

THE COUGAR BEAT

November 9, 2009

From the Principal

Wireless Access

Thanks to one of the SBISD Bond projects, HCE has wireless access throughout the building. Parents are also able to access this technology. If you would like to use our wireless access when on campus, simply come to the office and an office staff member will provide you with the Guest Access Account username and password. The password changes every 2 weeks. We are happy to share!



Calendar

- 11.10 PTA mtg. 10 am
Library**
- 11.11 3rd & 4th grade
Program,
8:30 am– Cafeteria**
- 11.13 Auction
at Forest Club**
- 11.16 National Parent
Involvement Week**
- 11.19 Gift Wrap
Distribution**
- 11.20 Teacher Appreciation
Luncheon**
- 11.24 Progress Reports**
- 11.25-11.27
Thanksgiving
Holiday**

HCE Policy Corner

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Address/Phone Number Changes:

Please notify the front office if you have a change in your address, home phone, or work phone. In addition, your child's classroom teacher will need to know any changes in your phone number so that you can be reached. If there are any updates to the Student Enrollment Card and/or the Clinic Emergency Card, the office should be notified. This information is critical in case your child becomes ill or injured during the day.



Life Skill
Curiosity
To have inquisitive
behavior and thirst for learning

Auction Night News!

We will have up for auction, the most precious chocolate lab puppy...ever.

You all are going to FLIP for this darling male pup. He will be 7 weeks old the night of the Auction. He comes HIGHLY pedigreed. The father is a GRHRCH (Grand Hunting Retriever Champion)AKC registered dog. The mother is a fantastic AKC registered dog, with a wonderful eager to please disposition. The mother's AKC father is also full of field champion and other titles.

The pup has had his dewclaws removed, shots, worming and has full registration and a 26-month hip & elbow guarantee.

For all you hunters out there, GRHRCH title is evidence that a hunting retriever has demonstrated versatility and excellence in performing under all hunting conditions, ranging from the various waterfowl environments found in coastal marshes, inland waterways, flooded timber, or western prairies, to upland game conditions while hunting pheasant, grouse or doves. The current requirements to attain Grand Hunting Retriever Champion (GRHRCH) titles are - 2 Grand passes and a total of 300 UKC Championship points.



HCE ROCKS SPELLING RULES!



It's almost time for all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders to be “rock stars” in their Classroom Spelling Bees during the first week of December! Information about the Classroom Spelling Bees and all of the printed lists of the words will be coming home next week in the Tuesday folders—watch for them!

This year, students can decide how much of a spelling “rock star” they want to be in their classroom bee, simply by choosing the highest word level they wish to study (kind of like a video game!):

Just interested in hanging on for a couple of rounds? No problem: just learn the Level One words. Want to do a little better than that? Learn the Level One and Level Two words. Want to be one of the last spellers standing? Do some work on the Level Three words as well. Want to be sure of going to the school spelling bee in January? Learn the words from all four levels.

The Spellers who are interested in going to the school bee on January 22nd can start studying now, before the official lists come out next Tuesday. The Level Three and Level Four words that may be used near the ends of the classroom bees will come from the following sections of *Spell It!*, the official National Spelling Bee word list that will be used in this year's District spelling bee:

Old English

“Frequently Misspelled Words” from “Words You Need to Know”
You can go to www.myspellit.com to view or print these two lists.

