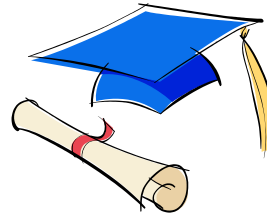
And then there was the Angelina County Spelling Bee, won by our own 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Garrett Coleman. (Our team spellers placed second!) Our SEEK program has been a huge success. The students have learned a lot, been in the paper and on the news a lot, and added another layer to the St. Cyprian's educational experience. Our DI teams continue to do well, with one advancing to State. PSIA is rocking along, as 27 students brought back 21 ribbons and five advanced to state, with two of them placing as well.

The 4K Circus, Grandparents' Day, Open House, Science Fair, Book Fairs, Pet Parade, SACS Accreditation, Field Day, the Washington, D.C. trip: all these things add up to making St. Cyprian's a most tremendous school.

The future is also very bright. Enrollment for next year is way up, to the point that it looks like we will need two second-grade classes, two first-grade classes, and three Kindergarten classes to accommodate larger numbers with small class sizes. Our 3K is almost full already for next year.

Our teachers are second to none. Our parent support is second to none. Our student work ethic is second to none. And yet, with all these groups clicking along together, there is so much good here that no person or group can get credit for it. The credit can go only one place – look what the Lord is doing at St. Cyprian's Episcopal School! Enjoy your summer, everyone!

Brinn Williford, Head of School



## 2009-2010 Closing Ceremonies

The 3K and 4K Closing Ceremony and 5K

Graduation will take place this Thursday beginning at 8:30 am at the Church, with dismissal following the ceremonies.

The First through Fifth Grade Closing Ceremony will take place on Friday beginning at 8:30 am at the Church. Upper school will dismiss for the year at noon on Friday.

## CREATIVE CARE SCHEDULE

Creative Care will be available for all grades on Thursday and for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade ONLY on Friday. Please remember to bring a sack lunch on Friday, as the cafeteria will be closed due to noon dismissal.

## Science Lab Toads Need a Summer Home

The fire-bellied toads need a temporary home this summer. They are relatively low maintenance. If you are interested in taking care of these critters please see Mrs. Ballard in the science lab.

## Mark Your Calendar



May 26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Math Olympics
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Preschool Closing Ceremony Kindergarten Graduation
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Closing Ceremony Noon Dismissal Last Day of School

## THANK YOU PTO!

A very special thank you goes to our wonderful PTO for an absolutely FABULOUS Teacher Appreciation Week. Your support makes our jobs so much easier. You ROCK!



## Grade Level News

**3K News:** This school year has gone by so fast! Thank you to all parents for your help and support throughout the year, and for all of the wonderful gifts and treats for Teacher Appreciation Week. We appreciate all that you do. Our 3K end of the year party will be on Tuesday from 9:00 until 10:30. Remember that Thursday is the last day of school for 3K. The kids have been working on a special song and practicing for graduation. We are so excited! Our closing ceremonies will be held at the Church beginning at 8:30 am. Children should wear their dress uniforms (red top, navy bottom) and meet in their classroom no later than 8:10 am. Our friends will be free to leave with their parents at the conclusion of the ceremony. Have a safe and happy summer!

**4K News:** It is hard to believe our school year is almost over. We have enjoyed our classes so much this year. Our 4K Carnival will take place on Tuesday from 9:00 am until 11:00 am beside the cafeteria. Our closing ceremonies are Thursday at the Church beginning at 8:30 am. Children should wear their dress uniforms (red top, navy bottom) and meet in their classroom by 8:00 am. Our friends will be dismissed at the end of the ceremony. Enjoy your summer!

**Kindergarten News:** Wow! We can't believe this is the last news paws! We want to thank you for sharing your precious children with us this year. We have enjoyed watching your child grow and bloom through our Kindergarten year together. Thank you for making us feel so special during Teacher Appreciation week. We appreciate all you have done for us all year! Our end of the year party is on Tuesday, May 25th. The "Water Slide" party begins at 1:00 and ends at 3:00. We look forward to our Kindergarten Graduation on Thursday. Please bring your child to the church on Thursday no later than 8:00. We will meet in the fellowship hall. The program starts at 8:30. Please remember to have your child in dress uniform. Girls should not wear pony tails because of the cap she will be wearing. Be sure to bring your camera and some kleenex...this is a very special event in your child's life. After Graduation, you may take your child with you and call it a day. We hope you have a safe and relaxing summer. !!

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade News:** It's hard to believe the end is here. Words can't say how fantastic this year has been. What a wonderful group of awesome kids and supportive parents. We are so blessed to have taught each and every student. Thanks for all you've done for us throughout the year. Our class party is scheduled on Friday at 3:00 at the home of Chris and Medora Boone. It's a swimming party, so be sure to bring your sunscreen and a towel.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Second Grade is excited about the last week of school. We enjoyed Field Day so much. We wish to have a Great Big Thank you to Coach Gentry for a wonderful day! We also want to say "Thank You" to Mr. Williford for being so super! We wish to thank our Specialty Teachers for the great times and great things we got to do. We do not want to forget to thank our awesome parents!!! It has been a GREAT year and we had so much fun learning. We hope everyone has a great summer.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News:** We will work on handwriting, vocabulary, and comma usage. We will read magazines and play language arts games. In math, all have finished and the final grades are averaged. It has been a great year in math and I am very proud of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** We will finish *Holes* and our compositions. We will also have some fun playing language arts games. In math, all have finished and the final grades are averaged. It has been a great year in math and I am very proud of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** We will finish *Number the Stars* and our "Favorite Part of the DC Trip" composition. We are still reviewing commas and punctuation. We will have fun playing language arts games. In math, all have finished and the final grades are averaged. It has been a great year in math and I am very proud of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** will practice for graduation on Tuesday.

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** will do Math Olympics on Wednesday and Thursday.

### CAMP LION REGISTRATION

If you are looking for something fun to fill your summer days, why not give Camp Lion a try? There are still a few spots available, but they're going fast. Stop by the office to register today.

### Tying Up Loose Ends

Please be sure to stop by the office to settle up any outstanding lunch balances before the end of the week. Also, if you have any library books out, please return them to Mrs. Lively ASAP.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**