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PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Curtsinger Families,

Happy Spring! Nothing like a snowfall the last day of our Spring Break, but we do live in Texas, after all! Speaking of the spring..... Curtsinger has many events and activities that will keep our Tiny Titans and teachers on a busy pace! That's not to mention all of the parent "taxi" schedules that have to be maintained at home to get your children from one practice to the other this time of year, as well!

Along with showers and flowers, April brings us soccer tournaments, TAKS testing, and Kindergarten Round-up! The TAKS testing days are as follows:

- April 6 - 5th Math
- April 7 - 5th Reading
- April 27 - 3rd and 4th Math
- April 28 - 3rd and 4th Reading
- April 29 - 5th Science



We ask that visitors refrain from entering campus on these days, as not to disrupt the testing environment.

Please remind your children to relax, concentrate, use their reading and math strategies, and to give it their all when testing. This is a snapshot opportunity to show the state of Texas how priceless the academics, teachers, and students are at Curtsinger Elementary. We have a grand reputation to uphold with high expectations. Together we can accomplish it all!

Look for a month of appreciation in May, as teachers and school volunteers will be honored for their support. In addition, the ever-famous talent show and field day will fill our days and nights with some entertainment and fun!

Best wishes for peace and health, as always. Thank you for being a part of our world!

With Respect,
Angie Borgarello
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

April 2010

- 5th FISD School Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 6th TAKS 5th Grade Math Testing
- 7th TAKS 5th Grade Reading Testing
- 12th PTA Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 12th - 16th KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP !!
- 19th PTA General Meeting Election Night 6:00 pm
1st Grade Musical Barnyard
- 22nd Earth Day! Walk to School Day
- 23rd 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Soccer Tournament & Wizard of TAKS
- 27th TAKS 3rd & 4th Grade Math Testing
- 28th TAKS 3rd & 4th Grade Reading Testing
- 29th TAKS 5th Grade Science Testing

May 2010

- 2nd PTA Golf Tournament
- 3rd NO SCHOOL! Staff Day
- 4th - 7th Teacher Appreciation Week
- 6th Songfest - Tiny Titan Choir
- 7th Field Day!!
- 9th Mother's Day!
- 10th PTA Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 12th Chick filA Night 5-8 pm
- 13th 2nd Grade Field Trip to Sharkarosa & FISD Scholarship Night
- 17th PTA General Meeting 6:00 pm
3rd Annual Talent Show & Tiny Titan Choir 6:30 pm
FISD School Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 21st 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Softball Tournament

7th ANNUAL CURTSINGER GOLF TOURNAMENT SET FOR MAY 2ND!
at 1:30 pm Shot Gun Start
4 Person Scramble at Plantation Golf Course



THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PTA PRESIDENT



You can't help put a little pep in your step when our neighborhood grass, flowers and trees begin the spring wake-up! It's also the signal that we are on the homestretch in this outstanding school year.

We are so unbelievably fortunate to have volunteers so generous with their time, and who create the success of the Book Fairs, Newsletters, Spirit Wear, Fundraising, Room Moms, Budget, and Programs and on and on. And as each year ends, we lose a significant portion of these volunteers to Wester as their kids grow up. It takes parents standing up and offering their help (in many ways and times) to maintain that success. If you have ever thought about it before, but never stepped up, please do so. I would love to individually invite each of you but that is obviously impossible. You may consider this your personal invitation!

THE SPRING DANCE– So named because we listened to your comments on the surveys for theme variety. Kudos to our devoted board members who helped make it so special. **SORELY** missed was our DJ Coach Beeler who was home under the weather – Coach, every child I spoke with indicated they were “having a blast but where’s Coach Beeler?” It would be crazy now not to offer a huge **CHEER** and give a **STANDING OVATION** to Mrs. Schuster, the ever-ready understudy, to keep the music up and the people “getting down!” Between her and Mrs. Hamlin, it was a total blast! It was also so nice to have it as an event rather than a fundraiser and in the spirit of Rachael’s Challenge, the beneficiary of our donations went to stock the pantry at Frisco Family Services.