Morning Practice Sessions

There will be five morning practice sessions to help the students prepare for the classroom bees. These will be held from 7:30-7:55 am as follows (locations TBD, but will be *different* for 3rd graders and 4th/5th graders):

Monday, November 23 rd	Level One words (grade-level words—50 words total)
Tuesday, November 24 th	Level Two words (higher grade-level words—50 more words)
Monday, November 30 th	Level Three words (Old English)
Tuesday, December 1 st	Level Four words (Frequently Misspelled Words)
Wednesday, December 2 nd	All word levels and overall review

We need volunteers to assist with word-calling at these morning practice sessions. Please contact Wendy Koy at deanandwendy@sbcglobal.net if you are interested. No experience needed, just a nice clear reading voice

Cougar Eye Winners



Kinder
Sydney Conrad
Zachary Witte

First
Brisa Gawlikowski
Triston Brown

Second
Jessica Ray
Andrew Peterson

Third
Nishant Deveraj
Caroline Stone

Fourth
Max Pousman
Becca Copeland

Fifth
Zoe Cavazos
Kate Sparenberg



Auction Kid Pics Due November 13th

Have you seen your child's artwork in the catalog that went home in the backpacks?

Each child received a sheet of FREE STICKERS with their individual artwork on them.

We've also added the following incentives to this auction art project:

- * Every child that turns their order form in by Friday, November 6th at 3:00pm will be entered into a lottery for a \$25 gift card of your choice.
- * Every child that turns their order form in by Friday, November 13th at 3:00pm will be entered into a lottery for a \$25 gift card of your choice.

All orders are due in the office by 3:00 pm Friday, November 13th. The products will be delivered the week of December 9th, just in time for holiday gift giving.

If you have any questions, please contact your Kid Pics experts Mona Read (mona.read@sbcglobal.net) or Jacqueline Wright (jwright7@comcast.net).

Celebrate your child's creativity
with products that display their artwork.

The City of Hunters Creek, Houston Eagle Transportation &
David and Tracy Wegner
Proudly bring you the

1st Annual Winter Wonderland!

December 5th, 2009
2:00 - 4:00 P.M. (Dec. 12th Rain date)



The City of Hunters Creek in partnership with Houston Eagle Transportation and David & Tracy Wegner invite you to join us for our 1st Annual Winter Wonderland – a festive holiday event where our community will come together to enjoy a fun-filled day of frolicking in the snow, while listening to festive holiday music, and sipping warm yuletide refreshments. Exclusive appearances made by Frosty the Snowman and our favorite resident of the North Pole...Santa Claus will make for an epic Holiday Season!

LOCATION

The Winter Wonderland will take place at:

First Congregational Church
10840 Beinhorn
Houston, TX 77024



If you're interested in being a
volunteer you can email
Renata DeMoes at:
rdemoes@comcast.net



**BRING YOUR
MITTENS!**



For more information contact Joanna Johnston at familyfun@cityofhunterscreek.org



the difference
can make.



Ingredients for life..

Great job all Hunters Creek students, in Box Top\$ we submitted almost \$600.00 for the 1st quarter. Our goal is \$800 which I hope we will surpass! When donating the Box Top\$ put your and teacher's name on the bag and leave at the office. The winner will be announced every 3 months.

If you have not done yet, please e-mail your **Kroger and Randall's Plus Card** numbers to Radka01@att.net and we will link them to our school account. (Your Kroger \$0.10 per gallon discount will not be effected). Please keep in mind - every time you shop you donate money to our school.

To Submit a Newsletter Article

1. Write your article as a **Microsoft Word** document.
2. E-mail it to **all 5** newsletter editors at:

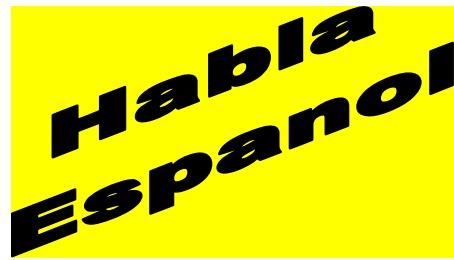
rdemoes@comcast.net
althealee@comcast.net
sassydesignsinc@comcast.net
virginias@ireality.com
witte@texas.net



From the Editor

3. You should then **receive a response** from the editor who is responsible for that week. **If you do not get a response, please call** one of us to make sure your article will be included! The **DEAD-LINE** for submitting articles is every **WEDNESDAY AT 10:00 AM**. Articles will be accepted **ONLY** by e-mail. If you have any questions, please call any one of us!

