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From The Head HIPPIE

Hi Corbell Parents,

Despite the weather, the Wild Walk went great. Thanks to everyone that helped put it together. I'm told that we surpassed our fundraiser goal yet again, so I better start training for my big sumo wrestling event!

The fall book fair begins November 6th so be sure and stop by. November 10th will be family book fair night and it will be open late.

We're excited about starting a new program after winter break for Dads. It's called Watch Dogs...and involves one Dad being on campus for a full day. Check out the program website at www.fathers.com.

Thanks for your continued support and help. Corbell Rocks!

David Wehmeyer, Principal



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Our very own Mr. Wehmeyer has had his first book published and it's officially on sale!!! [Just Waiting for the Bell! Stories & Adventures of an Elementary School Principal](http://www.justwaitingforthebell.com) by David Wehmeyer. Check it out: www.justwaitingforthebell.com.

What a great holiday gift idea for the kids! If it's anything like last year's Corbell Principal's blog, we are sure to get a laugh and some good insight into a day in the life of a Principal. Be sure to pass on the great news to other Corbell friends and parents!!

Congratulations Mr. Wehmeyer - what a great achievement! Thanks for all you do for Corbell and for sharing your stories for all to read.

What's Happening, Man?

November dates to remember...



- Nov 2 Keith Davis performance
- Nov 3 Willie's Burger Spirit Day
- Nov 6 Picture Retake Day
FISD Chili Challenge
- Nov 6-12 Destination Book Fair!
- Nov 9 Kinder High Touch High Tech
- Nov 10 6:00 p.m. Book Fair Family Night
- Nov 11 Chick-fil-A Spirit Day
- Nov 13 Wild Walk awards assemblies
Giving Thanks to our Teachers lunch
Special Olympics Bowling
- Nov 17 5:00 p.m. PTA board meeting
6:30 p.m. PTA general meeting fol-
lowed by 3rd grade performance
- Nov 19 9:30 a.m. Room Parent meeting
- Nov 19-20 Spirit Store open during lunch
- Nov 20 Pizza Hut Spirit Day

2011 - 2012 PTA Reflections Program Theme Search

National PTA is looking for a theme for the 2011-2012 Reflections Program. The student who submits the winning entry will receive \$100, and his or her theme will be presented at the 2010 PTA National Convention. Please print the [Student Theme Search Submission Form](#) to submit theme ideas. Only signed original forms will be considered.

State deadline for theme submissions:
November 4, 2009

Please submit entries by mail to the Texas PTA State office at:

Texas PTA
Attn: Reflections Theme Search
408 W. 11th St.
Austin, TX 78701.

For questions call 1-800-TALK PTA or email programs@txpta.org.

Nominate a GROOVY teacher!

Corbell Teachers ROCK! Let's show them just how great they are. The RoughRiders Foundation is once again sponsoring the Frisco Teacher Recognition Program to recognize outstanding Frisco school teachers for their dedication and hard work. Teachers are nominated for excellence in their classroom, school and community.



The Outstanding Teachers selected will be recognized on-field at a home game and will receive "VIP" treatment while at the game, including tickets, free parking and food. A \$500 check in the teacher's name will also be split between the Frisco Education Foundation and the teacher's school. And finally, the teacher will receive a gift certificate for a one-hour massage. The individual nominating the teacher will also receive tickets to attend the game.

What better way to honor the great teachers of Corbell! Applications to nominate your teacher can be found in the front office of the school or on the school website. You may also go to www.ridersbaseball.com for more information and forms as well. The deadline for the first applications is December 18th and the last is May 28th.



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| Mrs. Hardaway | 17th |
| Mrs. Gonzalez | 23rd |
| Mrs. Wilson | 25th |

CORBELL

- R**espect
- O**n Task
- C**ooperation
- K**indness
- S**hine

In case you are brand new to Corbell or have been living under a rock...."Corbell ROCKS!"

Helping to build responsible citizens both inside and outside the classroom.

