



The Almanac

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RODEO ART

Houston Independent School District invites you to the West Region Rodeo Art Show featuring artwork from our West Region Schools. This event will take place on Friday, February 12, 2010 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Johnston Middle School 10410 Manhattan, Houston, Texas, 77096. For more information call: Deborah Wood at (713) 662-2142 or dwood@houstonisd.org

TAKS PARENT NIGHT

TAKS Parent Night is happening in two weeks! TAKS stands for Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills. It is a statewide testing program implemented in spring 2003. Elementary students in grades 3-5 will be assessed in math, reading, writing and science to ensure that they have the knowledge, skills, and support needed to perform on or above grade level. Come find out about TAKS and ways to help your child succeed. The event takes place on Feb. 11 from 6-7 pm. There will also be information about our "Blast the TAKS" Camp!



Here is a great link to a list of FREE online TAKS student study guides provided by TEA:

http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index3.aspx?id=60&menu_id=793

BUZZZZ BUZZZZ...



This year's spelling bee set an Askew record! We began with 44 contestants and ran out of words on Day 1. Fourteen students remained and were given a second list of words. After more than 60 rounds on Day 2, we had two contestants remaining, but ran out of words again. The students were given another list of words, and on the third attempt we found our winner. The spelling bee winner for this year is *Paul Gray*, a 4th grader in Ms. Marrou's class, and the runner-up is *Aamani Pilluta*, a 3rd grader in Ms. Ahmed's class.

Paul will go on to represent Askew at the district bee on February 9th at Johnston Middle school and Aamani will be there to root him on. Good luck Paul and make Askew proud!

Congratulations go out to each contestant for making this year's spelling bee one to remember!

BOOK SALE

The Gently Read Book Sale is coming soon! Here's the scoop:

♦ The sale will be on Tuesday Feb. 9 and Wednesday Feb. 10. Most of the books cost 50 cents or less. So send your child with a few dollars and see what kind of surprises they come home with! This is lots of fun for the



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Mark Your Calendar

- Feb. 3 Fuddrucker's Night
- Feb. 6 Cub Scout Pinewood Derby 8:30 am
- Feb. 8 Used Book Sale (Preview Day)
- Feb. 9-10 Used Book Sale
- Feb. 11 TAKS Parent Night 6-7 pm
- Feb. 12 Valentine's Day Flower Sale

Rodeo Art Show 4-6 pm
- Feb. 15 NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 18 Math Night 5:30-7:00 pm
- Feb. 20 Workday @ Living Garden 9-12 pm
- Feb. 23 PTO Meeting in Library 8:00 am

kids.

- ♦ It's not too late to donate your gently read books. Please bring donations to the library.
- ♦ Volunteers are needed both days. Please contact Jenn O'Neil at wsoneil79@msn.com or 281-597-9956.

HAITI DONATIONS

Askew Elementary held a clothing and food drive to assist the victims of the disastrous earthquakes in Haiti. This drive was held from January 20th through the January 27th. The students, faculty, and staff were able to donate 219 pounds of food items as well as enough clothing to help a number of families.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day is just around the corner! Here's your chance to give a special Valentine's flower to a friend, teacher or parent. The 5th Grade Movin' On team will be selling flowers on Friday, Feb. 12. Don't forget to pre-order you flowers!! Look for flyers in upcoming Tuesday folders.

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found is located in the cafeteria across from the lunch line. If your child has lost something please come check in the lost and found. All leftover clothes will be donated to a local charity periodically!!

HOUSTON MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE

The Houston Museum of Natural Science and Strategic Partnerships invite ALL HISD schools to participate in a Family Science Night Challenge! Schools are invited to bring family and friends to visit our permanent exhibit halls and our special exhibition: Magic: The Science of Wonder. This event will take place from March 8-11, 5-8 pm. Ticket are only \$7! The school with the greatest attendance will receive a very special prize from HMNS. For more information, please contact Tiffany Silva at (713) 639-4167 or tsilva@hmns.org



CONTACT INFORMATION

Parents, it is very important that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency. If your home, work, or cell phone numbers have changed this year, please send a note to the office.

EARN MONEY FOR ASKEW

Help Askew earn money by sending your General Mills Boxtops for Education to Shelly Henshaw or simply drop them off in the office!



SPRING 2010

TESTING CALENDAR

<i>March 3</i>	TAKS Writing (Grade 4)
<i>April 6</i>	TAKS Math (grade 5)
<i>April 7</i>	TAKS Reading (grade 5)
<i>April 27</i>	TAKS Math (grades 3 & 4)
<i>April 28</i>	TAKS Reading (grades 3 & 4)
<i>April 29</i>	TAKS Science (grade 5)

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