

THE LIONS LINES

Dr. Catherine Bartlett, Principal

Hamilton Elementary

September 19, 2011

SCHOOL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 19 Planetarium arrives for 4th Grade
- 20 Storyteller visits
- 21 Progress reports go home
- 23 5th Gr. Garden Day
PAWS store during lunches
- 27 Storyteller visits
- 29 5th Gr. Choir Practice 7:50 AM
Fire Dept. visits Kdg & 1st Gr.
- 30 5th Gr. Choir Practice 7:50 AM

OCTOBER

- 3 Kdg. Math Benchmarks thru 10/7
Author Jackie Sims Hopkins visits 2nd gr.
- 4 Gr. 1, 2 Math Benchmark
- 5 College Day
Gr. 3, 4, 5 Math Benchmark
- 6 Fall Portraits by Lifetouch
Read for the Record
- 7 PTO Spirit Cart during lunches
SRC shirt orders due
- 10 Student Holiday – Parent Conference Day
- 11 PTO Meeting at 9:30 AM
- 14 2nd Grade Garden Day
PAWS store during lunches

Did you forget to turn in your PTO Fundraiser order on Sept. 14th? If so, the PTO is able to accept late orders. Send your order in today!

HORIZONS Mid-year Testing/Students K-11 Open Referral Period October 1st through November 30th

Parents who wish to refer their child must follow the process described below:

- Please access the HORIZONS website at <http://cfisd.net/dept2/curricu/gifted/gifted.htm> and review a PowerPoint presentation entitled, *Should I Refer My Child for the HORIZONS Program?*
- If testing is appropriate, request a *HORIZONS Parent Survey and Permission to Test* form from your elementary counselor or secondary director of instruction. The form may also be accessed on the HORIZONS website.
- Return the *HORIZONS Parent Survey and Permission to Test* form to your elementary counselor or secondary director of instruction no later than Wednesday, November 30th. Students will not be screened unless the parent permission form is turned in on time.
- Kindergarten students will be tested on their campus during the school day in January 2012, and students in grades 2-11 will be tested on their campus during the school day prior to spring break. Specific testing dates will be provided to parents by the campus at the start of second semester.
- Kindergarten students who qualify for HORIZONS will receive services beginning in March with parent permission.
- Students in grades 2-11 who qualify for HORIZONS will receive services at the beginning of the 2012-13 school year with parent permission.

ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE:

- 4 Pajama Jam Registration
- 5 VIPS Fall Conference
- 6 VIPS Tag Team

**FALL PICTURES
WILL BE TAKEN ON OCTOBER 6.
LOOK FOR ORDER FORMS TO BE SENT
HOME ON SEPT. 26**



Art News

Kindergarten - It has been great fun getting to know our new Kindergarten students. They have explored lines and shapes on several artworks. We are also using literature to create art.

First Grade - Using lines, color, and shapes to create a Story Drawing. They also have created a "ME CROWN."

Second Grade - Using their names to create a silly creature. They mastered the technique of a reflection by transferring their name using the handle of their scissors. Lines, shapes, color, balance, and variety were used in their composition of a unique tree.

Third Grade - Using 30-35 dots, joining them dot-to-dot, the students used line, color, shape, and variety to create an artwork that was realistic or imaginary. Using repetition, balance, unity, color, shape, and line they will create art in the style of Gustav Klimt.

Fourth Grade - Using repetition or pattern, the students will create a composition using their name. They also are creating an artwork in the cubist style popularized by Pablo Picasso.

Fifth Grade - the students have created a composition using their name, original patterns, line, color, unity, balance, and repetition.

I am so proud of the students' work. We've only just begun - but WOW - it is fantastic to see their creativity blossom!

I am pleased to announce the students whose artwork is displayed at the Instructional Support Center located at 10300 Jones Road. They are: Carson Stark, Daniel Hyltin, Brooklyn Kriger, Ella Minson, Kayleigh Teves, Rory Lynch, Sammy Meyers, Alexa Sarzosa, Saniya Shaju, Mallory Steppe, Nhu Bui, Hudson Card, Ben Carney, Camryn Duran, Jaden Malowitz, Reagan Niederhaus, Anjali Patel, Sophia Schempff, Madeline Williams, Taylor Brainard, Haley Hernandez, Phoebe Lightfoot, Sophie Jungman, Mark Kubinski and Madison Stokes. Several former students' work was also included in the exhibit: Angelica Aulbaugh, Ben Austin, Cayenne Broussard, Jessica Lucas, Lucas Overbey, and Logan Yegge.