Whoa! Check Out Corbell's New Friends

November is a fun month in Active Learning and Life Skills! November 13th is our Special Olympics bowling competition where all of our students that are 8 years old and up will compete with other special needs classes for 1st place! Please wish them luck!

As we break for Thanksgiving, we will all take time to celebrate what we are most thankful for - each other!

"Differences are not something to be tolerated; they are something to be celebrated!"

Meet Alexa McHenry...

Hello! My name is Alexa McHenry and I am 6 years old and in the 1st grade. I was born with one of my chromosomes missing which causes me to learn things a little differently than you, and I have a more difficult time talking to my friends. However, I still manage to tell them I love them by giving lots of smiles and love claps. If you have seen me you may

notice that I love to pat my legs or clap my hands. That's because I enjoy different types of sensory input being sent through my body. I have recently learned how to walk without a walker and now I can feed myself with almost no help from anyone! When I am not hard at work, I love to play with water in our classroom. I am becoming more social by the day and I can't wait to make more friends at Corbell!



That's Pretty Heavy Stuff, Man!

Kristen Ramsey, Corbell Counselor



Each year the schools in Frisco hold the Angel Tree Drive. The Angel Tree Drive is a gift donation program to help out underprivileged students in the Frisco area.

During the month of November students can bring in gifts for kids that their classroom has sponsored. Classrooms typically sponsor one "Angel." We try to give each grade level a student that is around their age. This way the kids can help pick out gifts for their Angel. Your child will bring home a photocopy of the Angel's needs and wish list; it will have the clothing sizes listed as well. On it will be an Angel ID Number. For each gift you purchase on the list, put a sticky note on the outside with the Angel ID Number. This way we know that the

gift gets to the right Angel. The gifts are to come UNWRAPPED to the school. If you would like to donate gift bags or wrapping paper you may do so. Gifts will be collected through the end of November and delivered to the Angels in time for the holidays.

We truly appreciate your support for this program. We have always had a wonderful turnout from our generous community. We thank you!

For more Counselor news, please visit my webpage at:

<http://teachersites.schoolworld.com/webpages/CounselorRamsey/>





These Tunes are Groovy

Christine Schettler, Corbell Music

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Corbell Honor Choir at the Inaugural Frisco Arts Festival. It was a beautiful day, and they sang wonderfully! Here are some music performances to look forward to at Corbell:

Tuesday, November 17th (7:00 p.m.) - 3rd Grade performs Africa Calling, Nighttime Falling following the 6:30 PTA Meeting

Saturday, December 5th (5:00-8:00 p.m.) - Honor Choir performs holiday songs at Merry Main Street

Tuesday, December 8th (11:15 a.m.) - Honor Choir performs at Stonebriar Center

Friday, December 11th (2:15 p.m.) - Honor Choir performs Holiday Sing-A-Long at Celebrate Corbell Friday Assembly

Corbell Room Parents are Groovy

Calling all of our Groovy Room Parents! Mark your calendars for the Winter Party planning meeting that will be held on **Thursday, November 19th at 9:30 a.m.** in the cafeteria. Please come prepared to share your ideas for a fun Winter party to be held on Friday, December 18th. If you have any questions, please contact either Jennifer Coleman at jennifercoleman95@yahoo.com or Christy Martin at cemartin05@sbcglobal.net.

PEACE in the office

If your child is going to be absent from school:

1. Please call the office at **469-633-3550**.
2. Send a handwritten note or a doctor's note when your child returns to school.

The Groovy Library Lounge

Kelli Thompson, Corbell Librarian

Corbell Library offers these exciting reading programs for our students!

2x2 Reading Program for Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade

You're invited to participate in Corbell's 2x2 program! Complete a 2x2 Coloring Book by reading all 20 books on the master list by May 14th to earn a certificate and an exciting prize. Texas 2x2 Coloring Books are located in the library.

Read or listen to the 2x2 books at home or at school. Look for the Parent-Child Activity label on the outside of each book for fun reading ideas. Multiple copies of 2x2s are available at the Corbell Library and Frisco Public Library.

The 2x2 Reading List is an annual list of 20 great books for children, age two to grade two. Please visit their website to learn more: <http://www.txla.org/groups/crt/2x2intro.htm>.

