

# COUGAR CALL OUT

★ HUNTERS CREEK ELEMENTARY ★

2011-2012

Stefanie Roach, Principal

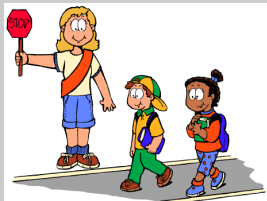
November 7, 2011

## From the Principal

**Student safety** is a priority at HCE. I ask that you please take a few minutes to read these reminders related to it.

- *Parent Drive* is designated for student Drop-Off and Pick-Up. Parents who drop off or pick-up their children on Beinhorn or Wade Hampton are compromising their child's safety.
- The *Bus Drive* is designated for SBISD buses and Day Care buses.
- Please remind your children to walk their bikes through all *Crosswalk* areas.
- Crossing Guards will direct all pedestrians using the *Crosswalk* areas.
- Parking around campus during school-wide events is acceptable on one-side of the streets along Wade Hampton and Flint River. Double parked cars do not all allow EMS vehicles to enter the north side of the neighborhood.
- Children who are considered "walkers" at the end of the day need to meet their parent at the *Flagpole*. Students leaving campus and walking unescorted to Storywood to wait for a parent are a concern.
- Staff members report to duty at 7:30 a.m. Therefore children dropped off at school prior to 7:30 a.m. are unsupervised.

I thank you for your cooperation with all of these safety-related expectations.



## Calendar

- 11/8 Election Day, 5th Bake Sale
- 11/11 Veteran's Day, 3rd & 4th Program @ 8:30am Café
- 11/14 Science Fair Projects Due
- 11/15 6 pm Science Fair
- 11/16 View Class Science Fair
- 11/18 Staff Appreciation Luncheon  
D.A.R.E. Graduation, 11am
- 11/22 Progress Reports go home
- 11/23-25 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 11/29 8:30 am PTA mtg @ DC
- 12/1 Classroom Spelling Bee
- 12/8 6 pm Choir Program
- 12/13 JA Biztown- 5th grade
- 12/15 8:30 Kinder Holiday Program
- 12/16 8:30-10:15 Sign-Along  
11:00 Holiday Parties

## LIFESKILL

### Flexibility

To be willing to change plans

# Dare graduation

Our fifth grade dare graduation is set for November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. Please be sure to put this very special day on your calendar!

**DARE**



## Beautification Day is November 12<sup>th</sup>

Please join us at Hunters Creek starting at 8:30 am and continuing until the job is done on Saturday, November 12, 2011 to help plant and mulch the grounds.

If you have a shovel or wheel barrel, please bring it.

We are getting closer to our goal of buying a plant for every student.

We plan to have every student's name on a label attached to a plant for one month. (If you would prefer that your child's name not be displayed on a plant, please let us know)

If you have any questions, please contact  
Laura Mafrige at 713-222-8696.





### 3rd and 4th Grade Veterans Day Salute!

**On November 11th, the third and fourth grades will perform a program of patriotic songs to celebrate Veterans Day.**

**Friday, November 11th  
Hunters Creek Cafeteria  
8:30 a.m.**

**Family members who are veterans are especially invited.**

### “Pounce!” on this!

Tonight when you get home, Ask your parents if you can get on a computer, laptop, or other

device with internet. Then, type in at the top:

<http://cougarpress.weebly.com/>

We (the fifth graders of The cougar press) very much encourage *all students* to feel free to explore our

100% safe “school news” website featuring games, polls, contests, and more!

Ask librarian Mrs. moore for more information! :)

-Ellie Antestenis

### To Submit a Newsletter Article

Write your article as a Microsoft Word document and e-mail it to all 5 newsletter editors at:

[rdemoes@comcast.net](mailto:rdemoes@comcast.net)

281-381-6545

[rwitte2@comcast.net](mailto:rwitte2@comcast.net)

713-647-8444

[gkarathanos@att.net](mailto:gkarathanos@att.net)

281-813-5937

[rhondadavisonmetz@yahoo.com](mailto:rhondadavisonmetz@yahoo.com)

713-410-5408

[sassydesignsinc@gmail.com](mailto:sassydesignsinc@gmail.com)

713-906-1289



From the Editor

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 **DEADLINE** 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!



## Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for helping to make this year's auction a great success. We would like to thank all the families and businesses who helped underwrite the auction. We would also like to thank everyone who donated items, bought items and attended the auction. We are so fortunate to have such an amazing group of talented and generous parents, teachers and staff.

The auction is a true group effort and we would like to thank the incredible team of volunteers who helped make it such a special night. We would especially like to thank the 2011 Auction Committee Chairs. We couldn't have done it without you!