Congratulations to all our artists! The exhibit is great. Check it out!

Beverly Raschke
Art Specialist

Library News . . .

THANK YOU to all of the students, family members and volunteers who helped make our book fair a huge success. If you still want to purchase books, our on-line fair is open until 9/26 at

<http://www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs/2858508>. The books will be delivered to your child at school at no additional cost. We are excited to get new books on our shelves thanks to your support!

Visiting author Jackie Hopkins will be here for 2nd graders on October 3rd. Students will be able to order autographed copies of her books, and parents are welcome to attend her presentation.

Our Spring 2011 visiting author Jarrett J. Krosoczka will be in Houston on Friday, September 30th for a gallery opening of **The Art of Story: a Decade of Original Works by JJK** from 5-8 p.m.. Children's story time will be from 6-7 pm and books will be available for sale and autographing - including his newest book, Lunch Lady and the Field Trip Fiasco. The fun takes place at Imago Dei at 2525 Robinhood St. Suite 1000, Houston, TX 77005.

Cypress Creek Volunteer Fire Department visits Kindergarten and 1st Grade on Thursday, September 29

The Cypress Creek Volunteer Fire Dept. will be visiting our school on Thursday, Sept. 29th to instruct Kindergarten and 1st graders on safety and fire drills. We have requested a smokehouse and a fire truck for the children to explore. They will be parked in front of the gym from 9 am until noon. The Fire Squad will be instructing children how to be safe in case of a fire. All Kindergarten and 1st grade children will have a chance to rotate between all three workstations.

Thank you for supporting our PTO!

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Kindergarten Music - Kindergarten students are enjoying music class! We are using our singing voices and getting to know each other. Song lyrics with illustrations are displayed on the Smartboard and help build reading skills. Students also play simple instruments and keep the steady beat. They enjoy moving to music and playing singing games. Parent volunteers in music classes have been very helpful- no music skills are necessary! If you would like to volunteer, check my website, or e-mail me for more information.

1st Grade Music - Students in first grade are enjoying singing folk songs and keeping a steady beat with simple instruments. Song lyrics are displayed on the Smartboard, which assists in developing reading skills. The first graders also enjoy moving to music and playing singing games. We will continue to improve our singing and rhythm skills.

2nd Grade Music - Second graders are off to a great start in music class. This year the students are excited to use music textbooks in class, as well as the Smartboard. Second graders continue to improve their singing skills, as well as accompany songs with simple rhythm instruments. Students will soon be exploring the families of instruments of the orchestra.

3rd Grade Music - Third graders have started the year off with a bang! They are excited because they will present a musical play. "I Need a Vacation" will include all third graders, and will be performed on Monday, December 5th. Be sure to mark your calendars. More information will be coming soon!

4th Grade Music - Fourth Graders have been busy in music class so far! Students continue to improve singing and rhythm skills, as well as learn to read the notes on the treble staff. Students will also participate in listening lessons throughout the year and focus on instruments of the orchestra.

Students enjoyed singing a silly song and creating new verses for it.

5th Grade Music - Students in fifth grade continue to develop their musical skills. Fifth graders sing and accompany songs with rhythm instruments. We will review the notes on the treble staff and explore ear training software. Students will continue to focus on listening lessons by great composers and become more familiar with the instruments of the orchestra by sight and sound.

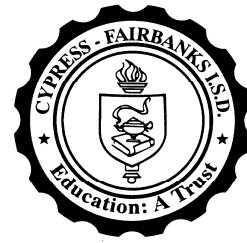
HAMILTON CHOIR - Beginning September 29th, I will offer choir every Thursday and Friday mornings at 7:50 in the music room. ***All fifth grade students are welcome, no tryouts will be held.***

Choir information has been discussed in music classes and information letters were sent home with all 5th graders. The choir will present several holiday performances, including singing for Hamilton students and staff. For more information, see my website or e-mail me at sharon.atwood@cfisd.net

Sharon Atwood
Music Specialist

Girl Scout Rally

Girl Scouting is a great way to help your daughter develop character, reach her potential, and make new friends. Girls can participate in a variety of activities such as camping, horseback riding, fashion shows, tea parties, crafts, service projects, and more. All girls ages 5 - 17 are welcome to join the fun. Parents and girls are invited to check us out at the Hamilton Elementary **Girl Scout Rally on Wednesday, September 21st, at 7:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. We will be forming new troops and signing up adult volunteers. Please contact Susan Kelley (281-469-1371, susankel@sbcglobal.net) or Michelle Kerbow (281-970-5888, mkerbow@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.



