



# Your Weekly News "Paws"

Feb. 8-12, 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



C-o-n-g-r-a-t-u-l-a-t-i-o-n-s goes out to St. Cyprian's Angelina County Spelling Bee participants. Our Spelling Team of Cielo Perez, Kerstin Andrews, and Elizabeth Jones came in Second overall, and our individual speller, Garrett Coleman came in FIRST!

Both the team and Garrett competed against a number of older students to get to the finals, and Garrett has earned the right to advance to Houston to the next round, where he will represent us well. We are proud of all of you! A special shout-out also needs to go to their Coach, Jan Allbritton, as well as to Susanne Lively for coordinating our participation. St. Cyprian students have done better each of the last three years, and our intention is to keep that momentum going!

Some dates to remember for the rest of the month: Dynamic Dads and Kids Reading Night will be on the 11th (this Thursday); 4K Circus is on the 18<sup>th</sup>; and our SACS Accreditation visit will be on the 18th & 19th. Also remember our Open House on the 25th, as it will be the biggest Open House event at our school in many years. There will be much more about that later.

Finally, remember that our Annual Fund emphasis continues through the end of this month. Please prayerfully consider your level of participation.

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

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## Bayou Bash Needs You!



Our annual fundraiser, Bayou Bash, is in need of silent and live auction items! You may have more to offer your school than you realize. Donations are tax-deductible and benefit your children directly. The money that is raised from Bayou Bash is used to keep your children's tuition low. Tickets to concerts or sporting events, gift certificates, theme parties, toys, and sporting equipment all make excellent auction items. If you have any questions or wish to make a donation, please contact Sheila Adams at 632-1720.

## Open House Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

St. Cyprian's will host its annual Open House on Thursday, February 25, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. New and continuing students and families can come meet teachers, view classrooms, and enroll for the 2010-2011 school year.

In conjunction with this year's Open House, the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Business after Five. Enjoy refreshments and a special performance by St. Cyprian's students and alumni. Sign up to win a door prize drawing for a Barnes and Noble Nook, the world's most advance e-reader.



## Box Top Winners

Mrs. Ashley's 4K won this month's Box Top cookie dough decorating party. The next Box Tops deadline is Friday, March 5. The class that collects the most Box Tops will win a Cookie Cake Party.

## Valentine's Day Date Night

Enjoy a night out without the kids! Our Creative Care team of Kara Mann and Brittney Redd will be hosting a Valentine's Date Night on Saturday, February 13, 2010, from 5 pm until 10 pm in the Creative Care classroom and the Science Lab. The cost will be \$30 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child in the family. There will be crafts, cookies, games, and lots of fun! Pizza will be provided, or your child may bring a sack lunch. Feel free to send your child in his or her pajamas. Registration forms have been sent home; please return your form to the front office by Friday, February 12.

## Cookie Dough Sale Wraps up Thursday!

Don't forget to get your cookie dough order forms turned in by this Thursday, February 11.



## Lewey's Library News

### Pop Open A Good Book and READ!

And READ you have! We have read **906,025** pages for the year! This last reading period was for two months,

December and January, and you are one poppin' group of readers! You read twice the amount of pages that you read for the month of October. Just remember...if we reach two million pages, Mr. Williford will have a date with a dunking booth! Pick up that reading just a little bit and keep up the good work! **Splash!** Sounds like a really good book title...

We are very busy in the library until Spring Break. This six weeks our SEEK Project is with second grade. We are learning to appreciate our eyesight and exploring what it might be like to overcome some obstacles that you might encounter if you were blind. We have learned to eat by touch and smell, walk with a cane, write Braille, read Braille and how much more our other senses take over when we don't have our sight. Mr. Phil Parr came and spoke with us and inspired us to always reach for the stars no matter what our circumstances might be.

**Dynamic Dads & Kids Night is Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>!** Moms make your girls' night out plans and dads get those blankets and come ready for an evening of fun! We'll see you in the gym at 6PM. We have lined up some top notch entertainment in the form of your friends! It will be a fantastic evening!

**Open House Evening, February 25<sup>th</sup>,** we will have a **very special event taking place in our library.** I promise you, you will not want to miss this evening. Bring all of your friends to see the *Very Best School in Angelina County* and stop by the library to take part in our special event.

**Race to Success, READ! Book Fair will be March 8 thru 12.** Many of today's top race car drivers are promoting literacy. They will admit to you that one of the most important things they ever learned to do is READ. Race by our library and pick up a car full of books. Thursday evening, March 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have **Curious George** visiting us. Bring your cameras and don't miss out on a family evening of fun!

### Pollution Solutions!

Third grade students are investigating ways to help the environment during SEEK this six weeks. They would like to help you, our school community, by accepting your recyclable plastic and paper/cardboard items for the next two weeks. Just bag up and bring your items to the school office and third grade will sort and deliver these items to the Recycling Center on February 22nd. Thank you for helping us help the environment!



