



November 14, 2008

Reaching for the Stars!

What's Up at Calvary?

A Pie in the Face, or How About Whackamole?

Or, you can hear Sugar Land superstar, Julio, during a singing set, and enjoy our own talented students dance, sing and perform. CECP is planning these fun events, burgers and dogs, and lots more at the Annual Fall Festival. The fun begins at 1pm (till 4pm). Plan on joining us!



Notes from Development Dining with the Headmaster

"Thank you" to all of the families who joined us at one of our our "Dine with the Headmaster" evenings last week. We had a wonderful turnout of parents, board members and faculty/staff who learned more about the results of our 2008 Parent Survey and Survey Solutions, along with an introduction to our online grade reporting system, Edline.

Our survey results and survey solutions will be posted online for all of those to see. We were thrilled to have over 129 surveys submitted and appreciate the time our families took to give so much time to complete the surveys in the Spring. Upcoming editions of "What's Up" will take a closer look at each individual section of the survey; summarize the results along with looking at potential solutions.

Parents who attended our dinners received their access codes to preview grades on Edline. We will soon be formally launching Edline to our entire Calvary family, as pass codes have been put in the mail. (Look for yours in the mailbox this weekend!)

Annual Giving Campaign

As many of you know, we delayed the kick off of our Annual Giving Campaign in September due to Hurricane Ike. We recognize that our entire Crusader family has been affected to some degree by the hurricane and are glad we are now on the road to recovery.

Our entire Calvary staff, faculty, families, students and alumni have been pitching in to help with the recovery process locally and regionally. We are so proud of the determination, commitment and a willingness to help that our school has offered our fellow neighbors. Many of our sister schools are still in dire straights and are looking for assistance, which is why this year we are donating a percentage of our Annual Giving funds to **Trinity Episcopal School** in Galveston that was devastated by hurricane Ike.

As we move forward and refocus on the current academic school year, we remain committed to providing the best learning, social and Christian environment and community for your children. In doing so, over the coming weeks we will be contacting you to ask for your annual support of Calvary's

Annual Giving Campaign. This year's campaign will focus on enhancing campus security. We hope your post-storm situation will allow you to participate. Thanks again for your continued support!

CPTO Auction

It's hard to believe, but it's almost that time of year again – no, not summer...no, not spring break – it's almost time to start preparations for the Annual CPTO Auction. Leading our auction this year will be Chairperson, **Catherine Englebrecht**. **Ms. Englebrecht's** enthusiasm, creativity and energy will surely make this years auction a tremendous success. You can look forward to hearing from her soon about the variety of volunteer positions available.

Readers' Corner- From the Library

Author Visits Next Week

Tuesday, November 18th, children's author **Larry Purcell** will be speaking to our PK – 3rd grade students from 9:00am – 9:30am. He will be sharing his story of "Two Little Ladybugs" and all of their friends preparing for a change of the seasons. **Mr. Purcell** loves telling stories to his two granddaughters' and the kids at his church grade school, where he is a substitute teacher. If you would like a book, please pick a form from the library or the front office.

Spotlight Students Reading to the Stars

Students at Calvary earn the right to paint a tile to be placed permanently in the library ceiling when they achieve 500 AR points. Anna White (pictured here) shows her painting of the book, *East*, that is the most



recent addition to the library ceiling. Anna has already earned the right to paint another tile by earning over 500 points in the first quarter of this year. Other students who have earned tiles are:

Stephen Breuer (4th)
Taylor Burke (8th)
Sophia Carillo(HS)
Jeremy Diermert(4th)
Christopher Dzierznowski (2nd)
Donald Elrod (6th)
Kathryn Hodge (8th)
Shelby Racca (8th)
Katie Thomas (6th)

A special thanks goes to art teacher, **Ms. Dennison** who helps the students create their masterpieces.

ACCELERATED READER HOME CONNECT

AR Home Connect is now available at Calvary. This software program is an easy-to-use, web-based interface that allows you to share in the educational experience of your child by viewing your child's AR progress from outside of school.



You can view Home Connect from any computer with an Internet connection using these browsers with your child's AR login:

- Internet Explorer® 6.02 or later
- Firefox® 1.5 or later

USERID = First letter of the first name and first four letters of the last name (MSMIT)

PASSWORD = Student's library checkout number

To log in to Home Connect

- From the Calvary Library webpage, click on **AR Home Connect**
- Use your child's Userid and password as described above.
- A summary of your child's AR progress will display.

