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# Christie Elementary School

April 2009

- **Apr 16:** PTA Meeting/Recorder Concert
- **Apr 19:** Going Green Night with FC Dallas
- **Apr 20—24:** Volunteer Week
- **Apr 24:** Volunteer Breakfast 7:15 –8:00am
- **Apr 25:** Campus clean-Up
- **Apr 28:** 3rd & 4th Math TAKS
- **Apr 29:** 4th Reading TAKS, 3rd & 5th Reading retest
- **Apr 30:** 5th Science TAKS
- **Apr 30:** Progress reports go home
- **May 4:** No School—Staff Development
- **May 6:** Field Day for 1st & 2nd grades
- **May 7:** Field Day for Pre-K & Kinder
- **May 8:** Field Day for 3rd—5th grades
- **May 14-15:** Field Day Make-Up Days

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## Attention Christie Parents

Michelle Nivens

**Your kids, your school,  
and  
your PTA need your HELP!!!!**

A majority of the current PTA board are moving on soon. We are in desperate need of new volunteers. If you ever wanted to get involved but thought we had plenty of help, we don't! If you ever wanted to get involved but thought it wouldn't make a difference, it does! If you ever wanted to get involved but it was never the right time, NOW is the right time!



Our board for 2009-2010 has many open positions. Our most desperate need is to fill the VP of fundraising. This position is crucial in order to raise the funds for the many activities and programs PTA provides each year.

Please consider becoming involved! A lot or a little, from home or at school, we need you. If you have questions or would like to volunteer please contact Michelle Nivens at [mnivens@att.net](mailto:mnivens@att.net)

## What's Happening



FISD School Spirit Night with the RoughRiders

Thursday, June 4th, 7 pm  
Honoring the Green Team

Going Green Night With FC Dallas Sunday, April 19th, 6 pm



Students will receive a free ticket

Celebrate Earth Day with a campus clean-up Join us Saturday, April 25th, 9:45 am as we clean-up around Christie Elementary and then enjoy food, games, and prizes at IKEA.



**\*More information to come in Thursday folders about these events\***

## Got Programs?

Christie PTA has brought some high quality programs to our campus this year. We tried something new – instead of only scheduling programs for the entire student body at once, we chose individual programs for each grade level. With input from the teachers, we were able to find programs that matched up with curriculum and allowed students to interact with the subject matter in an up-close, personal way. Based on comments from teachers and students, programs have been a big hit this year! Not only have the kids had fun, but their learning has also been enriched. These are the programs we scheduled this year:

Kindergarten – Let's Make Sense of our Senses

1<sup>st</sup> grade – Aesop's Fables

2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Zooniversity – Classroom Critters

*Monique Asleson*

3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Cosmic Capers

4<sup>th</sup> grade – Dig it!

5<sup>th</sup> grade – Brain Gym

Red Ribbon Week – The Morris Brothers

Christie Family Nights – Cody Fisher the Magician and KidzScience

This is definitely the way we want to schedule programs next year, too. However, like all good things, there is a price tag attached. PTA spent over \$5000 this year bringing these programs. To help raise the money for these programs, Christie will be having our first Fun Run. Christie kids will be asking for support from families and friends as they run or walk laps during PE on April 20, 21, and 22. Watch for more information soon.



## Christie Fun Run April 20, 21, 22



## Shade 4 U

*Monique Asleson*

Hurray! Finally! It's here!

It took a while, but our playground shade cover is in place. When we kicked off our fundraising efforts last year, little did we know how long it would take to get to this point. But we made it through the surveys, the plot drawings, the permits, paperwork, and red tape, and now we have a shade cover to protect our children and teachers from the hot Texas sun for years to come. You all deserve a big THANKS for your participation and hard work to raise over \$15,000 to cover the costs of the structure.



# Counselor's Corner

Laura Smith

We are full swing into TAKS testing season. The scores were sent home for the first round of TAKS on March 27, 2009. What a busy time of year with the teachers working so hard to prepare our students for TAKS. The Elementary Assessment days are included in this newsletter to help our parents get ready for these testing dates. Scheduling all medical, dental and other appointments around these dates will be made easier if you know this information in advance. We are truly grateful for your support.

Kinder-2nd grade  
Tutoring Schedule  
3:15—3:45 pm

- Monday, Apr 13
- Monday, Apr 20

3rd—5th grade  
Tutoring Schedule  
3:30—4:45 pm

- Tuesday, Apr 14
- Tuesday, Apr 21

3rd—5th grade  
Saturday School  
8:00—11:00 am

- Saturday, Apr 18

## APRIL

<b>Mon</b> 6th	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thur</b>	<b>Fri</b>
5th LAT Math	7th	8th	9th	10th
TAKS	5th Math TAKS			
		5th Math Make-up Test (TAKS / A / M /LAT)		

<b>Mon</b> 27th	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thur</b>	<b>Fri</b>
3rd LAT Math	28th	29th	30th	May 1st
TAKS	3rd LAT Reading (TAKS )		5th Science	5th LAT SCIENCE
4th LAT Math	4th LAT Reading (TAKS / A / )		TAKS	TAKS
TAKS	5th LAT Reading (TAKS )			
	3rd Math TAKS	3rd Reading Retest (2) TAKS		
	4th Math TAKS	4th Reading TAKS		
		5th Reading Retest (2) TAKS		
	3rd Math Make-up Test (TAKS LAT)			
	4th Math Make-up Test (TAKS / LAT)			
	3rd Reading Make-up Test (TAKS / LAT)			
	4th Reading Make-up Test (TAKS / LAT)			
	5th Reading Make-up Test (TAKS / LAT)			

## MAY

<b>Mon</b> 18th	<b>Tues</b> 19th	<b>Wed</b> 20th	<b>Thur</b> 21st	<b>Fri</b> 22nd
	5th Math	5th Math Make-up Test (TAKS)		
	Retest (2) TAKS			

## JUNE

<b>Mon</b> 29th	<b>JULY</b>			
	<b>Tues</b> 30th	<b>Wed</b> 1st	<b>Thur</b> 2nd	<b>Fri</b> 3rd
	5th Math	3rd Reading		
	Retest(3) TAKS	Retest(3) (TAKS )		
		5th Reading		

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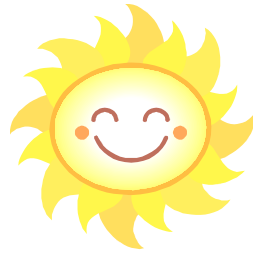
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## Nurse's Note

MaryJo Christensen, RN



### Sun Basics:

Slip! On a Shirt. Protect your skin with clothing.

Slop! On Sunscreen. Use a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher.

Slap! On a Hat Wear a hat with a wide brim. Your ears, neck, and face get a lot of sun.

Cover up! A snake can shed its skin. You can't. Protect your skin every day. Shirts, hats, and sunglasses keep you cool, and protect your skin and eyes from the sun.

### Sun Basics Reminders:

✦ Protect your eyes. Wear sunglasses.

✦ If you wear a baseball cap be sure to put sunscreen on your ears, neck, and face.

✦ When you swim, sweat, or dry your skin with a towel, your sunscreen may come off. Be sure to put on more sunscreen.

✦ UV rays travel through clouds. Be sure to protect your skin even on cloudy or overcast days.

✦ Always Slip! Slop! Slap!®

Thank you

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