## Grade Level News

**3K News:** Did you know that orangutans are the largest tree dwelling animals on earth, that toucans play "catch" by throwing fruit to each other, or that the fur of the three-toed sloth looks green because it is covered in algae? These are just a few of the fascinating facts we've learned in our study of rain forests. This week we'll celebrate Valentine's Day with some fun activities and some "heart art" to decorate our rooms. Our parties will start at 11:00 on Friday. All parents are welcome to attend. Our letter this week is Q, and our number is 14.

**4K News:** Love is in the air!! We will be celebrating Valentine's Day all week long! We will use hearts and all things valentine to perfect our cutting skills as well as in many of our art projects this week. We will continue our study of the rainforest. Our classes will learn about the people of the rainforest and how they are like us and how they differ from us. Our letter of the week is P. Circus practice continues!! Don't forget we are in the gym every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00!! Our students of the week are Russell Reid, Andrew Morgan, Griffin Salas, and Michael Rasmussen.

**Kindergarten News:** This week we will begin our "Healthy Bodies" unit. This unit will include dental health, healthy eating habits and heart health. We will end our unit with a visit to the dental office of Dr. Amy Ross (Collin's mom). More information about that visit will follow. In math we will begin unit 5, which includes measurement, calendars and time. We will be sending home unit 4 for math homework. This unit involves reading and writing number from 11 and beyond. Our Valentine parties will be on Friday, February 12th at 2:00. Please send your valentine cards/treats to school on Thursday or Friday morning. We will distribute the cards/treats prior to our parties. We hope you will come and join us during party time! Our students of the week are Nick Hineman and Breeasia Terrazas.

**1st Grade News:** This week we are learning about dental health. Students will learn important information about their teeth and review important rules of dental care. We will do experiments that will help to remind us to take care of our teeth every day. In phonics we will continue learning about 'bossy R' as we learn to read, write and spell words with r-controlled vowels. In math we will begin comparing numbers by using the signs for greater than, less than and equal to. Our Valentine's Day party will be Friday at 2:00. Our students of the week are Blake Harris and Laird Boone.

**2nd Grade News:** Second grade will be reading the novel *Henry Huggins* and working on vocabulary words from the story. When the novel is completed we will make a mobile that will portray the events in the story. In math we are using our rulers to find the half inch measurement. We are still practicing two and three digit addition. We are also working on two digit subtraction and regrouping. In language we are writing a mystery story and also practicing sentence structure. In science we are looking at simple machines and playing games. We enjoyed having a visitor in SEEK. His name was Phil Parr and he was born blind. He was here to show how fulfilling and interesting his life has been. We can overcome obstacles and reach for our dreams. Our student of the week is David Sloan.

**3rd Grade News:** Third graders planted oak trees donated by Angelina Beautiful/Clean on Friday, with the help of Mrs. Greer and Mr. Joe. Next Friday, Feb. 12, we will have a guest speaker in SEEK. Emily Smith from Lufkin Industries will speak to the third graders as we continue our study of our community and pollution. Third graders are studying about water pollution in science this week and will have a test on Section C in science on Tuesday, Feb. 9. We will study about Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad as well as other famous African-Americans who have impacted our country. Our Valentine's Day party will be Friday, Feb. 12, at 2 PM in the cafeteria. We are reading *Bug Business* and working on effective sentences and sentence variety. We will also work on reading skills and Target Reading. In math, the third grade will be learning more about equal groups problems, perimeter and checking division. Third grade will have their test on Friday.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade News:** We are reading *Old Yeller* and writing narratives. We are learning more about elaboration, powerful words, and contrast paragraphs. Fourth grade will study about matter in science and continue studying about the Great Depression and World War II in social studies. Fourth graders are working on reports that will be presented on Feb. 22. There will be no science or social studies tests this week. In math, the fourth graders will be learning more about mixed numbers and estimation. The fourth grade will have their test on Monday.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade News:** We are working on a mural of *Johnny Tremain* and decorating Valentine holders. We are practicing writing effective sentences and working on sentence variety. We are also working on reading skills and writing compositions. Fifth grade will study about weather and climate in science and in social studies we will study about the movement west. There will be a science test on Thursday, Feb. 11 and a social studies test on Chapter 16 on Friday, Feb. 12.

In math, the fifth graders will be learning how to set up proportions, find cross products, and use a compass to draw a circle. We will have a test on Friday.

## **Congratulations to Our Spelling Bee Winners!**

Garrett Coleman is the Kiwanis Spelling Bee Individual Champion and will go on to Houston on March 27th for the Houston Spelling Bee! If he wins there he will go to Nationals in DC!

Our team of Cielo Perez (Team Captain), Elizabeth Jones, and Kerstin Andrews came in Second Place in the Team Competition.

Thanks go to Mrs. Allbritton for her excellent coaching and to Mrs. Lively for organizing the school spelling bee. Congratulations to you all!

## **Mark Your Calendar!**

Feb. 11	Cookie Dough Sale Ends Dynamic Dads and Kids Night
Feb. 12	Free Dress Day
Feb. 16	"Not So Free" Free Dress Day
Feb. 18	4K Circus
Feb. 18-19	SACS Accreditation
Feb. 22	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Parent Meeting - Noon
Feb. 25	Open House/Business After Five
Feb. 27	D.I. Competition