Renata DeMoes	281-381-6545
Althea Lee	713-984-1615
Sandy Means	713-906-1289
Virginia Schwanauer	713-984-2490
Teresa Witte	713-647-8444



Spanish Homework Policy

Spanish Homework assignments are announced in class. Students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades will receive a list of Vocabulary terms to study during the week.

There are several ways you can access the vocabulary words:

- Via email from your child’s homeroom teacher each week
- Posted weekly in the school newsletter—The Cougar Beat
- On the HCE website under the Spanish link

The five assigned words per week will be taught and practiced in the Spanish Classroom setting. Students will be tested regarding proficiency of these specific terms each week. These assessment grades will be reflected on the students’ 9 weeks. “Spanish Enrichment Progress Note”.

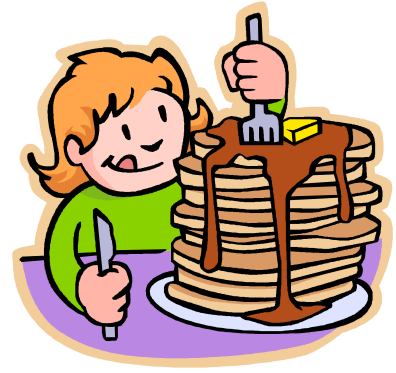
If you have any questions, let me know.

Thanks,

Veronica Rivera
veronica.rivera@springbranchisd.org

Spelling words week of Nov 9 through 13, 2009

Third Grade Vocabulary	Fourth and Fifth Grade Vocabulary
<p data-bbox="256 1379 813 1491">Spanish words found in the blue bonnet book Martina the Beautiful Cockroach.</p> <ol data-bbox="256 1533 617 1879" style="list-style-type: none">1. Abuela= Grandmother2. Tía= Aunt3.. Peineta= comb4. Mantilla = Shawl5. Consejo= Advice	<p data-bbox="841 1379 1279 1417">Spelling School Vocabulary</p> <ol data-bbox="841 1459 1169 1795" style="list-style-type: none">1. Libro = Book2. Lápiz = Pencil3. Tijeras = Scissors4. Papel = Paper5. Regla = Ruler



Nurses Notes

We all know that hand washing and getting a flu shot will help defend us against the flu, but have you thought about what you are eating and feeding your child to protect against illness? Let's start with breakfast...

It's a fact! One thing parents can do to help their children **succeed** in school and to **keep them healthy** is to feed them **breakfast**. Yet, sadly, I have seen children in my office every day since the first day of school with stomachaches because they did not eat breakfast. Many times, those with no breakfast also have brought no snack. The other meals are important for the overall health of children, but they don't affect learning the way breakfast does. Studies have shown that **children who eat breakfast regularly have better grades, reduced absentee rates, and improved behavior**.

One of the biggest obstacles to eating a good breakfast is a household's rushed pace. Plan ahead and make eating a priority. Another factor is that children say they aren't hungry. Sometimes children who are snacking a lot in the afternoon and evening are not hungry at breakfast. Take a look at your family's eating patterns. If not being hungry in the morning is a problem, try to eat earlier in the evening, and cut out evening snacking.

What constitutes a **good** breakfast? It does **not include** donuts, pop tarts, and sugary cereals! It **should include** healthy carbohydrates, protein, and a little fat. It's a good time to give children some of their fruit and fiber servings for the day. Remember, each child should eat **at least five** servings of fruits and vegetables a day. Be sure to include some protein to insure that breakfast will hold over to the next meal. Peanut butter, eggs, and cheese are some suggestions. Choose carbohydrates made from **whole** grains like brown rice, millet, buckwheat, oats, and barley because they are also a valuable source of the vitamins, minerals and fiber that are an essential part of keeping the immune system healthy. The vitamins and minerals found in nuts and colorful fruits also play an important role in the body's defense system.