**Rhonda Metz** for her incredible work on underwriting. **Lina Jorgensen** and **Jenny Lorentzos** for spending countless hours creating a fantastic catalog. **Stephanie Carr** for organizing all the incredible baskets. **Julie White, Sandy Means** and **Beth Davitte** for all of their time and talents working on Class Projects. A special thank you to **Renata DeMoes** for letting us use her house to assemble the canvases as well as all the volunteers who showed up to help. **Lisa Olsson** for being our "cup lady" again this year. She sold every last one of them! **Jen Moss** for all of her hard work on the wonderful coolers. A big thank you to **Stephanie Swartz** who helped Jen by burning signatures, repairing the coolers, and transporting the coolers and **Kathleen Martinez** for helping with signatures. **Denise Janowski, Tiffany Natkin** and **Brooke Solcher** who did an amazing job with set-up including the fabulous signage. **Julie White, Beth Davitte,** and **Julie Wilson** for also helping with set-up. **Jeanette Schlenker** for the amazing decorations. The Norris Conference Center looked spectacular with help from **Carmen Vergara, Rocio Calvillo, Jenee Bobbora** and **Victoria Donnelly**. **Margaret Rotan** and **Martha Crawford** for all the beautiful family photo ads in the catalog. **Valerie Mueller** for putting together the great golf packages. **Beth McGarry** for entering all the reservations. **Cherie Azad** for creating, ordering and delivering the fabulous auction T-shirts. **Jamie Alford** and **Heidi Hedrick** for gathering the teacher donations. **Matt Rotan** for being so organized and putting together an amazing wine cellar. **Jennifer Stein** for organizing the bandana artwork with help from **Charlotte Sherwood-Moore**. **Mrs. Roach, Ms. Henry, Meryl Gregory** and **Liz Swan** for checking in guests. **Richard Dukes** and **Andy Suman** for doing a great job on Big Board. **Kristi Oldham** and **Lene Kiersted** who will be working on thank you notes. **Gail Gould, Anne Rappold, Denise Janowski, Laura Genung, Carrie Sturges** and **Analyn Lee** for helping us get items! A big thanks to **Denise Janowski, T.J. Janowski, Julie White, Beth Davitte, David Davitte** and **Doug Wendler** for helping us clear out the Norris Conference Center. **Rebecca Frede** and **Epic Promotions** for donating the bid paddles. **Liz Swan** for processing all the invoices and check requests. **Mindy Voyles** for all of your help and support. Thanks to our incredible teachers and staff for donating all the great parties and sign-ups. Thanks to all the newsletter editors. Finally, thank you to our families for their support and sacrifice!

It was a great privilege to serve as this year's auction chairmen and we enjoyed the opportunity to work with all of you.

Your Auction Chairs,

*Dawn Dixon, Kelly Siblik & Laurie Wendler*



# Saddle Up For Spelling!

## The Spelling Bee is Coming!

It's time to buckle up for the upcoming classroom spelling bees December 1<sup>st</sup>. All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to participate. A "bee packet" containing printed lists of the words for the classroom spelling bees, plus some additional information and forms, will come home in the Tuesday folders this week. The packets will also be e-mailed, plus a few extra copies of the packets will be available in the school office and the library. The word lists themselves will also be posted on the HCE library website in flash card format—"bee" sure to check them out!

Students can decide just how much of a "word wrangler" they want to be in their classroom bee, simply by choosing the highest word level they wish to study:

Interested just in spelling a couple of words right? Learn the *first 3 columns* of the Level One words.

Want to do a little better than that?

Learn *all* of the Level One words.

Want to be one of the last spellers standing?

Do some work on the Level Two words as well.

Want to be *sure* of going to the school spelling bee in January? Learn the words from all three levels.

## Morning Practice Sessions

Mark your calendars--practice sessions start on Friday, November 18th! There will be 6 morning practice sessions to help the students prepare for the classroom bees. These will be held from 7:30-7:55 am as follows:

(NOTE: 3<sup>rd</sup> graders practice in the **Discovery Center**; 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> graders practice in the **Library**)

Friday, November 18

Level One words (grade-level words—first 50 words)

Monday, November 21

Level One words (higher grade-level words—50 more words)

Tuesday, November 22

Level Two (Greek)

Monday, November 28

Level Three words (Frequently Misspelled Words)

Tuesday, November 29

All word levels and/or a practice bee

Wednesday, November 30

All word levels and/or a practice bee

If your speller is planning on attending any of these practice sessions, please complete the form in the back of the bee packet and send it back to school *as soon as possible* so that we have some idea of how many spellers to expect at the practice sessions.