TALENT SHOW FORMS ARE OUT – Many solutions are in the works to reduce the extraordinary length of this event. In order to keep the kids in one event together, we ask that all parents carefully review the form and understand its intentions with your signature. Please review the act your child wishes to perform and help them practice as well as stay within the time limit. Students may only participate in **ONE** talent act each year.

COMING UP IN APRIL – Election of our new PTA President & 1st VP of Finance at the general meeting.



It's a wonderful time of year and no matter how stressed or busy we tend to be, these kids are growing up so fast and are so incredibly gifted and delightful, we must remember to enjoy every moment!

Tracey

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance
\$76,074.34

Income
\$ 11,820.98

Expenses
\$ 6,254.57

Ending Balance as of 3/12/2010
\$ 81,640.75

Let me know if you have any questions.

Jonelle Conom

My name is Greg Brinkley and I am the Corporate / Group Sales Manager for Main Event Entertainment. I have worked with several individuals at schools in the DFW area, and they encouraged me to reach out to members of the Frisco PTA in regards to Main Event's youth group specials.

I understand that in these economic times it can be difficult to schedule youth events. As an alternative to expensive outings, Main Event offers 4 youth group specials, at heavily discounted rates.

Please let me know if I can send these youth specials to any event planners who might be interested. If you have any questions, or would like to inquire further about these packages, I will be happy to speak with you.

Sincerely,
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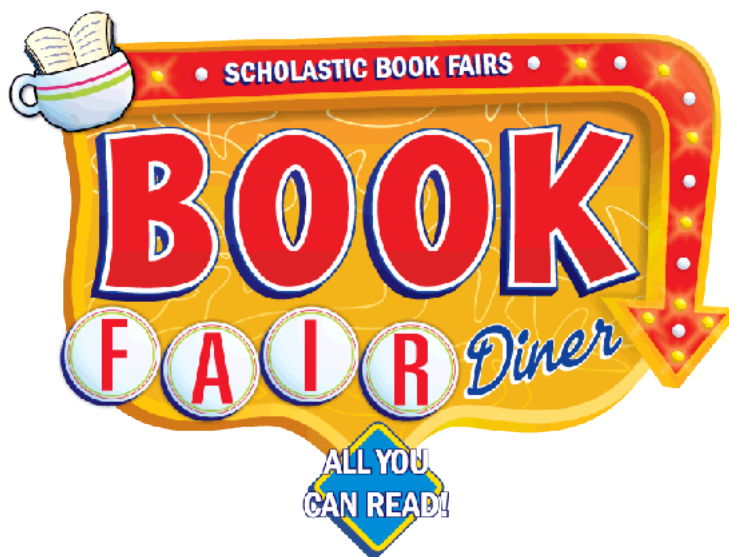
SPRING BOOK FAIR

Spring Book Fair is a HUGE Success!

Thank You Volunteers!

Curtsinger's "Book Fair Diner: All You Can Read" Spring Book Fair was a huge success—thanks to all our awesome volunteers who donated many hours to make the fair look so great and run so smoothly. Simply put, we would not be able to have such a great fair without the support of our many volunteers and friends who donate their time. From our "wall chairs"—the people who plan how the fair will be decorated to the helpers who come in and cut, paste, glue, and whatever else is needed during decorating week to the ones who work at the registers and come in early (5:45 A.M. to help pass out donuts and coffee during Donuts with Dads) and stay late during our evening event—we appreciate your help and enthusiasm. And of course, a special Thank

You to our sponsors who help us put hundreds of books in our classrooms. Your support is so appreciated by everyone in the school—teachers and students alike.



How We Faired

Our fair is one of the largest in the state of Texas and the largest in Frisco ISD. We sold more than 2,000 books and collected \$22,329 during the fair. After taxes and expenses are taken out, Mrs. Janice Scott, our librarian, will have more than \$5,100 to use to purchase books for the library as well as other items for the school. She also receives more than \$3400 in "Scholastic Dollars" that she uses on books and other items from the Scholastic catalog.

Mrs. Scott recently used book fair profits to purchase much needed speakers and microphones for the school. In addition, she added a lot of new books to the library and classrooms our students will be able to enjoy for years to come. This is what makes our library the best in Frisco ISD.