If your child's class has a snack time, be sure to send one. We ask that you send healthy foods and avoid sending chips, cookies, cake, candy, and fruit roll ups. Some "healthy" suggestions include fruit, dried fruit, raw vegetables, crackers, cheese, nuts, (unless there is a child in the classroom allergic to peanuts and nuts), popcorn, pretzels, beef jerky, bagels, trail mix, and Chex mix.

Bon Appétit!

Technology Committee Minutes

10-28-09

Members present: Bruce Shelby, Francie Moore, Carol Karna, Noemi Lopez, Ann Martin, Catherine Goble, Nancy Wiech, Magie Scott, Stefanie Roach

- A.Noemi Lopez and Francie Moore shared examples of technology integration used with their students recently. Committee members were awed by the assignments completed by the students with the technology focus!
- B.Mrs. Roach reported that two COWS (laptop computers on wheels) have been delivered to the campus. Teachers can bring a COW into their rooms so that individual students will have access to a personal laptops stored in the COW during instruction. 4th grade will permanently house one of these new COWS. Primary students will have access to the other COW. 5th grade teachers utilize a previously purchased COW with their learners. Finally, HCE has another previously purchased COW for primary use as well.
- C.The committee voted to spend campus allocated technology monies on 6 Flip cameras to be used for instruction on a pilot basis. In addition, monies will be allocated for cable and accessories to be added to the Kindergarten rooms so that students will hear sound from their Activboards and the use of classroom televisions will no longer be necessary. The Activboard will be the primary tool for viewing morning announcements and educational videos and software programs.
- D.DVDs and tuners to collaborate with Activboard technologies, along with an Elmo and scanners will be purchased with HCE reimbursement monies from SBISD. Approximately \$14,000 remains to be spent by HCE on Bond project accessories.
- E.Bruce Shelby gave the group an update on the library conversion project, funded by Bond monies. The hope is that the work and technology items coming to HCE will happen in late fall. He also shared that replacement light bulbs, needed for the Activboards, will be purchased by SBISD, and no longer the fiscal responsibility of individual campuses. The cost of a single light bulb is several hundreds of dollars.
- F.Ann Martin updated the group on the Activboard trainings and classes that she is providing to HCE staff members. Meetings are well attended by the faculty. Ann Martin is our campus Activboard coordinator and trainer.



HCE AUCTION 2009

is UPON us....

It's gonna be ROCKIN' good this year

Rock the Night Away

The Forest Club - Friday, November 13th - 7 p.m.

**Fantastic Trips, Events Tickets, Spa Packages, Kid Art, Quilts
Rock & Roll items, Home & Garden, Class Projects, most darling puppy EVER, and more...**

and let's not forget...

PARTY SIGN-UPS

**You MUST buy a ticket and come to the auction to sign-up for
these RED HOT events!**

theme dressing encouraged...you know you can pull off a rocker look

**Turn in your RSVP card today.
Use credit card express check in for faster service.
\$60 per person, \$75 at the door.**



PLEASE SUPPORT HUNTERS CREEK THROUGH AUCTION UNDERWRITING!!!

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Contact Name _____

Address _____

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Michael Jackson Level	\$250	_____
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Grandparents: Frank Sinatra Level		_____

Please submit this form and your payment in one of the following ways:

- (1) Send it to school via your child's backpack in an envelope marked "Auction Underwriting"
- (2) Place it in the "Auction" box in the school office
- (3) Mail it to Jenny Greer, 902 Tarrington Court, Houston, Texas 77024
- (4) If paying by credit card, email the information on this form to jgreer@gibbs-bruns.com.

If paying by check, please make check payable to Hunters' Creek Elementary PTA.