See **Ms. Digoy** in the library if you have any questions about the program.

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING

Mark your calendars for the Calvary Christmas Book Fair. The dates are December 5 – 12. The book fair will open before the PK-3 Music Program, and the traditional Bedtime Story Night will be held on December 9.



Keep an eye out for a link on the library web page for all information related to the book fair, including a new online wish list that can be created at home and sent to school with your child.

Thanksgiving-Sharing Your Gifts

What gifts has God blessed you with?

Thanksgiving is approaching.

Please consider sharing these gifts with others. Calvary Episcopal Church has announced

opportunities available to roast turkeys, bake pies, donate to the 'sides' fund—dressing, beans etc..., Make maps, deliver meals, package meals, or be on the cook team. For more information, please call **Christina Daw** (713) 818 2865. We'll be in the parish hall at 8 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning. See you there.



Lower School News

Operation Christmas Child

Fourth grade completed a mini-service project this week with **Ms. Liang**,



collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Students filled a

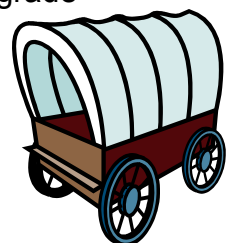
shoebox with small toys, candy, books, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other items. Students wrote letters and made cards to put in the boxes which will be sent to children in other countries who may not otherwise receive gifts this Christmas. After collecting the boxes, **Ms. Liang** led the teachers and students in a time of prayer for the children who would receive the boxes and for the volunteers who travel and distribute the boxes.

Literary Terms Personified...

Fifth grade students were buzzing around the building today, especially at lunch. Each student had taken on a new name for the day...a literary term assigned by **Mrs. Nelson**. The students had to know the definition of their term so well that when approached by others they could easily provide clues, hints, and examples. By the end of the day, students were to have matched all terms with the actual names of their classmates! What a great way for students to practice these terms for their upcoming test on Monday!

Preparing for a Pioneer Christmas

Ms. Dennison and the third grade teachers, **Ms. Bye** and **Ms. McClellan**, are working together to provide third grade students a meaningful and fun experience integrating Social Studies,



Language Arts and Art. In the back of **Mrs. Bye's** room you will soon see a Conestoga wagon as students simulate how pioneers celebrated Christmas years ago. Students will work with **Ms. Dennison** on special projects representing the many cultures of the pioneer families that came and settled in the United States while also reading, learning and writing about these times during Language Arts and Social Studies...integrated learning at its best!

This next Thursday, November 20th, third grade students will participate in their annual Thanksgiving feast. This scrumptious event will be held under the red canopy on the small playground by the front of the school!

Third Graders are also busily practicing for their upcoming Christmas play on Friday, December 5th ...something you don't want to miss!

Did You Know...



...seventh grader and Calvary Advanced Band member **Danielle Petrosewicz** qualified for the Lamar CISD All-District Band.

She competed with 22 other flautist on some extremely difficult music and will perform with the other qualifying students in concert on Nov. 15. Congrats to **Danielle!**

COMING UP AT CALVARY

(Our Official School Calendar can be found on our website at www.ces-richmond.org)

Saturday, Nov. 15-Fall Festival, 1pm-4pm

Tuesday, Nov. 18- Mr. Larry Purcell, Children's Author 9-9:45, PK-2; CECP BB vs Logos @ home, 5:30pm; MS BB @ SWCA, 4:15pm

Wednesday, Nov. 19-5th Gr. Field Trip-Brazos Bend State Park; LOGOS

Thursday, Nov. 20- MS BB at Damon, 4:30pm

Friday, Nov. 21-Early Dismissal (11:30am)

Week of Nov. 24-Thanksgiving Holidays

Tuesday, Dec. 2- Q2 Progress Report Posted; CECP BB vs Channelview @ home, 6:00pm; MS BB @ TCS, 4pm; 6pm, CPTO Board Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 3-PK field Trip-Main St. Theater 2nd and 5th Field Trip-Foster HS, Peter Pan

Thursday, Dec. 4-MS BB vs Imani at CES, 4pm; 7pm, Christmas Band Concert, Parish Hall

Friday, Dec. 5- CECP BB @ Briarwood JV, 4:00pm; 5pm, Book Fair Preview Night; 5pm, WFW Dinner Before the Show; 7pm, Christmas Choir Concert – K-3rd

Happy Thanksgiving!