One for Books

The students donated \$154 for the One for Books program. This program allows us to donate books to a designated group that needs help. This year, Curtsinger donated \$294 to Frisco ISD's new Early Childhood School. This school is for Frisco's pre-K students who will be attending our schools soon. Their librarian, Jill Fair, was so excited about receiving our gift. She will be able to select books from their book fair which will have a better selection of Pre-K books.

Summer Reading Challenge

Scholastic has asked Curtsinger to participate in their Summer Reading Challenge. This challenge will include logging reading minutes each day during the summer. The Top 20 schools with the most minutes read will be listed in Scholastic's World Book of Records 2011! We think Curtsinger can do it! We will send information in Thursday folders beginning in April. To help with our efforts to read more than any other school in the country, Scholastic has offered Curtsinger a "Buy 1 Get 1 Free" book fair. This "no frills, no decorating" fair will be in May and will offer a different selection of books than our recent fair—many from past fairs.

Thank you again to everyone who helped to make the book fairs so successful. If you were unable to take advantage of this fun opportunity, please consider helping in May or in the fall. You'll find it time well spent.

Dixie Beadles, Erin Millwater and Alisha Shipley



Juke Box Heroes



Our Community Sponsors Rock!

Curtsinger's Spring Book Fair was a huge success. We raised over \$5,000 for Ms. Scott and the library, and every teacher received at least 10 books from her classroom wish list! Thanks to all of the students and parents who supported our Book Fair, and especially to the Community Sponsors:



Michele Tate - Stampin' Up!

The Brewer Family

Robert Beatty, DDS

JC's Burger House – 121/Preston, Plano

Katy, Ed & Wesley Greer – Chili's Frisco

Adeline & Jeff Gibson

Ahna and Zarek Lewis

The Beadles Family

Dipak & Margini Desai

Drew Ramsey & Family

Coley & Tony Whitley III

Two Girls Who Make Crosses

Parker Anderson Real Estate Services

Alex Zhang

Joseph Dattola

Pam Causey-Bin – Interior Designworx

James Fomby - RE/MAX

Adella & John Williams

The Ivy Family

Caitlin Webler

The Millwater Family

The Shipley Family



SPECIAL PTA COMMITTEES

BOX TOPS AND LABELS FOR EDUCATION



We just sent in our second shipment of box tops and it was HUGE... 6000 box tops on March 1st... that is all because of you guys! Curt the Canine has really been busy visiting all his friends lately... all the classes have been working so hard that he has a very busy schedule. He is currently in Second grade and you never know where he will end up next. **NEW COLLECTION BINS....** the box top collection bin is now part of the black plastic recycle center in the back of the cafeteria. We will do one more big shipment this year so the race is FAR from over.. keep up the amazing work clipping and saving. We could not be MORE proud of you guys. Thank you for all your hard work!



Angel "The BoxTop Lady"

Curtsinger Kid's Choice

Curtsinger Kid's Choice was a huge success!! Thanks to everyone who helped bring it all together, including parents, volunteers, teachers and staff!! The kids always have fun and 100% of the proceeds remain right here at Curtsinger!

7th Annual Curtsinger Classic Golf Tournament

Hello Curtsinger Families!!

Just wanted to let you know we will be having the Curtsinger Classic Golf Tournament again this year. It will be held on Sunday, May 2nd, at 1:30 pm on Plantation Golf Course. The



Tournament will be a 4-person scramble, with a shot gun start. We will accept as many as 144 golfers, and registration forms will be coming home via e-mail and in Thursday folders in the next few weeks. Please feel free to invite family, friends, and neighbors to play, as this tournament is tons of fun, with prizes, and games out on the course, the silent auction in the club house, and of course, the famous Golf Ball Drop!

We are so excited to have the 7th Annual tournament. If you are willing to help volunteer, **SPONSOR A HOLE** or play, don't hesitate to e-mail me with any questions you may have! You do not need a four-some to register, we will match up players, so don't let that stop you! Also, kids are welcome to play if they are under 16, they must be accompanied by an adult.