Office of Community Programs

When: Friday, October 7, 2011; 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Where: Aragon Middle School (16823 West Road, Houston 77095)

Who: Children up to 8th grade (For children who can use the bathroom independently)

Cost: \$20 per child, \$45 per family (3+ children)

Theme: Pajama Jam!! Wear your favorite PJs!!

Dinner: Pizza, juice and cookies included!

Activities: Dancing, crafts, team building, cartoons, and much more! Children are divided into small groups by age/grade for activity rotation.

Club Rewind membership is not required. For more info: 281-807-8900. To enroll, complete the bottom portion of this form and return with payment to a Club Rewind representative at your home campus by October 4, 2011.

Important Parent/Guardian Information: Payment MUST be included with this form. Please make checks payable to CFISD - Club Rewind. Payment is non-refundable and non-transferable. Deadline to enroll: October 4, 2011. An additional \$5 will be charged per child for forms received after October 4, 2011 at 6 p.m. After the deadline, forms are only accepted at the Office of Community Program or at the actual program event. The Office of Community Programs is located at 22602 Northwest Freeway, Cypress, TX 77429 in between Arnold Middle School and Cy-Fair High School.

Student's Name: _____ Grade (list Pre-K if younger than school age): ____ Male or Female: ____

Parent's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone/ Pager/ Other Emergency Phone #'s: _____

Parent's E-Mail: _____

Special Instructions/ Needs/ Allergies: _____

Person authorized to pick up my child (MUST INCLUDE DL #): _____

In the event I cannot be reached to make arrangements for emergency medical attention, I authorize the facility staff or person in charge to take my child to North Cypress Medical Center (21214 Northwest Freeway, Cypress, TX 77429). I give consent for this facility to secure any and all necessary emergency medical care for my child.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I recognize that in the event my child's behavior becomes severely disruptive, unsafe to him/herself or others, or my child does not respond to intervention, I will be called to pick him/her up immediately and I will not be reimbursed for payment. _____Initials

I recognize that I may not arrive to pick up my child smelling of alcohol or displaying any other erratic behavior. _____Initials

If I arrive after 11:00 p.m. to pick up my child, I recognize I will be charged a late pick up fee of \$1 per minute/child after 11:05 p.m. _____Initials

****DO NOT RETURN TO THE SCHOOL STAFF.
FORMS MUST BE TURNED INTO CLUB REWIND STAFF MEMBERS ONLY****

Future Pajama Jam Dates: November 4 and December 2.

Staff Use: Check #: _____ *Amount:* _____

Attention: Volunteers, PTO & Booster Club Members, Mentors, Parents,
VIPS Coordinators & Liaisons, Staff, Administrators, Business Partners and Community Members

21st Annual VIPS Fall Conference

October 14, 2011
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District
The Berry Center
8877 Barker Cypress Road
Cypress, TX 77443



Mark the date on your calendars and come be part of the team!
There is something for everyone. We have a fantastic keynote speaker
scheduled to conclude the day you won't want to miss.

Registrations will soon be available in the schools and the Partners in Education
department. The minimal registration fee of \$10 will cover breakfast, lunch and
all workshop materials.

This is an adult only event.

Calling All Cy-Fair ISD Volunteers!



Are you looking to expand your volunteer horizons?
Do you want to reach out and directly affect the lives of
students throughout the district?

Come and learn how to join the

VIPS TAG TEAM!

Targeting Achievement Globally

Join this elite group of volunteers who are committed to working directly with students to help them reach their full academic potential. Be a part of this cutting edge, state award-winning global program through which volunteers will use the skills they learn while volunteering on designated campuses throughout the district.

Meet with district administrators, current TAG Team members and your fellow volunteers for an informational meeting to learn more about the program. In order to keep up with increasing demand for tutors, we need your help!

September 30, 2011

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

The Richard E. Berry Educational Support Center

8877 Barker Cypress Road



For more information, please contact the Partners in Education Office at 281-894-3950.
To RSVP for this informational meeting, please send an email with your name and meeting date to

viprsvp@cfisd.net.

ADULTS ONLY PLEASE.

