



Anderson Elementary '09-'10

All-Star Gazer

Teaming up for Success



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TAKS Tests – April 27th, 28th, and 29th

TAKS tests will be administered this week. Due to the testing visitors, volunteers, and lunch visitors will not be allowed on these three days:

Tuesday, April 27 – Math grades 3, 4, and 6

Wednesday, April 28 – Reading grades 3, 4, and 6

Thurs, April 29 – Science grade 5

Spring Fling

TAKS testing is over on April 29th, and we're going to celebrate our students' success!



Dust off your dancing shoes and join us for an evening of family fun on **Friday, April 30th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** We'll strut our stuff on the gym floor with a live DJ who'll be playing fun music for the whole family. Each grade level will have a moment in the spotlight to show off their dance skills. There will be plenty of time to express your individual dance style!

This event is an opportunity for the entire family to celebrate the students' successes of the year. **All students must be accompanied by an adult.** All proceeds benefit Anderson PE, Music, Art, Library and Computer Lab. Thank you for your support!

\$4 Advance ticket purchase options:

- 1) Purchase tickets online at the [AISD Webstore](#) from 4/13-4/28 (credit card/check)
- 2) Ticket booth in the school foyer, 7:30 -8:00 am, from 4/26-4/30 (cash/check)
- 3) Return order form to the music room from 4/13-4/29 (cash/check)

Tickets may also be purchased at the dance for \$5 each.

Anderson PTA Board



If you are interested in becoming more active in your child's school there are volunteer positions still open for next year's PTA Board.

Please see the attached document for more information regarding the open positions.

2010 School Supplies

The order form to purchase school supplies for next year is attached. Please complete a form and return it, with your payment, to school by **this Friday, April 30th**.



Did you know that your purchase helps support your school with all proceeds going to the Anderson PTA?

K-5 Field Day T-Shirts

K-5 Field Day is Friday, May 28th (mark the date if you plan on volunteering). We are ordering t-shirts again this year with the station numbers printed on the back.

The order form is attached to this newsletter. Please print out an order form (one per family) and send it back by **this Thursday, April 29th**. We will not be ordering extras – so please get your order in by the 29th. Any questions please e-mail Alicia Beidleman mama2boty@sbcglobal.net. THANKS!

Talent Show

Entry forms are due this Friday, April 30th

Star Light, Star Bright – the Anderson PTA Talent Show is heading our way! The 2010 Talent Show will be held at the All Star Café on **Friday, May 14th**; with a **mandatory** Dress Rehearsal on Tuesday, May 11th. Please see attached flyer for program details!

6th Graders ID Pictures

All 6th grade students will have their picture taken for their Curtis Middle School ID on **Wednesday, May 5th at 9:00 am.**

Teacher Appreciation Week – May 3rd thru 7th

Our teachers at Anderson are the BEST! We need to take every opportunity to tell them how much they are appreciated! The PTA will be saying “thank you” to our Awesome Teachers next week as follows:

Monday, May 3: Muffins & Drinks – PTA provided
Wednesday, May 5: Catered Lunch – PTA provided
Thursday, May 6: You are Extra Special – PTA provided
Friday, May 7: Ice cream Sundaes – PTA provided

Please join us honoring them and letting them know how important they are! **Students** may participate showing their appreciation to their teacher(s) next week as follows:

Monday & Tuesday, May 3-4: Thank you cards – students
Wednesday, May 5: Teacher’s favorite snack(s) – students
Thursday & Friday, May 6-7: school supplies - students



Purple Cow Spirit Night

Our first Purple Cow Spirit Night will be this **Thursday, April 29th from 3 – 9 pm.** 15% of your check is given back to Anderson Elementary – just inform your server you are there to support Anderson.

The new Purple Cow location is in the Village at Fairview – turn in on Fairview Station between Bailey’s and The Container Store, then turn right at Dillard’s onto Town Place, then turn left onto Fountain Place and Purple Cow will be on your right. Come check out the new location and support Anderson Elementary at the same time!!

Counselor’s Comments

Calling all 4-6 Parents!!

Do you want your child to be more responsible?

Wouldn’t it be great if they cleaned their room without your having to beg?!

If so, please join me on **Thursday, May 6th** from 7-8 pm in the Cafeteria for **Positive Steps to Responsibility.** All you need is yourself and your child! I will provide the rest. Hope to see you there!

Kindergarten Summer Meet & Greets

The PTA will be hosting one or two Kindergarten Meet & Greets over the summer so new Kindergarten children and families can begin to get acquainted with each other. If you have an upcoming Kindergartner please e-mail Nancy Brown at nancy.brown72@yahoo.com to make sure you are on the Kindergarten contact list. (exact dates to be determined)

Anderson Box Tops for Education – April Collection Contest



This month two students will have the opportunity to win a Webkinz! Each student that brings 10 Box Tops will have their name submitted in a drawing for this prize. Multiple Box Tops can be submitted – if you turn in 50 then your name will be submitted in the drawing 5 times. The drawing will be held the first week in May to announce the winner.

Be sure to ask family members, friends, coworkers, neighbors or anyone else you know to help collect Box Tops!

Box Tops can be submitted in a plastic baggie with student name, grade and teacher written on the front. Please be sure to turn in your Box Tops to your teacher by **this Friday, April 30th.**

Thanks for your support! Sandy Rednour – Box Tops Coordinator

Smencils are on sale \$1 each

This project benefits the 6th Grade sponsored George Anderson Scholarship Fund.