If paying by credit card, please include the following information:

Card type (circle one): MC, VISA, DISCOVER, AMEX

Card number: _____ Expiration date: _____

Name as it appears on card: _____ Amount to be charged: _____

Card holder's email address: _____

This contribution is fully deductible to the extent allowed by law.
 Hunters Creek Elementary School PTA is a non-profit
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THANK YOU TO OUR AUCTION UNDERWRITERS!

The Elvis Presley Level

**Bank of Houston
Röhe & Wright Builders**

Stan & Reinette Marek

Todd, Dawn, Taylor, Todd II, Tanner Dixon

The Beatles Level

**The Knox Family
Julie, Terrell & Colin White
Lene & George Kiersted
Darby & Andy Suman
Lauren & Jeff Friedman
Dede & Connie Weil, grandparents of Emma & Buddy Friedman**

**Martha Turner Properties
Drs. Rhonda & Paul Metz
Andrea Le
Erin & Michael Maggi
The Manning Family**

**The Upper Hand Salons
The Greer Family
The Schmidt Family
Memorial Gastroenterology Associates
- Dr. Paul Azad
Juneau Exploration**

The Rolling Stones Level

**Bank of Texas
The Kellner Family
Stephanie & Jay Carr
The Daughtry Family
Amy & John Miller
Kathryn & Neil Stone
The Groppe Family**

**The Mouer Family
Laura & Bruce Shelby
The Reppert Family
Karoline & Tim Carlson
Althea & Henry Lee
Benjamin Gale & Family**

**Liz & Matt Rotan
Michelle & Robert Elliot
The Sturges Family
The Ansari Family
Miles Kurtz
Maggie & Jim Row**

Michael Jackson Level

**The Freedman Family
Camille and Mollie Macicek
The Desai Family
Debbie & Frank Robinson
Gail & Eric Gould
The DeMoes Family
The Mertensotto Family
Cindy & Sean Cooper
Heidi & Tom Hedrick
Claire & Dan Boyles
The Rauch Family
The Soh Family
The Frede Family**

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Hai Ho Nguyen & Kim Dao
Roger A. Soape, Inc.
Joanna & Patrick Johnston
Jen & Brian Moss
The Jorgensen Family
The Genung Family
Nick Simms & Liz Freeman
The French Family
The Wilkinson Family
The Joyce Family
Yvette & Erik Simpson
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Marci & Carlos Hamilton
Dr. Mike Mizell, orthodontist
Mike, Melissa & Emily Anderson
Andrew Esses
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Amanda Vavilala & Richard Morales
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Adie & Christian Schlenker
Sally & Vincent Giammalva
The Bremner Family
The Giannukos Family**

AC/DC Level

**Claudia & James D. Key
Jill & Chris Oliver
Aurelio Benavides
The Gartner Family
Elizabeth & Steve Darnall
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Angela & Tan Le
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The Augenthaler Family**

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Meg & Dave Bissinger
Tricia & Gale Oliver
Jeré & Terrell Meaux
The Jimenez Family
The Kelley Family
The Lunsford Family
The Alshaya Family
The Espey Family
The Xu Family**

Madonna Level

**Patricia & Chris Armitage
The John Osborn Family
Laura & Richard Davis
Tara L. Imani**

**Jenny & Niko Lorentzatos
Audrey Hoang
Akm Shamsul Aziz
Kent Whipple**

**The Wright Family
Nora Suman
Courtney & Savannah Nichols
Kim & Brad Conrad**

Frank Sinatra Level

**Roswell & Sandy Vaughan, grandparents of Mary Helen and David Schmidt
Joanie & Don Haley, grandparents of Becca and Katelynn Copeland
Lakshmi & Krishna Vavilala, grandparents of Ariana and Ashwin
Mrs. & Dr. Carlos R. Hamilton, Jr., grandparents of Grace & Frances Hamilton
Jennie & Philip Leman, grandparents of the Genung children
Antonio & Rosemary Martinez, grandparents of Yusef Eter**

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