Also, we need volunteers to assist with word calling at these sessions. Please contact Alison Hickey at [tokyoalison@yahoo.com](mailto:tokyoalison@yahoo.com) if you are interested. No experience needed, just a nice clear reading voice and plenty of enthusiasm! Please let us know if you have any questions.

Your Spelling Bee Committee,  
Wendy Koy, Lina Jorgensen, Alison Hickey  
Roberta Smiley, coach

## Campus Improvement Team Agenda Minutes

Members present: Amanda Vavilala, Omi Ford, Denise Cartwright, Kristina Sadlo, David Davenport, Mercedes Mulvey, Belinda Henry, Todd Dixon, Stefanie Roach  
Guests: Lynne Luburger, Mindy Voyles

A. Mrs. Roach reviewed updates made to the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade recess plan. The committee also viewed the power point presentation that was shown to all students in these noted grades. This production included goals of the current recess plan, student expectations, teacher presence at recess, thoughts about democracy, and noted adjustments. Positive feedback has been shared with administration from various stakeholders about the process and adjustments done.

B. The committee spent time discussing student safety, as it relates to the Crosswalk areas around campus. Mrs. Roach recently spoke with all students, via Broadcast studio, about safety in these specific areas. Mrs. Roach will research the Crosswalk area on the corner of Beinhorn and Wade Hampton to make sure that current striping is safest. In addition, extra signage will be temporarily added to serve as a reminder to students to stop and wait for direction from the Crossing guard when entering and exiting the campus from the west side of campus.

C. Landscaping and enclosing Sam's garden in our current fencing was discussed. We will look into having SBISD come out and make adjustments to the fence near this memorial area, so it can become more of an extension of the learning environment, as it was intended to be years ago.

Mrs. Roach talked with the group about the campus focus of *Rigor, Relevance and Relationships*. She shared that the staff will be involved in future staff development concerning these areas of education. The committee went through an exercise about adding *rigor* to the activities that a teacher might assign to a class. This exercise was done with staff at a previous faculty meeting.

Next meeting: November 17, 2011

Spring Branch Education Foundation and the Altharetta Yeargin Art Museum will help you with your Christmas Shopping

Holiday Shopping just got easier. The Spring Branch Education Foundation(SBEF) the the Altharetta Yeargin Art Museum(AYAM) have teamed up to help you with just the right gift for folks on your holiday list. They are offering cards that will let the recipient know that a donation has been made in his or her honor. The proceeds benefit the SBEF and AYAM with donations being tax deductible. These are great ways to honor teachers, friends and co-workers. There are five designs that were selected from student artwork. Please go to the link to see how you can order and get your shopping done early.

<http://shop.springbrandeducationfoundation.com/>



***HOUSTON TEXANS CHEERLEADER CLINIC***

***LET'S LEARN TO YELL AND MOVE LIKE AN ACTUAL HOUSTON TEXANS CHEERLEADER!***

**Attention all HCE Students!**

We have one last auction item that anyone can participate in and won't want to miss!

**When:** Saturday, November 19, 2011

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** HCE Hardtop

**What:** Join a few of our city's own Houston Texans Cheerleaders for a CHEER CLINIC!

Learn sideline routines, take pictures with the uniformed cheerleaders, and put on a show at the end of the clinic for your family. What an opportunity! What a memory!

**Who:** All students -- boys and girls -- ALL AGES!

**Cost:** \$50 per student

Send money or check made out to HCE PTA in your child's green folder or drop it off at the office. Be sure to note your child's name, grade, and note Cheer Clinic.

***CHEER! YELL! CHEER CLINIC! DANCE! MOVE!***



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## **SBISD's 5th Annual Parent U is on November 10th!**

**It's all about college this year!**

**Do you have students or children of your own who are getting ready for college?**

**Do you know how to help them get there?**

**Do you know much about the college admissions process?**

Don't miss this great opportunity to learn from the experts everything you need to know about the college admissions process, scholarships and financial aid. It's never too early to be prepared for your own children, or for the SBISD students you teach.

We'll have sessions on a wide range of topics such as:

- Writing Winning College Essays
- Powerful College Resumes
- Demystifying the SAT
- College Admissions Panel
- Earning College Credit While Still in High School
- Paying for College
- LOTS MORE!!!

## **Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Attend!**

**Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Spring Woods High School**

**2045 Gessner, 77080**

**5:00 - 5:30 pm Registration**

**5:40 - 6:40 pm Session I Classes**

**6:50 - 7:50 pm Session II Classes**

**8:00 - 9:00 pm Session III Classes**

## **REGISTER NOW!**

**Register online at <http://www.springbranchisd.com/partners/parentu/parentu.htm>, or**

**Print the [Registration Form](#) and fax to 713.365.4678 or mail to SBISD Community Relations, 955 Campbell Road, Houston, TX 77024.**

Sessions in English and Spanish

Questions? 713.251.2287, or [partner@springbranchisd.com](mailto:partner@springbranchisd.com)

Hope to see you there!

