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# Wilderness Weekly



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### Dates to Remember

April 17 - 5th 6 weeks ends; **EARLY DISMISSAL**

April 20 - 6th six weeks begins

April 21 - PTA meeting and 1st grade performance 6:45p.m.

April 22 - Administrative Professionals Day

April 24 - Report cards go home

April 25 - KISD job fair 9am - 1pm Merrill Center

April 28,29,30 - **TAKS** testing/closed campus

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## 3rd Grade Steps back in Time



The WCE 3rd grade was taken back in time at the historic George Ranch in Richmond. The ranch history follows the Jones family line starting in 1824 when Texas was still part of Mexico. The ranch has gone through four generations of this Texas pioneering family and today is one of the oldest working ranches in Texas. There are several areas of the ranch, and the 3rd grade was

fortunate to be able to visit three of the homesteads. One group was taken to the Victorian mansion where they learned about ranch life at the turn of the 20th century. Another group of 3rd graders visited the Polly Ryon house which concentrated on the post civil war era. The third group of students learned all about being a ranch hand. Costumed presenters gave authenticity to the history lesson. If you would like to learn more about the George Ranch historical park, please visit [www.georgeranch.org](http://www.georgeranch.org).



Ms Miles' class poses for group photo



We learned how to set a proper table.



Times were hard on kids in the 1800's. Everyone had chores, and they were home schooled.



No computers in school??? The children had to **HAND WRITE** their answers on a small chalk board - with chalk!



The students were taught some military basic training.

CiCi's pizza night is Monday, April 20th. This will be the last chance to eat pizza and earn money for WCE this school year. Surprise celebrity servers will be on hand to cater to your pizza needs. Come on out and have some fun and let's eat lots of pizza!



**WELCOME TO CiCi's!**

## Counselor's Corner

### Important Information Regarding Next Year-Teacher Characteristic Forms Due TOMORROW

Forms are available in the Front Office regarding parent recommendations for teacher characteristics for next year's K-5 classes. These are available for you to complete if there are certain teacher *characteristics* you feel would enhance your student's success; they are not intended for specific teacher requests. These forms are not required, but should you decide to submit one, it must be returned to the counselor, Lucy Thompson, by **TOMORROW, Thursday, April 16, 2009.**

**Lucy Thompson  
Counselor  
WoodCreek Elementary**



## TAKS News

Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Rangers will be working very hard on TAKS testing Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, through Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. You can help your TAKS grade Ranger by ensuring that he/she gets plenty of rest and has a healthy breakfast on testing day. You may also want to send your child

to school with a light sweater or jacket as the forest can get chilly on testing days since students are not moving around as much. In order to maintain a testing environment conducive to meeting our Rangers' testing needs, we kindly ask that parents refrain from visiting the forest on Tuesday, Wednes-

day and Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. We will look forward to seeing our wonderful parent visitors and volunteers on Friday, May 1, and we thank you for supporting our TAKS testing Rangers!



### **First Grade Reading Around the Campfire**

**Thursday, April 16  
5:00-6:00pm**

Come and be served your child's top selection of reading material for the evening. Students will be reading to parents from a self-made menu of books they have chosen for the occasion.

# Stanley Elementary News Brief

All Stanley Elementary parents are invited to help launch our parent volunteer program.

**Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6:30 PM**

**Bonnie Holland Elementary Cafeteria**

At this initial meeting, we will:

Vote on the type of parent organization we'd like: PTA (Parent Teacher Association) or PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) after a brief presentation explaining both.

Form a by-laws committee to begin the process of writing by-laws for the organization.

Form a nominating committee charged with recruiting a slate of executive officers.

Both the nominated officers and by-laws will be presented at a later date to our general membership for a vote.

Once these steps are complete, we can begin recruiting and placing volunteers to help open Stanley Elementary!

Bonnie Holland  
Elementary  
is located at  
23720  
Seven Meadows  
Parkway

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

## "I NEED A VACATION FIELD DAY, 2009"

Field day is fast approaching and we know calendar days are filling up. We hope you can help us out at field day this year. We will be sending a note out soon looking for Field Day Volunteers; here are the dates and times.

### Thursday -- May 7, 2009

Grade 2:	9:00-10:15 am
Kindergarten:	12:00-1:15 pm
Grade 1:	1:30-2:45 pm

### Friday -- May 8, 2009

Grade 3:	8:30-10:00 am
Grade 5:	10:15-11:45 am
Grade 4:	1:15-2:45 pm



## Teacher Luncheon

Just a reminder volunteers: The Teacher Luncheon is THIS Thursday, April 16th. We are hosting a "Baked Potato Bar". We would like to provide the teachers with tons of toppings and yummy desserts to go with them! If you have a favorite topping you'd like to bring, or a great dessert, we'd love your help! This will be the last luncheon of the year that volunteers will participate in, so let's make it a great one! Please contact: Tiffany Hoffman at 281-392-2369; [tiffhoff@starband.net](mailto:tiffhoff@starband.net) or Heidi Jensen at 281-391-5391; [jensen257@gmail.com](mailto:jensen257@gmail.com). Thank You!



**School Store  
Dates:**

Friday April 24th  
Tuesday May 12th  
Thursday May 28th

## Ranger Round UP

16th - 1st grade reading around the Campfire  
5:00pm - 6:00pm

17th - Hot dog/Apple Pie day  
Wear baseball jerseys/jeans

20th - Slip into 6th 6 weeks  
Wear slippers/jeans

20th - CiCi's pizza night

21st - PTA meeting with 1st grade performance  
6:45pm

24th - Secretaries day  
Wear white/jeans

28th - TAKS  
Grades 3&4 Math

29th - TAKS  
Grades 3&5 (2nd admin)  
Grade 4 Reading

30th - TAKS  
Grade 5 Science