



# Your Weekly News "Paws"

Feb. 15-19, 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



We have a couple of major events taking place this week at St. Cyprian's. We are all looking forward with great anticipation to the 4K Circus this Thursday at 8:30 AM in the gym. Families and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend this spectacular performance. Please be sure to be in the gym and seated by 8:25 AM.



Also on Thursday, the Quality Assurance Review Team from SACS will be here to begin our 10-year accreditation review. Our teachers, staff and students are well prepared for this event, and we expect to pass with flying colors.



This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, and we will have a special Family Chapel at the church. This service will take the place of the March Family Chapel service. We hope you can join us for this special gathering.



I would also like to remind First Grade parents of our meeting next Monday. Please join me in the library at noon for an informal discussion about what is going on in First Grade.



Finally, don't forget that our Annual Fund drive is still underway.

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



## Bayou Bash

We are receiving some incredible auction items this year, so keep them coming! There are forms in the office if you need extra to give your friends and co-workers. This is the largest fund-raiser for the school, and we need everyone's

support. If you have any questions about the event or ideas on auction item donations, please contact Sheila Adams at [adam-s@saintcyprians.org](mailto:adam-s@saintcyprians.org).

## Community Open House

Please join us for our Community Open House on Thursday, February 25th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Enjoy entertainment, refreshments and sign up for a chance to win an awesome door prize - a Barnes & Noble Nook - the world's most advanced e-reader. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet your teachers and tour the school, and there will be a special presentation in the library. Please invite your friends and family to this special event. If you would like the school to send an invitation to someone you know, please email their name and address to Sheila Adams at [adams@saintcyprians.org](mailto:adams@saintcyprians.org).

## 4K Circus

Come one, come all to the Greatest Show in 4K! Our annual 4K Circus takes place this Thursday, Feb. 18, at 8:30 AM in the gym. Bring your family and friends - you don't want to miss this amazing spectacle!



## Music Notes

3K and 4K students are busy in music experiencing "fast and slow" in a variety of ways. We've also been having fun singing, dancing and playing games with a Valentine theme.

5K students have been learning about instrument families and the characteristics of the instruments that make them part of a family.

First grade is also learning about instruments and instrument families. They are continuing their study of rhythm by reading and creating rhythmic notation.

Second grade students are learning new notes on their recorders. During their study of instrument families, they learned that the recorder is a woodwind.

Third grade started playing guitars a few weeks ago and have already learned about guitar parts, chords and how to play notes on the guitar. They are doing a great job. I am working with third grade on their SEEK project during this six weeks and we have been busy with our "Pollution Solutions." Last Friday we planted 16 of the oak trees on our campus that we received from Angelina Beautiful Clean. Some of those third graders can really use a shovel! A special thanks to Mr. Joe for all of his help! Remember to bring your recyclable material to school if you need someone to sort it and deliver it to



the Recycling Plant. We will have an Investigative Excursion to the recycling facility on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Fourth and fifth grade students are also playing guitars and recorders. They are busy preparing for the Grandparent's Day program as are all of the students at school.

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, for our Grandparent's Day program! Our theme this year is "Let's Go to the Movies." All of the classes will be singing and playing songs from some of your favorite movies.

*Mrs. Greer*

## Early Enrollment is Underway



Current families can enroll NOW for Fall 2010. Enroll by March 31<sup>st</sup> and receive the 2009-2010 tuition rates! Forms have been sent home, and extras are available in the office. Enrollment will be open to the general public beginning Thursday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, during our Community Open House.

## Mark Your Calendar



Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	"Not So Free" Free Dress Day
Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday Family Chapel
Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	4K Circus
Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	SACS Accreditation
Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Parent Meeting - Noon
Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Open House
Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup>	D.I. Competition in Mesquite



## Grade Level News

**3K News:** What an exciting week we had last week! It was such fun hearing about everyone's snowy morning on Friday, and the Valentine's parties were fabulous. This week we will begin our Safari unit as we venture into the wilds of the African savannah. We will also go to the 4K Circus this Thursday, February 18, at 8:30 in the gym. Parents, please join us for this exciting preview of what your child will be doing next year in 4K. Also, watch for information on our Investigative Excursion to the Ellen Trout Zoo next Friday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, from 8:45 to 11:45. Our letter this week is R, and our number is 15.

