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Franz Elementary...Where Learning Takes Flight

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Important Dates:

10/6	3 rd Grade Parent Academy Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night	6pm	FES
10/7	Volunteer Work Day	9am-12pm	FES
10/9	Report Cards Go Home Super Specials – Jump Rope for Heart PTA Fundraiser Kick-off Chuck E Cheese Night	4-9pm	Katy Mills
10/12	Student Holiday		
10/13	Carnival Ticket Presale Begins		
10/15	Volunteer Work Day	9am-12pm	FES
10/16	Discover “U”	7:30am-2:00pm	LMC/ESC
10/21	Bluebonnet Breakfast Flu Vaccine Clinic	7:30am 4-7pm	FES

Jump Rope for Heart

The Physical Education Department at Franz Elementary will be having their 6th annual American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart event in October this year. The contest will be held during **SUPER SPECIALS on Friday, October 9th**. The grade levels will be competing against each other for a “free choice” PE day. Ask your child what this means to them.

The kids will have a chance to play “**Let’s Make a Deal**” during **Super Specials**, if they bring their **permission slip** back. These were given to the students in September 22 take-home folders. The money raised goes to the American Heart Association. They use it to fund research and education about Heart Disease, the #1 killer in the U.S. today. We want to help the AHA in their work by hosting this Jump Rope for Heart event. Our students deserve this opportunity to feel good about themselves helping others. Every grade level has a goal of \$500. Just think, if every grade level reached their goal this would be \$3000. That’s a lot of lives saved. We encourage you and your children to make this a family project. Good luck!!! Get those permission slips in. Hope to see you at **Super Specials, Oct 9th**.

FES Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night

The first Tuesday of every month will officially be FES Spirit Night at Texas Roadhouse. Our first Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night will be **today, Tuesday, October 6**. We would like to invite everyone out beginning at 4 o’clock to Texas Roadhouse for great food and a great time. Be sure to tell your server you are from Franz Elementary and a portion of the proceeds will be donated back to FES. Thank you and see you at Texas Roadhouse!

Breakfast in the cafeteria

All car riders wishing to eat breakfast in the cafeteria need to be in the cafeteria before 8:15am. The cafeteria will stop serving breakfast at 8:15am each day in order for students to get to class before the 8:20am tardy bell. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Cafeteria Accounts

How can I limit what my child can purchase from his/her account?

The district can no longer accommodate a parent's request to restrict an account or add preferences to the cafeteria software. The software's "Manager Alert" feature can only be used for students with medical issues. However, the parent does have the ability to monitor student purchases (at no charge) through www.Mealpayplus.com. This procedure was instituted at the beginning of the 2008 – 2009 school year and continues into the 2009 – 2010 school year.

FALL BOX TOP CONTEST

Get Ready.....Set.....GO! Our first Box Top collection contest is now underway, so start clipping those Box Top coupons from all your favorite products. You can also log on to www.btfe.com for money saving coupons and to earn extra Box Tops. Remember, each Box Top coupon is worth 10 cents, and our goal is to exceed last year's earnings of \$779. The class that collects the most Box Tops will receive a **SPECIAL SURPRISE!** Contest ends October 16, 2009.

Bluebonnet Breakfast

Our next Bluebonnet Breakfast will be **Wednesday, October 21st**! Please bring your own breakfast to enjoy while you listen to Mrs. Trykoski read a story from this year's Texas Bluebonnet list. The breakfast will begin at 7:30am. Parents and siblings are welcome, too! If you would like more information about the Texas Bluebonnet books, please take a look at the website: <http://www.txla.org/groups/tba/>
We hope to see you there!

FRANZ DISCOUNT CARDS

We still have a **LOT** of discount cards to sell, and we need your help to do it! We listened to parent feedback and decided to sell these cards **LOADED** with 16 great **REUSABLE** discounts for Katy businesses. Now we need our kids and parents to participate in this fundraiser, or we won't be able to raise the funds we need for books and other programs. Each card sells for \$10 and can be used **OVER** and **OVER** until August 31, 2010. These cards will be on sale until they're gone!

2009-2010 FIREBIRD YEARBOOKS ON SALE!

Yearbook pre-sale orders are due **NOW!** Dedications, icons, and name personalizations are only available during the pre-sale. Spring delivery price will increase to \$25. Get those orders in tomorrow!

PTA BOARD VACANCIES

We currently have several open board positions, and it's critical that we fill them as soon as possible. **Open Positions: Parliamentarian, Bilingual Liaison, Newsletter, Yearbook, Carnival, Beautification, Hospitality, and Homeroom Coordinator.** Please contact Anjannette Conner at riterchick@earthlink.net for answers to all your questions.

Volunteer Workday

TOMORROW is the first workday of the month. Come join us for a little work and a little conversation. Bring your younger children with you. We will begin at 9:00 and be done by 12:00. Hope to see you there!



It's Pumpkin Time!!



The Franz Elementary Library is hosting its annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest for FES families, from October 26th-30th! Why the Library? Because it is a *Book Character* Decorating Contest! That's right! We want to see what you can do with a little paint, a little fabric, and other craft supplies to transform an ordinary orange pumpkin into your favorite character from a book! Maybe a little red paint to make Clifford? Maybe some yellow yarn to make Goldilocks? We're looking for pumpkins that are created, not carved! Remember, only one pumpkin entry per FES family! The pumpkin characters will be on display in the library from Monday, October 26th to Friday, October 30th. Please have your pumpkin in the library by October 28th so it can be judged on October 29th. The pumpkins will be judged by our Katy Business Promise members and the top three winners will receive a free book! All participants will receive a dog tag. We can't wait to see the characters you create!

Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart is on **FRIDAY**. We need **VOLUNTEERS** to help out with this awesome event. Please call Laura Freeman at 281-829-5826 or e-mail franzvips@gmail.com to volunteer.

Fall Carnival Coming Soon!

November 6th is right around the corner. Please help us out with our annual Franz Fest by volunteering to work a shift at the Carnival. If you are interested, please e-mail Laura Freeman at franzvips@gmail.com or call 281-829-5826. We hope to hear from you soon!

SCHOOL STORE COMING SOON!

Franz is adding something new and exciting this year, and the kids are sure to love it. For the first time ever, the kids will have an opportunity to visit our brand new school store every month. A flyer will be coming home soon with dates, an item listing, and pricing information. Rest assured that items will be fun and kid-friendly and **very inexpensive**. It will be a great opportunity for our students to learn about money and budgeting in a safe environment. Be on the lookout for the flyer!

Homeroom Parents Needed

Homeroom Parents are still needed for a few classrooms. If you're interested in assisting with your child's classroom parties and other fun tasks, please contact Katrina Williams at oftheniss@hotmail.com
Or 281-237-8630.

School Supplies

We still have a small quantity of the primary tablets, both horizontal and vertical, for first and second graders. Please contact Neisy Alejandro at jnxortega@sbcglobal.net if you still need to buy these tablets for your child. The cost is \$1.50 per tablet.

Needed: Carnival Silent Auction Donations

Do you work for a business that could donate a prize for our carnival auction? Maybe you work at a restaurant that could donate a \$25 gift card, or maybe you work at a store that could donate items for a gift basket. Maybe you work for a corporation that could make a monetary donation that could be used for auction prizes or to cover other carnival expenses. At work this week, ask your employer if he/she can make a donation to your child's carnival auction. Contact Anjannette Conner at riterchick@earthlink.net with questions or to arrange for items to be picked up. Thank you for helping us make your child's carnival the best one ever!