

The Almanac

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TAKS ALERT!

Parents, our fourth graders will be taking the Writing TAKS test tomorrow!! A good night's sleep and a good breakfast are the best preparation for testing. Please make an extra effort to be at school on-time tomorrow! Also, 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.



HEAD LICE

Head Lice are tiny wingless insects about the size of a sesame seed, grey to brown in color. They live on human hair and must feed on the scalp for blood. They lay tiny white eggs called nits that are cemented to the strands of the hair close to the scalp. The eggs are often mistaken for dandruff, but the difference is the eggs don't easily come off the hair. The eggs hatch in 5 to 10 days and become adults in 2 weeks and lay more eggs. Children get lice from close head to head contact with an infested child. Head lice are not dangerous, but they are a nuisance because they cause severe itching when they feed on the scalp.

If a child is seen scratching their head he or she is sent to the school nurse to be checked for live lice and/or nits. If live lice are seen the student will be sent home from school. The student must be treated with lice killing shampoo. The class is not checked for head lice; only those students that show signs of possible head lice. If there is a student that has head lice or eggs in your child's class a letter will be sent home notifying you so that you may check your child.

CONGRATULATIONS to our K-2 Name That Book Team for placing 2nd and receiving the highest commendation for their sportsmanship.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Askew was well represented last Saturday at the Odyssey of the Mind Houston Area Region tournament. Five teams competed in three different problems and two of the four teams will advance to the State tournament on April 17th. Problem 1, Nature Trail, was coached by Ms. Marrou; members include Jillian Boyd, Alexis Brancato, Natalie Hosseini, Alexandra Malaty, Marium Murphy and Alyssa Rodriguez. Problem 3, Discovered Treasures, was coached by Arienne de Vassal; members include Fiona de Vassal, Nick Farley, Claudia Garcia, Nikki Goldin, Olivia Grobowsky, Anuya Kawathekar and Nathan O'neil. Problem 4, Column Structure, was coached by Giselle Faccini; members include Trevor Prince, Karen Hoff, Lisa Hoff and Braden McCleod. Problem 5, Food Court had two teams representing Askew. Patricia Mitchell and Anne McCleod co-coached members Melissa Hill, Heather Lucas, Caleigh McLeod, Taylor Mitchell, Nick Okerlund, Bruce Park and Quinn Stewart. Jeannette Ellis and Mona Sheshtawy co-coached members Briony Bailey, Raina Ducoing, Anna Ellis, Marie Lauderdale, Jenna Sheshtawy and Bethany Willis. All five teams did Askew very proud and performed beyond expectations. The teams were formed in the Fall and have been working on their long term performances since October. For more information on OM, go to www.odysseyofthemind.com.



ASKEW ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Maintaining regular attendance at school is both the key to a successful student and required by State Law. All absences will be coded **unexcused** unless a written note **stating a valid reason for the absence** is

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Mark Your Calendar

- Mar. 3** TAKS Writing 4th Grade
Fuddruckers Night
- Mar. 5** Dr. Seuss's Birthday!
- Mar. 7** Run with the Wolves @ Westside
- Mar. 11** Tasty Treats
- Mar. 12** Banking Day 7:30-8:15 am
- Mar. 14** Daylight Saving Time begins
- Mar. 15-19** SPRING BREAK
- Mar. 20** B.O.N.A. Foundation 5K Run
- Mar. 31** Report Card Day
- April 1** PTO Meeting 6:00 pm - Cafeteria
- April 24** 2010-2011 Pre-K Registration

received within 3 days of your child's absence. Absences may be excused for the following reasons:

- illness or injury
- quarantine
- death in the immediate family
- medical or dental appointments
- court or administrative proceedings
- religious observance

Absences for other reasons (ie. personal trips, car trouble, oversleeping, etc) are **not excused** according to state guidelines. Students who miss 10 days during the school year may be **retained** or required to appear before a judge in the Harris County Juvenile Court for Truancy charges.

