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# Wilderness Weekly



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### Dates to Remember

January 19 - Martin  
Luther King Day/ School  
Holiday

January 28 - Progress  
Reports go home

February 2 - Groundhog  
day

February 10 - 100th day  
of school

February 11 - VIPS  
workday

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## District Sets Dates for Elementary 32 Attendance Boundary Public Forums

Katy ISD has scheduled two public forums to discuss attendance boundaries for Elementary 32. The first is designed to gather initial feedback on the recommendation and is scheduled for:

**Wednesday, January 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Katy ISD Board Room.**

A second public forum will be held, if needed, to share any changes that may be made after staff members consider qualifying input from the first

public forum. The second forum is scheduled for:

**Friday, January 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Katy ISD Board Room**

Community members are invited to participate and provide input at both public forums. In addition, individuals can provide input from home via the district's Web site.

After the public forums are held, and any necessary adjustments are made, the recommenda-

tion will then be presented to the Katy ISD Board of Trustees for final review and approval.



## Gifted and Talented Program Information

**If you recently enrolled (since January 5) in grades 1-4** and would be interested in having your student screened for gifted services for the 2009-2010 school year, please complete a parent checklist and submit it to Christie Gries/GT facilitator no later than **Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**. Recent enrollees who were participating in a gifted program at their previous campus should contact her as soon as possible to be screened if you are interested in participating in the gifted program here in Katy this school year. Documentation in the form of an acceptance letter, screening profile, or information from your withdrawal form will need to be submitted along with a parent checklist. Checklists can be obtained the front office or online at <http://www.katyisd.org/files/curriculum/GT/ElemParentCheckList.pdf>. **The deadline for students who were enrolled prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> was December 19<sup>th</sup>. Only forms from newly enrolled students may be accepted at this time.** If your child recently enrolled and is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, screening can be done at the beginning of the next school year. You will need to contact the GT facilitator at your junior high campus either at the end of this school year or at the beginning of school to request screening for junior high courses. If you have any questions, please contact Christie Gries at [christiegries@katyisd.org](mailto:christiegries@katyisd.org)

# WCE Student Council

Student Council would like to say Thank You to all of our wonderful Rangers and Families for helping us with a very successful canned food drive in November, and for your generosity with gifts in December. Both of these programs helped many families and children have a happy Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Student Council will meet on the following days:

January: 29th 3:45 - 4:30  
 February: 19th 3:45 - 4:30  
 March: 5th and 26th 3:45 - 4:30  
 April: 9th and 23rd 3:45 - 4:30  
 May: 7th last meeting/party 3:45 - 4:30 pm

**REMINDER:** Please make sure that you pick up your child promptly at 4:30pm.



## Music Notes



A big **THANK YOU** to the WoodCreek Family for supporting the choir's fundraiser! The fundraiser was VERY successful and the funds will send us on chartered busses for our March 28<sup>th</sup> SeaWorld Trip. Also, the funds will be used to purchase new music for the choir. Thanks to all for supporting the choir!

The Singing Rangers will be rehearsing on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:25 am this semester—this is a change from Tuesday/ Thursday rehearsals. So remember.... The Singing Rangers now meet on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:25 am. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students that are NEW to WCE may come and join the choir!

**CHOIR PARENTS/ GUARDIANS:** There will be a parent meeting about our March 28<sup>th</sup> SeaWorld trip on **Thursday, January 22**, in the music room. One adult per singer needs to attend this meeting. Questions about the trip will be answered at this time. See you there!



The WoodCreek 5th grade Singing Ranger Choir performed December 16th at the annual PTA meeting (pictured left). The singing Rangers performed various holiday songs that delighted family and friends. The 'girls' mug for the camera (pictured above).

## School Store

The WCE school store is proud to announce the arrival of new merchandise. There are new spirit necklaces and bracelets for boys and girls. The school store continues to carry t-shirts in a variety of styles to fit your Ranger apparel needs. The store is located right outside the cafeteria and is open for business during grade level recess times. The store is open for parent purchases from 10am until 2pm. The

school store is locally owned and operated by the WCE PTA. Proceeds go directly to fund special events for our Rangers. Please support the school store and buy something snazzy! Remember, Valentine's Day is less than one month away. A new necklace and bracelet set would let that special someone know how much you care.



### Upcoming School

#### Store Dates:

January 16

February 12

March 6

March 27

April 16

## book nook

### EXTRA, EXTRA! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WCE's first ever "Family Reading Night" with guest author/illustrator: Mr. Mike Artell will be on Monday, January 26 for families with last names beginning with A- L and Wednesday, January 28 for families with last names beginning with M - Z. Wear your PJs (parents too) and bring blankets and pillows! We will all meet in the gym at **7pm** each night (26 & 28) for a wonderful presentation from Mr. Artell. He will autograph purchased books after the presentation

while we all enjoy milk and cookies in the cafeteria. I am certain you will not want to miss this fun event! Plan to now to attend!!! See you there!  
Martha Lee – Librarian

### FALL RANGER BOOK CLUB MEMBERS

If you were a member of the Book Club and participated in the reading and discussion of "The Tale of Despereaux" please plan to bring your student to the AMC theatre at Katy Mills to watch the movie on Saturday, January 17, 2009. A flyer will be coming home with details...ask your student for this

information. We would love to have EVERYONE there!

### 2 X 2 READERS!

Calling all kindergarten, first and second grade Reading Rangers... We are starting our 2 x 2 reading activity this week! Look for a letter in today's take home folder explaining this activity! Let's READ, READ, READ... and have fun!



Ranger Round UP

January

12th -16th - 4th grade  
Camp Write Along

23rd - Kinder Ranger  
Science (hot & cold)

26th - Kinder Chinese  
New Year Parade

26th - Family Read-  
ing Night for A-L

28th - Family Read-  
ing Night for M-Z

February

3rd - 3rd grade  
Ranger Science  
(Plants & Animals)

4th - Character  
Counts - Friendship  
Wear red/jeans

4th - 1st grade Ranger  
Science (Rocks)

5th - Counselor's Day  
Wear bright colors/  
jeans

# Hospitality Help Needed

Didn't get enough in 2008?? Looking to help out more in 2009??? Then we've got just the place for YOU!!

Once again, we'll be kicking off our monthly Teacher Luncheon. For those of you who may not know what this is, please allow us to enlighten you! The Hospitality Committee, along with our wonderful parent volunteers, provide lunch for our hard working, dedicated, loving teachers. We hold this luncheon the third Thursday of every month. In the fall, we have been so happy to have provided our staff with a variety of food, including soups, sandwiches, and a beautiful assortment of amazing desserts! It wouldn't be possible though, without the help from our volunteers. For those who have helped us out this school year, we sincerely express our gratitude! Thank you for your time and effort! It is TRULY appreciated! We love to show our teachers just how much they mean to us, and this is such a fun and easy way to do it! Whether you would like to make a side dish, bring or bake a favorite dessert, or a bag of rolls - it's all appreciated! This month the luncheon will be held on January 22nd (due to holiday break). We will be hosting a "Brunch Menu". If you are interested in helping out the Hospitality Committee this month, or on a regular basis, let us know. We'd be happy to welcome you! Please contact: Tiffany Hoffman at [tiffhoff@starband.net](mailto:tiffhoff@starband.net), 281-392-2369 or Heidi Jensen [jensen257@gmail.com](mailto:jensen257@gmail.com), 281-391-5391.

## Polar Express - Texas Style!