Student Nutrition Department is Now Hiring!!

Work while your kids are in school! Start now in a 4 hour training position working 10am – 2pm to become eligible for a permanent spot in August 2010. Apply online at www.allenisd.org and choose “Substitute Food Service Worker”.

Bottlecaps are BACK!!!

Bottlecaps are on sale again in the school office benefiting Relay for Life. \$3 bottlecaps and \$2 necklaces

Library News



Author Visit:

This year our guest author will be Phil Bildner. He will be presenting a program to our students on **Friday, May 14th** explaining how and why he writes his books. For several years he taught 5th and 6th grades in New York City devising creative and innovative ways to teach his classes. Later he transferred to Upper Manhattan and taught English and American History to 6th, 7th and 8th graders. His specialty included integrating music and the arts into his classroom curriculum. In 2006 he left teaching to become a full-time writer. His picture books include Shoeless Joe & Black Betsy (Bluebonnet Award nominee in 2003-2004), The Shot Heard 'Round the World, Twenty One Elephants, The Greatest Game Ever Played, Turkey Bowl, The Hallelujah Flight (his latest book) and the New York Times bestselling chapter book series, Sluggers!.

The Anderson Elementary Library, in partnership with Barnes and Noble, is offering his books for sale prior to his visit. Each book will be autographed and personalized. The presale order form will be sent home in the Thursday folder. Please complete the order form and send your money or check (**made out to Barnes & Noble**) to school with your child. Books should be paid for in advance. You do not need to go to Barnes and Noble to pick up the autographed books as they will be distributed at Anderson. Please note that some titles are only offered in hardback while others are available in paperback. For more information about Phil Bildner and his books, visit his website at www.philbildner.com.

Water Bottle Alert:

Please remind your child to refrain from placing their water bottles in their backpacks. Materials in their backpacks, especially library books, become damaged due to water leakage and/or condensation which forms on outside of the bottle. We do not want students to have to pay for the books.

Curtis Middle School PTA

6th Grade Parents – Curtis Middle School PTA is in need of volunteers to serve on the PTA Board for the 2010-11 school year. If you can help out or are interested in learning more about a specific position please contact Nicole Wulf at nicole.wulf@yahoo.com. The available positions are:

Assistant to the 2nd VP – Ways & Means

Secretary

Treasurer

Arts in Education / Reflections

Volunteers Assistant

Lowery Liaison

Teacher Appreciation

Teacher Appreciation Assistant

Citizenship



Relay for Life

The theme for Relay for Life this year is celebrating birthdays. We are selling paper birthday cakes for \$1.00 to remember those we have lost to cancer and to celebrate those who have survived the fight. You can buy yours before school in the gym or up by the office.

Not only will you get to honor a loved one, but your child will receive a lei to wear in their honor. We will be displaying the birthday cakes around our campsite, Luau for Life, the night of the relay. Help us support the American Cancer Society and buy a cake!

ACO Care & Share Donations

During the month of April, we are collecting **toothpaste and toothbrushes**.





Also, in April we will have a drawing for two Zhu Zhu pet hamsters. For each item a student brings for ACO, their name will be submitted in a drawing for these prizes. For example, if the student brings three items, their name will be entered in the drawing three times. The drawing will be held the first week in May.

Please bring the donations in a plastic baggie with the student's name, grade and teacher written on it. Please be sure to drop the donations in the bin by the side entrance near the Kindergarten classrooms by **this Friday, April 30th**. Thanks for helping your community!




Cheryl Danielson, rlcrd@sbcglobal.net

UPCOMING ALL-STAR EVENTS

Tue, April 27	Wed, April 28	Thur, April 29	Thur, April 29	Thur, April 29
3rd, 4th, & 6th Math TAKS Test 	3rd, 4th, & 6th Reading TAKS Test 	5th Grade Science TAKS Test 	Purple Cow Spirit Night	Spring Fling 7pm - 9pm 

LUNCH MENU

Wednesday, April 28	Thursday, April 29	Friday, April 30	Monday, May 3	Tuesday, May 4
Tyson Crisпитos Italian Quesadilla Turkey & Cheese Sub Steamed Rice Garden Salad Baked Beans Rosy Applesauce Orange Smiles Chocolate Chip Cookie	Pepperoni Pizza Wedge Cheese Pizza Wedge Taco Chef Salad Multi-Grain Garlic Toast Cucumber Slices Creamed Spinach Banana Apricot Crisp Red Jell-O 	Chicken Tenders Meatball Sandwich Yogurt Combo w/ Apple Cinnamon Muffin Fresh Baked Roll Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Pears & Cherries Apple Green Jell-O	Hamburger / Cheeseburger Chicken Tatrzzini Corn Dog Cheesy Garlic Breadstick Green Beans Cauliflower w/ cheese Sliced Pears Orange Smiles Red Jell-O	Steak Finger Baked Chicken Chef Salad w/ Egg Fresh Baked Roll French Fries Golden Corn & Carrots Sliced Peaches Apple Chocolate Pudding

Entire April Lunch Menu can be viewed by clicking on the link below:

http://www.allenisd.org/20061069152318433/lib/20061069152318433/April_Elem_Lunch_Peanut_Aware.pdf

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