

The Almanac

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MATH NIGHT

Join us this Thursday, Feb.18 for the All-Star Family Math Night!

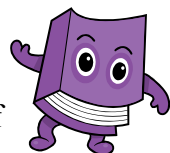
Learn about a wide variety of tools, techniques and resources to help your child succeed in math. Plus, get helpful tips for TAKS and find out fun ways to tie math into your everyday activities. The 5th Grade Moving-On will be selling pizza and snacks, so don't miss out!

EARLY PICK UPS

In order to ensure that all of our children are dismissed in an organized and timely manner, students will **NOT** be released between 2:45pm and 3:15pm each day. Messages will **NOT** be delivered after 2:45pm and visitors will **NOT** be signed in between 2:45pm and 3:15pm each day.

AR UPDATE

We are in the process of purchasing the program called Renaissance Place which will upgrade our current version of Accelerated Reader. The benefits of this purchase and program are tremendous. First and foremost, the students will have access to each and



every quiz that Renaissance Learning has written for Accelerated Reader. You will no longer need to request quizzes to be purchased and have to wait for them to come in and be uploaded. With the new Renaissance Home Connect, parents can be more involved by logging on from your home computer to access a great deal of information from Accelerated Reader. Students and parents will be able to:

- ◆ See progress toward reading goals.
- ◆ Conduct book searches using AR Bookfinder
- ◆ Review results on students' AR quizzes.
- ◆ View number of books read, words read and quizzes passed.
- ◆ And much, much more.

More information will be coming home soon. All of our current data has to be transferred into the new system so it will be a couple of weeks before the transition is complete but we will keep you posted as the progress happens. We will also be teaching the students how to access the new system. We will no longer be taking quiz

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Mark Your Calendar

- 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
- Mar. 3** TAKS Writing
4th Grade

Fuddruckers Night
- Mar. 11** Tasty Treats
- Mar. 14** Daylight Saving
Time begins
- Mar. 15-
19** SPRING BREAK
- Mar. 31** Report Card Day

requests because we will have access to ALL the quizzes in the Renaissance Learning database. If you have made a recent request we apologize for the delay but those quizzes will be available soon.

Thanks for your patience and understanding during this transition. It is sure to be a great benefit to each of our students and their families. For more information, please feel free to contact our Accelerated Reader Coordinator, Mrs. Bothe at hbothe@houstonisd.org.

THANK YOU to all the teachers, parents and students that participated in making the Valentine's Dance and flowers sale a success! Every one had a great time at the dance.



**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

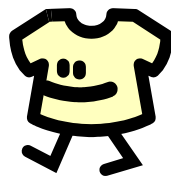


**NO VISITORS
WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 3RD**

**P a r e n t s ,
W e d n e s d a y ,
March 3rd is an important testing date for our students. Our fourth graders will be taking the TAKS test, which is a major part of HISD promotion standards. Please note that VISITORS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON CAMPUS ON TAKS TESTING DAYS! Please do NOT plan on having lunch with students or visiting teachers.**

SCHOOL STORE

We've got what you need at the school store! Everything from pens and pencils to school shirts and sweatshirts are for sale. Askew PTO will deliver the order directly to your child's class. Order forms are available online at www.askew.org or ask the teacher to send a form home.



**DONATE YOUR
OLD UNIFORMS**

If you have gently used uniforms at home that your child has outgrown, please consider donating them to our PTO for resale. Send gently used pants, shirts or belts to the main office.

SPRING 2010

TESTING CALENDAR

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

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