# PTA REFLECTIONS:

# Express



## YOUR ARTISTIC TALENTS!

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

MUSICAL COMPOSITION

PHOTOGRAPHY

VISUAL ARTS

FILM PRODUCTION

LITERATURE

REFLECT ON THE THEME. CREATE AN ORIGINAL WORK. BE RECOGNIZED.

## 2011-2012 Theme:



LOCAL PTAS MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING WITH TEXAS PTA ON OCTOBER 15, 2011 TO HAVE THEIR ENTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR STATE-LEVEL JUDGING.

### *Hunters Creek Reflections Program*

*Entry Form, Guidelines, and Consent Forms are available in the HCE Front Office, or online at [www.txpta.org](http://www.txpta.org)*

*Submit your piece of work with completed entry form and consent forms (if necessary) to the HCE front office no later than **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>***

*Questions? Contact Laura Genung [lgenung@chiltoncapital.com](mailto:lgenung@chiltoncapital.com) or 281-413-7627*

*All entries **MUST ADHERE TO CONTEST GUIDELINES***



**2011–2012 PTA Reflections Program | STUDENT ENTRY FORM** Theme: Diversity Means

**Instructions:** Please type or print clearly in black or blue ink (do not use pencil). This form must be completed in its entirety. If additional space is needed, please continue onto the back or a separate sheet of paper and clearly mark with your full name.

Grade _____	<b>Grade Division</b> (check one)	<b>Arts Area</b> (check one)
Age _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary: preschool–grade 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Dance Choreography
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate: grades 3–5	<input type="checkbox"/> Film Production
	<input type="checkbox"/> Middle/Junior: grades 6–8	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature
	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior: grades 9–12	<input type="checkbox"/> Musical Composition
		<input type="checkbox"/> Photography
		<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts

\* If a person's recognizable image or voice is included in your submission (both child and adult), a consent form must be signed by that person and accompany this student entry form.

**Title of Work:**  
(Required)

**Required Artist Statement:**

Explain how your work \_\_\_\_\_  
relates to the theme. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Maximum 250 words)

See attached (Please print your name on any attached sheets.)

**REQUIRED INFORMATION**

**Dance Choreography:** Name(s) of performer(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Film Production:** Name(s) of person(s) appearing in your film: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you use film editing software? If so, which software? \_\_\_\_\_

**Dance Choreography and Film Production:** Credit the background music below (title, composer, and performer).

**Musical Composition:** Check one:  Traditional Instrumentation  Midi Instrumentation

Name(s) of person(s) who performed your composition: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you use music composition software? If so, which software? \_\_\_\_\_

**Photography:** Location/date of shot: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the type of camera and process used in preparing the piece. \_\_\_\_\_

**Visual Arts:** Describe the medium (crayons, oil on canvas, etc.). \_\_\_\_\_

**Photography and Visual Arts:** Dimensions of the work in inches, including mat. L \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_

F o l d   h e r e

Student's first name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle intl. \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ☎ (   ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail ✉ \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

I grant to National PTA an irrevocable, unlimited license to display, copy, sell, sublicense, publish, and create and sell derivative works from, my work submitted for the Reflections Program. National PTA is not responsible for lost or damaged works. Entries may not be returned. I understand that I must participate in the Reflections Program through a PTA/PTSA in good standing. I affirm that this is my own original work. I understand that the submission of my entry into the Reflections Program constitutes acceptance of the above conditions.

Full Signature of student \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of parent/legal guardian (necessary if child is under 18 years) \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL PTA** Check one:  PTA  PTSA

Local chair name \_\_\_\_\_ Official PTA/PTSA name \_\_\_\_\_

PTA address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Chair E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Chair Phone (   ) \_\_\_\_\_

Local PTA good standing status:  Membership dues paid date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Area # \_\_\_\_\_

To help the Berry family with the ongoing expenses of recovery and rehabilitation of  
*Aaron, Willa and Peter*

Please join us for a **fun**  
**walk**  for kids and  
families with a

live DJ  and **drinks**  
& **snacks** 



Sunday, November 13, 2011

South Campus Fields | Emery/Weiner | 9825 Stella Link

2:00pm Check-in. 3:00pm Start time.

*for Registration & Sponsor Forms*

[www.berrykidswalk.com](http://www.berrykidswalk.com)

This event is being organized by Rachael Tutz and Orly Golub  
with athletic event coordination by Coach Carter Ayers.