**4K News:** This week we will be clowning around in centers, tossing peanuts in math, and reading all about the circus. We have been working hard perfecting our gross motor skills for the Annual 4K Circus. This spectacular event will begin this Thursday at 8:30 in the gym. Please remember to bring your riding toys on Tuesday for practice. This is truly "The Greatest Show on Earth," so please bring your family, friends and neighbors. Students of the week are: Anna Kate McKinley, Austin Lindsey,

Sean Sullivan and Pranav Rao.

**Kindergarten News:** This week we will wrap up our "Healthy Bodies" unit. We will be learning about the food pyramid, how to keep our hearts healthy and dental health. We will end our unit with an investigative excursion to the dental office of Dr. Amy Ross. Our trip is planned for Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the school about 9:45 for our 10:00 visit. Thank you all so much for the wonderful Valentine parties and gifts. Fun was had by all! Our students of the week are Collie Ross and Adreanna Alvarado.

**1st Grade News:** We are so excited this week to learn about our presidents. We will be doing presidential research and creating reports. Next Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will travel to College Station to tour the George Bush Presidential Library. We will leave at 8:00 *sharp* and return around 4:30. Please send extra spending money for lunch and souvenirs. In math we will work on number patterns. Students will practice skip counting and be able to identify numbers as odd or even. In phonics we are reviewing "Bossy R" words. Our students of the week are Stella Huckabee and Julisa Palacios.

**2nd Grade News:** Second grade will be finishing their novel, *Henry Huggins*. We will start on our mobiles that will present the events of what happened in the story. In math we will be working extra hard on learning our addition math facts. We will also practice our skill of subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers. Our sentences are becoming absolutely amazing! In our stories we can tell who, what, when, where, and why. Our student of the week is Jade Tanguma.

**3rd Grade News:** We are reading *Bug Business* and working on possessive pronouns and contractions with pronouns. We are studying week 23 in spelling and Target Reading 23. Third grade will continue to study about pollution solutions in our class and with Mrs. Greer. We planted 13 oak trees on Arbor Day! In our science class we will begin a unit to find out about air and we will complete our unit on Black History month. There are no big tests this week for third graders. Our class will go to Lufkin's Recycling Plant on Monday, Feb. 22 at 8:30. Remember to send any items to be recycled to school and we'll sort them and carry them to the Recycling Plant that day. The third graders will be learning more about division in math class this week.

**4th Grade News:** We are reading *Old Yeller* and writing narratives. We are studying week 23 in spelling and Target Reading 23. We are also learning more about adjectives and adverbs. Fourth graders will study a unit about sound in our science class. There will be a science test over Chapter 11 on Wednesday, Feb. 15. In Texas History, we will learn about Texans leading the nation. Fourth

graders are still working on the class projects to be presented on Feb. 22. Students can report on The Great Depression, World War II or they may choose another historic event like the Vietnam or Korean War. There is no test in Texas History this week. The fourth graders will be working with decimals in math this week.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade News:** We are studying week 23 of spelling and Target Reading 23. We are finishing our novel and working on advantages/disadvantages essays. We are also studying adjectives and adverbs. Fifth graders are studying about moon phases and space in science class. There will be no science test this week. In social studies the fifth graders will take a test over Chapter 16 on Tuesday, Feb. 15. We will then begin studying the diverse people of the west. The fifth graders will be working more with ratio problems and measurement with angles in math class.

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** Fourth and fifth graders are in the process of choosing a topic for the Science Fair. Decisions should be submitted by March 5. The Science Fair will be May 7.