



Your Weekly News "Paws"

March 1-5, 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



What a great weekend for many of our students! This past Saturday, we had six different teams in the Destination Imagination competition, and each did very, very well. There were teams representing every grade from 2nd on up. Our students gain a lot from this experience, whether they medal or not. We were fortunate that five different teams were recognized and placed 4th or above. One of our teams, the Braininators, received one of the two Renaissance awards given out for excellence, won their challenge of You're Gonna Flip, and will represent St. Cyprian's and East Texas at the State Competition. That team consists of 5th graders Skyler Hunter, Garrett Coleman, Mattie Wesoloski, McKenzie Ford, and Caleb Harris. We are proud of every one of our students that participated, and we invite you all to our school on Friday at 1:00 pm to watch the six teams give their presentations in the gym.



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



Congratulations D.I. Teams!!!

St. Cyprian's D.I. Teams excelled this weekend competing against schools from all over northeast Texas. We wish to congratulate all of our students who participated and to thank all of the parents and teachers who made it possible.



Open House Winner

Congratulations to Dr. Lance Sloan, the winner of our Open House drawing for a Barnes & Noble Nook!



Bayou Bash Auction Forms Due

March is upon us, which means that Bayou Bash is closer than you think! We need your auction item forms to be turned in no later than Friday, March 12! If you have any questions, please see Sheila in the office.



Specialty Scoop - Spanish

Hola Amigos!

Our 3K, 4K, and 5K students will be learning the Spanish animals, alphabet, flowers, numbers and colors, as well as developing their writing skills.

Our 1st through 5th grade classes will start learning about clothing, fashion, designing dresses, prices and shopping. We expect to have lots of fun with these topics.

4th and 5th grade will also be learning to conjugate Spanish verbs in the present tense. We will study the verbs "to be", "to need", "to want", "to have", and "to buy". We will also practice writing short compositions using these verbs with the help of articles, prepositions, possessive pronouns and possessive adjectives.

Next week, our 5th grade class will be presenting our Spanish SEEK project, "Hispanic Dances," along with a typical Mexican dish of tostadas de fajita, salsa Mexican, guacamole, and more. Yummy! This event will take place next Thursday, March 11, at 11:00 a.m. in the gym.

Bienvenidos!

Muchas gracias,
Senora Haro Bronn

Texas Parade & Program

Mosey on down to the gym this Friday at 8:30 am to celebrate the birth of Texas. Our 5K and 1st grade classes will present a parade and program all about our fair state. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mark Your Calendar

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| Mar. 3 rd | TAKS Tests |
| Mar. 5 th | 5K & 1 st Grade Texas Parade
DI Team Performances |
| Mar. 8 th | 3 rd Grade Parent Meeting |
| Mar. 9 th -12 th | Book Fair |
| Mar. 11 th | Free Dress Day
Family Night at the Book Fair |
| Mar. 15 th -19 th | Spring Break |
| Mar. 22 nd | 4 th Grade Parent Meeting |
| Mar. 23 rd | "Not So Free" Free Dress Day |
| Mar. 26 th | PSIA |
| Mar. 27 th | Houston Spelling Bee |
| Mar. 29 th | 2 nd Grade Parent Meeting |



Grade Level News

3K News: This week we will start our unit on weather, as the March weather comes in like a lion and goes out (hopefully sooner than later) like a lamb. Weather has been on our minds a lot these past few days, since we had to cancel last Friday's trip to the zoo because of the rain. Fortunately, this Wednesday turned out chilly but clear, and our re-scheduled trip was a great success. Thanks to all of the parents who went with us. We couldn't do it without you. We will continue discussing clouds, wind, rain and storms as we finish out the week. We will paint using wind (our breath) and make fluffy (and maybe some stormy) clouds. This week is a review week for our letters and numbers.

4K News: 4K is continuing our unit on space. We are studying the life of an astronaut and what it is like when they are living and working in space. We will be creating our partner in space – the moon. Please be sure to complete and sign the permission form for our Investigative Excursion to the SFA Planetarium and return it along with \$1.50 to your child's teacher. Our letter this week is Rr. Students of the week are Jacob Weibe, Grant Ashby, Ashton Martin-Kibbey, and Lucia Carr.

Kindergarten News: This week we will continue our Texas unit. We will end our unit with our Texas Parade on Friday. We are excited to see the creative float ideas. The parade will start after chapel on Friday. Please take the floats to the gym on Thursday for practice. On Friday we will have a Texas style lunch. We will be cooking chili for frito pie, drinking Dr. Pepper and eating Blue Bell ice cream. If your child would prefer something else for lunch, please send a lunch or order a tray. We appreciate your help with this project and we know the kids will have fun learning all about our state's symbols! Our Students of the Week are Tristan Minguez and Austin DeArmond.

1st Grade News: We had a great time last week at the George Bush Presidential Library. Not only did we learn so much about our 41st president, but we saw AggieLand covered in snow! Texans that helped shape our state. We will also identify Thanks to all of the parents that were able to go and help out with this event. We appreciate you! This week we are learning all about Texas. We will learn about important historical figures and famous important state symbols. Friday, March 5th we will celebrate Texas with a parade and an assembly starting at 8:30. After our Texas assembly we will go the lab and make chili for our lunch. We will eat our state foods: Fritos, Dr. Pepper and Blue Bell Ice Cream, all foods made in Texas. Please send a lunch or order a tray if your child is not a fan of chili. Emma Airington and Shelby Young are our Students of the Week.

2nd Grade News: Second grade is enjoying a new novel in the Magic School Bus series called *Insect Invaders*. We are imagining that we have shrunk and become a part of the insect world. We hope that we do not get eaten by the pet tarantula, Fang! In science we will study about insects and their world. In math we will continue to learn more about time and subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers. In English, we will work with adjectives. We are so proud of our DI Team!!! Our Student of the Week is Katie Davis.

3rd Grade News: Third graders are still studying about the history of Lufkin in social studies and about wind in science. Our local meteorologist from KTRE will be here on March 12 as a guest speaker for our SEEK class with Mrs. Lively. We are studying week 25 of spelling words and working on Target Reading. We are reading the novel *James and the Giant Peach*. In math, we will be multiplying 3-digit numbers, working with 2-step equations, and doing estimation. There will be a test on Friday.

4th Grade News: Fourth graders are studying about sound in our science class. We will have a guest speaker from Angelina College on Thursday to speak to us about sound. We are continuing our study of modern day Texas in social studies. We will study week 25 spelling words and working on Target Reading, and we are beginning the novel *Ruby Holler*. We had our TAKS Writing test on Wednesday. In math, we will be working with fractional parts and decimals to the 100th place. We will have a test on Monday.

5th Grade News: Fifth graders are studying about force and work in science class. Our test will be next Tuesday, March 9. The rest of the week we'll be practicing our TAKS passages. In social studies we are studying about the Civil War. The test over that chapter will be next Wednesday, March 10. We will study week 25 spelling words and work on Target Reading. We are reading the novel *Charley Skedaddle*. In math, the fifth graders will be learning mean, median, mode and range of a set of numbers. We will also be converting units of measure using a unit multiplier. We will have a test on Friday.

3rd, 4th and 5th: Benchmarks will begin on Monday for 3rd and 5th grades and on Tuesday for 4th grade.