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# Wilderness Weekly



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#### Dates to Remember

April 22 - Administrative Professionals Day

April 24 - Report cards go home

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

April 28 - KISD Spring Art Show Open House at LMC

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

May 3-8 WCE Book Fair

May 3-8 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

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## Camdyn's Locks of Love

WCE 1st grader, Camdyn Colopy, has already accomplished one goal this year. She donated eleven inches of her beautiful hair to Locks of Love. Camdyn first heard of the non profit organization last year from her Aunt Paige. She and her mom then researched Locks of Love online, and Camdyn immediately knew that this was something she had to do. Camdyn knew that somewhere there was a child who was suffering due to hair loss from a long term illness. It took Camdyn a full year to grow her hair the required minimum of 10 inches, and on April 5th, she had it cut off! Camdyn's hair was then packaged and shipped to Locks of Love in Florida where it will be combined with other donations to make a custom fit hair piece for a deserving child. Even though it took a year to reach her goal, Camdyn is looking forward to donating her hair again. If you would like more information on Locks of Love, please visit their website at [www.locksoflove.org](http://www.locksoflove.org).



Camdyn poses for her 'before' and 'after' shots. All donated hair must be in a pony tail or braided before it is cut.

Camdyn loves her new 'do!



## "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



# 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!



## 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!



## Hospitality Thanks YOU!

Last Thursday, we held our last Teacher Luncheon for the year! We served up a mean Baked Potato Bar, along with some yummy desserts brought by our volunteers. We also had a cupcake dessert catered by Two Cherries Catering.

WCE Kindergarten mom, Stacy Kwon, also made a fabulous WoodCreek themed cake to honor Mr. Mosher's birthday. We have a great group of caring volunteers!

We would like to say thank you to our volunteers this month: Pam Whittaker, Brenda Carnell, Renee Perko, and Jennifer Holladay. Thank you ladies - we appreciate you! We would also like to say THANK YOU to all of the volunteers this year that made our Teacher Luncheons a hit! We know it takes time and effort in an already busy week. Thank you for showing your support towards Hospitality. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!!

If you are interested in the Hospitality Committee for the 2009-2010 school year, please contact Diane Pharr at: [drpharr@entouch.net](mailto:drpharr@entouch.net).



# Attention Ranger Parents

The PATHS program for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be **Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**. Our subject is Rangers Around the World. A committee of parents and volunteers has been formed to plan the activities that will enrich your child’s educational experience; however **we need your help** to make them a reality.

Katy has such a great community filled with people who have artifacts, money, clothing, crafts, music/dance, and recipes that they have gathered from around the world. We would like to borrow these items so that the students can learn and appreciate the wonderful differences that make up our world.

From the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents, we will need parents to “man” the stations on the day of the event. In addition, we will need help setting up that morning and cleaning up after. We also need help in the weeks prior to help design and create the settings for each station. This may include painting backdrops of different regions or landmarks around the world.

Thank you in advance for participating in this exciting new program! Please complete the form below and return it to your child’s homeroom teacher. Please contact us if you have questions.

Sincerely,  
 Susie McKaskle (susiemckaskle@gmail.com)  
 Melanie Lattin (melanie\_lattin@yahoo.com)

*WCE Rangers  
 Around the  
 World*

## Parents And Teachers Helping Students

- \_\_\_\_\_ YES! I have items that I would be willing to loan for this event on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- \_\_\_\_\_ YES! I can help of Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-3:00 p.m.
- \_\_\_\_\_ YES! I can help set up on the morning of Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- \_\_\_\_\_ YES! I want to help design and create the backdrop/props for PATHS. I am available the following days/times:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Parents And Teachers Helping Students*



**School Store  
Dates:**

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

## Ranger Round UP

### April

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

### May

1st - Kinder Ranger Science  
(plants)

3rd-8th - Teacher Appreciation Week

5th - Character Counts - Kindness  
Wear pink/jeans

5th - 2nd grade zoo  
6:00pm-6:45pm WCE