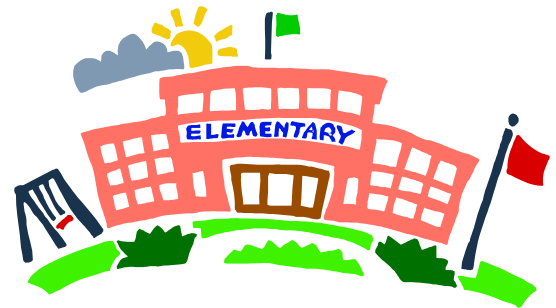


KIKER COMMENTS

January 29, 2010



Monday, February 1, 2010

Ms. Dean's class will lead the Pledge of Allegiance this week
Love Your Library kickoff
03:00 PM - 04:00 PM CAC Meeting

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

Counselor Appreciation Day
Schlotzsky's Night for Kiker Families

Thursday, February 4, 2010

09:30 AM - 10:00 AM 5th Grade - Choice Sheets guidance from Gorzycki counselors - Parents welcome
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM Math Pentathlon Parent Training in cafeteria

Friday, February 5, 2010

Ann Richards application deadline (Randie Fraser)
10:30 AM - 01:00 PM PTA Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Monday, February 8, 2010

Love Your Library campaign continues until the end of the week
Ms. Vassar's class will lead the Pledge of Allegiance this week
03:00 PM - 04:00 PM PTA Executive Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Cypress Grill night for Kiker Families
05:00 PM - 08:00 PM A Taste of Gorzycki - Tour & Choice Sheet info night for students attending Gorzycki

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Craig O's Night for Kiker Families
Green Apple Deposit Day
03:45 PM - 05:00 PM Gorzycki Choice Sheet guidance provided at Gorzycki
06:30 PM - 07:30 PM Gorzycki Choice Sheet guidance provided at Gorzycki

Thursday, February 11, 2010

Gorzycki Choice Sheets due to Ms. Fraser
Valentine Parties in Classrooms

Friday, February 12, 2010

Student Holiday / Staff Development

Monday, February 15, 2010

Student Holiday / Parent Conferences

Water, water everywhere, but not. . . in the main building this afternoon. There was a water main break this afternoon and although the main building was without water for the last hour and a half, Faulkner Hall and the portables were unaffected. Teachers were directed to allow students to access these facilities. We fully expect the water situation to be resolved in time for International Night festivities this evening at 6pm.

There are some changes going on in the office as we say good-bye to Jenn and welcome Kristi Samon to the front office. Kristi has been a volunteer in the office for the last few years, and recently served as our Boundary Representative for the new southwest elementary. She will be taking over Esther's chair and Esther will move into Jenn's corner. Please come by and introduce yourself and say hello.



What's in a name??



What should the Austin School District name its newest elementary school? The AISD Board of Trustees invites you to submit your nominations for the name of a new elementary school campus in Southwest Austin that will open in August 2010.

Some of the criteria for the naming of district facilities include the following:

- Facilities may be named for individuals, places such as landmarks or neighborhoods, or other reason as determined by the Board.
- The name must not already be used by another Austin District school or facility.
- Nominators must provide a succinct description of the nominees' contributions, why they are important, and any pertinent history that should be considered.

You can mail your nominations to:

Office of Planning and Community Relations
Austin Independent School District
1111 West Sixth Street
Austin, TX 78703-5399

Or, you may submit your nominations online at the District's website <http://www.austinisd.org>.

Names that have been previously submitted for new schools and facilities will automatically be considered for the new elementary school campus, and need not be resubmitted. Your input is important to this process. **Please remember to submit your nominations by the deadline of February 18, 2010.** Trustees are scheduled to select the school's name on March 29, 2010.



Bake Sale for HAITI! By Mrs. Davis's 3rd Grade Class



Mrs. Davis's 3rd grade class has decided to hold a bake sale to benefit the victims of the devastating earthquake that occurred in Haiti. This bake sale will occur on **Thursday and Friday (Feb 4th and 5th) at the end of the school day.**

The kids are so excited to do something that could really make a difference to someone in need. **Thank you for your support!**



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

January 29th, 2010

TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT! FRIDAY JANUARY 29th!!!

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT IS FINALLY HERE...

Join us from 6PM - 8PM tonight in the Kiker Cafeteria/Gymnasium, and bring a dish to share! WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL TONIGHT!

The Entertainment Line-up:

- 6:00pm - Mariachi Band
- 6:15pm - Tae Kwon Do
- 6:30pm - Korean Dance Group
- 6:45pm - Tae Kwon Do
- 7:00pm - Capoeira Evolucao
- 7:30pm - Tinikling Dance

The Country Booths Line-up:



"Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common. Celebrate it every day."



CAMP READ NEEDS YOU!

It's a new year and Camp Read would love to welcome some new students, especially our first graders! The December Benchmark scores are in, and our students would really benefit with help reading. Please consider giving 30 minutes of your time each week to read with them.

This program is designed to help students strengthen their reading fluency and comprehension. Our volunteers work one-on-one with students, and they make a difference by helping them grow into more confident readers. Working with these students is like reading with your own child at night: you read to the student, and then listen as he or she reads back to you. It's that easy!

Camp Read offers 30-minute time slots throughout the day during school hours, and we can work around your schedule. Volunteers sign up for as little or as many time slots as they wish. A brief training session and background check will be required. Please contact Christie Whittington at 301-0930 or christie@whitting.org if you're interested in volunteering. Since Camp Read may be opening up new time slots for our first graders, indicate ALL of your available times and the number of time slots you wish to volunteer for.



Upcoming Vertical Team Fundraisers



- *AustIndia* on January 30 at Small Middle School. This is a fundraising event put on by Varun Bhatnagar, a former Kiker student, to benefit the Association for India's Development.



To place an announcement in the weekly Kiker Comments, please send your requests to kiker.comments@yahoo.com. Announcements received by noon on Thursday will be included in the Friday edition.



Please click on the link to visit our Partners in Education who contribute to making our school such a wonderful place.

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