Bluebonnet Reading Program for 3rd-5th Grade

Join Corbell's Bluebonnet club! Read or listen to at least 5 of this year's bluebonnet nominees and complete a Bluebonnet Buzz (a mini book report) for each book. Bluebonnet Buzz forms are located in the library.

The Bluebonnet Voting Party is in January. Any student that reads (or listens to) at least five books and turns in a book buzz form for each book by January 14th is invited to the voting party.

The Texas Bluebonnet Award reading program is for students in 3rd-5th grade to encourage Texas children to read more books and explore a variety of current books. Students from across the state vote for their favorite book each year from 20 nominees and the winner is announced in the spring. Please visit their website to learn more: <http://www.txla.org/groups/tba/index.html>.

- The Library Needs Volunteers!
- Please come by the library or email Mrs. Thompson at thompske@friscoisd.org if you want to help! Thanks!



Not Feeling So GROOVY

Shawn Stroud, R.N., Corbell Nurse

While the students and staff seem to be recovering from the 2009 type A flu and our school is much healthier than a few weeks ago, it is that time of year when the **REGULAR FLU SEASON** begins!

The most common symptoms for the flu are: fever, body aches, headache, sore throat, watery nasal drainage, dry cough, and tiredness. Younger children may also experience stomach aches, vomiting, and diarrhea. Please keep your children home from school if they are experiencing any of these symptoms. There is prescription medication available to help shorten the duration of the flu symptoms but the medication must be started within the first 48 hours of the onset of symptoms. Please talk with your doctor if you feel you or your child has the flu. Try to prevent catching the flu. Get your flu shot today to help keep all of the students and staff at Corbell healthy this season. In addition to those in high-risk categories, The Center for Disease control recommends all persons, including school-aged children, who want to reduce the risk of becoming ill with influenza or of transmitting influenza to others, get vaccinated. Visit the **CDC website** for more details on its vaccination recommendations.

There are many pharmacies that are offering the flu vaccine. Also, contact your child's doctor or family doctor to inquire about getting the flu shot.

As always, **hand washing** is the best way to prevent infection and spreading of illnesses. Please help reinforce proper hand washing at home as well as when you and your family are in public (mall, grocery store, movies, etc...). Check out **Henry the Hand's website** for fun activities about proper hand washing.

We Dig Our Volunteers!

- Hello Corbell Volunteers!
- Have you checked out the many opportunities to help out at school?
- Log in at <http://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/613534>
- Remember, if you have not completed your FISD background check, go to <https://volunteer.friscoisd.org/>. Thank you!

November PTA Programs

Keith Davis

Keith Davis assembly programs are primarily designed to motivate youth of all ages to reach their potential both inside and outside of the classroom.



His programs focus on inspiring students to see their potential and live for the future, not just for the moment. Keith Davis uses his own personal story of academic struggle to demonstrate to his audience that "you don't have to be great to get started, you just have to get started to be great" and that "readers really do become leaders." He uses his academic success to show students that knowledge increases their opportunities to succeed. Students are left with the lasting thought that, "You can have more if you don't settle for less."

Hightouch Hightech Dig It!



Kindergartners will step into the world of Geology. Learn about gems, rocks, and minerals and where they come from. Uncover the mysteries of rock formation, pan for real gems and keep what you find. Perform acid tests and more as we classify our gems. Find out why these gems are so precious.

THANKSGIVING is.... GROOVY Teachers!

The PTA is hosting a luncheon for Corbell's teachers on November 13th. It is called Giving Thanks to our Teachers. We are still in need of volunteers to help with food. The luncheon will consist of soup, salad and sandwiches.

If you can contribute, please drop food off in the workroom kitchen by 10:00 a.m. Please email Jenn Rogers at jenn@medcoretech.com with what you are bringing.



PEACE from the President



Happy Fall to All!

Despite the rain and cooler temperatures, we took a Walk on the Wild Side. And, what a walk it was! Thanks to all of you, the Wild Walk was another HUGE success. With donations continuing to come in, I am excited to say that we have exceeded our goal of \$30,000.00!!!!