COME RUN WITH THE WOLVES

The run will take place on Sunday, March 7, 1-4pm at WHS. It will be a fun filled family event...Fun Run, Dog Run and Cow Patty Bingo! Great silent auction baskets will be provided by the team sports at Westside: *Party with the WHS cheerleaders, romantic picnic basket, golf lovers package, baseball theme basket with autographed ball, WHS gift basket and much, much more!* Every registered participant will get a t-shirt and a bandana for the dog. More info available at Westsidewolves.org ABC tab or signmeupsports.com

ACCELERATED READER

The Accelerated Reader Data has been sent to Renaissance Learning! The "old" desktop AR system is no longer available during this transition. It would be a good idea to have your kids take a few notes on the book(s) that they are reading to keep them fresh in their mind, as the questions are very detailed. Renaissance Learning tells me that it will be sometime next week when they will have all of our data imported into the "new" system so the kids will be able to resume taking quizzes next week via a link that will be listed on my website <http://askewtech.weebly.com/> with a unique

username and password [most likely it will be their Student ID (if not already taken) and their current password]. In the meantime, please visit the websites listed below to get ready for the new system. The kids WILL NOT be able to take quizzes at home but they WILL be able to look up books, check their records and have access to EVERY quiz that Renaissance Learning has, wherever they can connect to the internet. If you have any questions, please direct them to Askew's Accelerated Reader Coordinator, Mrs. Bothe at hbothe@houstonisd.org.


Accelerated Reader Enterprise Home Connect:

Your Accelerated Reader Enterprise package includes the new Renaissance Place Home Connect that links the school to home via the Internet. This allows educators and parents to work together to ensure students' success and extend reading and math practice beyond the classroom. Home Connect uses data from Accelerated Reader, so sharing this information does not burden the teacher. Home Connect is only available with Accelerated Reader Enterprise, Math Facts in a Flash, and Accelerated Math Enterprise.

Setting up Home Connect: <http://doc.renlearn.com/KMNet/R004156426GH012B.pdf>

Accelerated Reader - Introducing Renaissance Place Home Connect: <http://demo.renlearn.com/homeconnect>

A Parent's Guide to Home Connect: <http://doc.renlearn.com/KMNet/R004122911GHD622.pdf>

 **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS...** Sunday, March 14th! Don't forget to set your clocks an hour ahead.

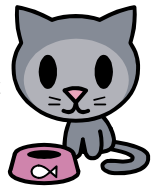
B.O.N.A. FOUNDATION WESTCHASE 5K WALK/RUN

Help promote fitness and health by participating in the 1st Annual 5K Run/Walk taking place on March 20. For more information, please email info@bonafoundation.com or call 281-744-9807.

NEED HELP SETTING UP YOUR SAVINGS ACCOUNT??

The FCCU Savings Account program is a great opportunity for children to learn good saving habits, and it's so convenient! Parents must open the account, but the child can make a deposit any time the "BANK" is open in the cafeteria. A special banking day will be held on Friday, March 12, from 7:30 - 8:15 AM for anyone who hasn't opened an account yet. We will have account applications available and will provide help to complete them. Be sure to bring two forms of ID such as a driver's license, social security card, and/or credit card. As always, there will be GOODIES for anyone who makes a deposit. Any questions? Contact Deb Castillo @ 281-589-1448 or castillodk@sbcglobal.net.

SUPPORT THE CAT!



Grab your Dr. Seuss hat and read with the Cat! Friday, March 5th we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading our favorite Dr. Seuss books throughout the day. Please continue the fun by sharing your favorite Dr. Seuss book with your child at home. www.seussville.com is an educational and fun site to explore with your child to keep their love of reading alive!. Please be sure to wear your red or white Askew shirt and a Dr. Seuss hat if you have one!!

Mrs. Townes' Weekly Science

Egg

Larva

Chrysalis

Metamorphosis