Many thanks go out to those of you who gave your time as a volunteer and to all of you who were so generous with your money. We are a success because of your support and dedication to Corbell. I want to also recognize all of the students. The smiles and laughter seen and heard during the walk were amazing. The kids gave it their all for Corbell and had fun doing it. You all Rock!

Please join us on Tuesday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m. for our Regular PTA meeting. We will discuss and vote on how to spend our funds. The meeting will be followed by a Third Grade performance. November will also welcome a performance from former NFL player, Keith Davis. On November 2nd he will inspire and motivate the kids with his stories. We will also prepare to go on a destination-Destination Book Fair...Read Around the World, that is. The journey will take place from November 6-12th.

I want to once again thank all of you for your continued support. As we look forward to Thanksgiving, I wish all the best for you and your families.

Peace,
Kris Taylor
Corbell PTA President

Get with the (Store) Programs!

Box Tops – Congratulations to these students for collecting the most box tops during the month of September:

Bonnie Strain (K-2nd) collected 143

Alex Schroeder (3rd-5th) collected 191

New prizes each month for the top winners, so keep clipping those BOX TOPS!



Spirit Nights - So far this year our spirit nights have earned a total of **\$457.77** for the Corbell PTA!!

Upcoming dates for spirit nights:

- Willie's Burger House: Tuesday, November 3rd
- Chick-Fil-A: Wednesday, November 11th
- Pizza Hut: Friday, November 20th

Pop Tabs – The collection of pop tabs is growing! Keep filling the jar in the cafeteria, and the one now in the teacher's workroom. The more pop tabs we collect, the more money we can donate to the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas. Many THANKS!

Stay HIP
at the
Spirit Store

ADULT & YOUTH
SHIRTS, HOODIES,
YARD SIGNS AND MORE!



The Corbell Spirit Store will be open during lunch **November 19th & 20th**. Parents are welcome to come for lunch and shop!

Multi-Cultural Night

Look for information coming soon about our annual Multicultural Night taking place in January this school year. If you would like to participate in the planning of this wonderful program, contact Cheryl White at jamaicanbacon3@gmail.com.



"Reese Peace" (aka Laurie Deckert) braves the elements to get the students laughing and motivated



You ROCK, Mrs. Richards!

4th Annual Wild Walk "Wildly" Successful

We are happy to report the Wild Walk was a **huge** success thanks to all of the wonderful support from our Corbell families! The students had a great time as they ran/walked their laps during the Wild Walk. A big thank you to our Wild Walk DJ, "Reese Peace" and all of the parents who came out and volunteered and cheered on the boys and girls during the two days of the Wild Walk! Because we were successful in meeting our goal of **\$30,000**, Mr. Wehmeyer will entertain us with some **sumo wrestling** at our Wild Walk awards assemblies on **Friday, November 13th**. We encourage everyone to come and join us. **3rd-5th grade** will have their assembly at **8:15** and **K-2nd** will have their assembly at **2:15**. We will recognize all of our winners of the Wild Walk: students bringing in the most money overall and by grade level, and students and teachers running/walking the most laps. If you have not sent your money in for the Wild Walk it is not too late. Please send it in with your child or turn it in to the front office. Thank you again for your support of Corbell Elementary!



And the First Graders are OFF!



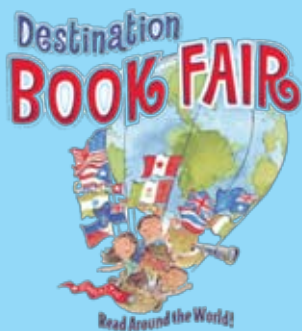
Parents and teachers make sure Third Grade runners and walkers get their laps marked

WILD WALK 2009



Take a Walk
on the WILD side
Corbell Elementary

Destination Book Fair is coming November 6 – 13th



We will be hosting our Fall Book Fair November 6th through November 12th in the Corbell Library.

Here is the schedule for our exciting journey:

Classroom previews will occur on November 3rd, 4th and 5th. Teachers have already signed up to bring their students to visit the fair and create their Student Wish List. This list will be sent home with your child so you can see what books your child would like to purchase.

The **Fair will open for purchasing** at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 6th and will close at 3:30 p.m. Please stop in during lunch or after the Celebrate Corbell assembly. The following week, November 9th through November 12th, the fair will be open from 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Throughout the fair, we will be hosting **Lunch with a Loved One**. Please join your child for lunch and shop the fair together.

On Tuesday, November 10th, **Family Night at the Book Fair** will be from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. We will host a special family night featuring Ms. Koerbacher's story time, contests, and activities.

Preschool Story Time for future Corbell students will be Tuesday and Wednesday, November 10th and 11th from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Bring your preschooler in for story time, and shop our preschool book selections. Spread the word to friends and neighbors, as this event is open to the public.

Again this year, we will be helping our teachers build their classroom libraries by providing them with **Teacher Wish Baskets**. Please check out the basket for your child's teacher and consider adding to the classroom library.

And finally, we will participate in the **One For Books** program. The One For Books program encourages students to donate spare change, which is used to purchase books for a local charity or non-profit organization. This Fall, we will be supporting the library at Children's Medical Center-Legacy, in Plano. They are completely donation dependent, and very grateful to receive books for their young patients and their families. To help encourage our students to participate in this worthy cause, we are holding a Participation Contest among the grade levels. The grade with the highest percentage of participation will win Popcorn with the Principal.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

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**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING US
ON THIS EXCITING JOURNEY,
YOU CAN VOLUNTEER THROUGH THE
LOTS OF HELPING HANDS WEBSITE
OR BY SIGNING UP IN THE WORKROOM**

Join Us For a Little Peace, Love & Learning

WOW! Corbell parents are awesome! So far we have over 600 members who have joined the PTA! That is about 80% school wide participation. It's still not too late to join - membership forms can be printed from the [school's website](#). Just click on "Join Corbell PTA!" Please fill out the form and send it back to school with your Corbell student. Just a reminder, you can also sign up Grandma and/or Grandpa and the PTA will send them (via email preferably) every groovy edition of the Corbell Chronicle put out this year. Checks can



be made out to Corbell PTA. By joining the PTA you are helping us provide your children with school programs, child advocacy, parent education programs, and student scholarships. [Help us meet our goal of 100% participation!](#) Feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

Stacy Lewis
1st V.P.- Membership Corbell PTA
jstslewis@gmail.com

DIRECTORY!

The Corbell directories have been distributed! The Corbell PTA provides one directory per family at no cost to you. Thank you to our sponsors for making that possible. Please take a few moments to check out all the businesses that supported our school and let them know you appreciate their sponsorship.

With as many students as we have at Corbell, I was bound to make some errors, and I apologize for this. Every effort was made to ensure all the information was correct. Please review your directory and make note of the following additions and changes.

I will be putting all the changes that I receive each month in the newsletter. If you need to change anything or you are new to the school and would like to add your information, please email me at jcd3wright@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you,
Cindi Wright, Directory Chairman

Additions:

Mrs. Hardaway - 4th Grade

Parker Thomas 972-712-7112 1257 Aubrey Lane Frisco Kirk & Kim kim.r.thomas@sbcglobal.net

Mrs. Smith - 5th Grade

Mona McElroy 469-579-4089 11765 Azteca Ln Frisco Patrick & Kuntal Kuntal.McElroy@gmail.com

Corrections:

Corbell's fax number is 469-633-3560

Ms. Robertson - Kindergarten

Yasmin Ayass Farrag, correct address is 911 Remuda Road
Sydney Deckert, correct email is thedeckerts@grandecom.net

Ms. Posey - Kindergarten

Sydney Francis, correct email is tippy0428@sbcglobal.net

Ms. Thompson - Kindergarten

James Chan, correct address is 1223 San Andres Dr

Mrs. Smith - 2nd Grade

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Changes:

Patrick Taliacich 4th Grade - Ms Roberts
Rachel Taliacich 3rd Grade - Mrs. Richards

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