This year we have an awesome committee but could always use more help! Thanks so much. We look forward to seeing you all soon~

Sarah McArdle
Jennifer Eckert
Sarah Wallace
Angel Hehner



Curtsinger PTA
Golf Tournament Chairs
Sarahmcardle3@verizon.net

Environmental and Green Team



NEW RECYCLE CENTER

What did the light say when it was turned off? I'm delighted. What is the richest kind of air? Millionaire. What runs but never walks? Water. Why do bees have sticky hair? Because they have honeycombs. What do these jokes have in common? Awareness topics for our environment.

Being Green is a focus for our students here at Curtsinger Elementary. Next time you are at school be sure and notice our new and improved Recycle

Center. Students in the entire school participate in the recycling effort by collecting water bottles, batteries, old cell phones, plastic bags, broken crayons, printer cartridges and old shoes.

These items are collected by various recycling groups to be used in the city recycling programs, or to be turned into money that is used for Curtsinger programs. What a remarkable recycling job!

Another way our Tiny Titans are environmentally conscious is by participating in events and groups like the National Walk to School Day and Green Team. Led by Rita Mobley, Green Team does a fantastic job of walking our campus and making sure nobody has left trash lying around. GOOOO GREEN!

Thursday, April 22, 2010 is the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. This internationally celebrated day is designed to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's environment. It was started to help the common citizen to become more aware of issues regarding their environment and then to in turn take that concern for issues to local and national government.

Earth Day is always April 22nd, but its festivities sometimes coincide with National Arbor Day which happens to be April 30th of this year. Take the opportunity to plant a tree as a family at your home or in your community to keep our planet healthy and beautiful. Here is a tree-mendous air fact: One tree can provide a day's oxygen for as many as four people. Trees provide life-giving oxygen, release moisture into the air, stop carbon dioxide from polluting the air, and catch pieces of dust, soot, and ash that may be carried in the air.

Have you heard the joke about the garbage truck? Don't worry, it's only a load of rubbish... Please always remember and don't ever forget to RECYCLE-REDUCE-REUSE. Our future depends on it!

-Your friendly Environmental Chairperson
Linda Bradford



LIBRARY NEWS



TEXAS BLUEBONNET CLUB READERS

Hats off and a big congratulations to the following students who read all of the assigned eighteen Texas Bluebonnet Club books! They will receive an invitation to the Texas Bluebonnet Club Bash and a personalized reading trophy.



Cassidy DeFlice, Brooke Donisi, Conner Donisi, Ariana Dudley, Emily Dunn, Callie Eckert, Abigail Garner, Mitchell Goldsmith, Brianna Hollien, Katie Hopkins, Madison Hopkins, Parker Jackson, Jacob Johnston, Cahlynn Jones, Kyle Kibby, Ryan Lenhardt, Jean Luc Lewis, Mohamad Maatouk, Rachel May, Elgin Meadors, Elika Okhovatian, Sophie Rittenberry, Amanda Rodriguez, Mitchell Schmenk, Jared Schuster, Olivia Smith, Drake Stockard, Hannah Williams, and Avery Zastoupil.

FIRST GRADE RESEARCH

It was amazing to watch the first grade students this year as they did their integrated library research unit in the Curtsinger Library! They found that locating answers to the questions on their task cards was not so difficult because of their exceptional reading abilities.

Students worked together in groups as they researched and found information about oceans. They used books, the Internet, encyclopedias, and the dictionary to locate their information and answer the questions.

It is exciting to watch our students learn how to use library resources, do research, and work in cooperative groups at such an early age. This process begins to prepare them for the lifetime skill of finding information through research.

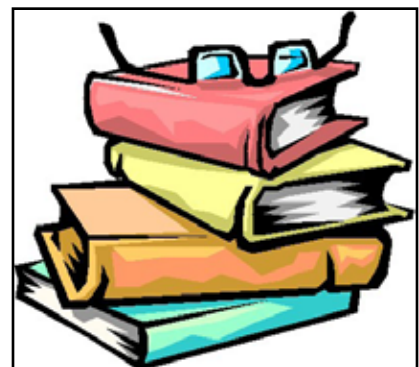


Our first graders learned about oceans and also had fun as they worked in the library.

PARENT LIBRARY

The Curtsinger Library has now processed some of the new books for the Parent Library. Ready for checkout are the following books:

100 IDEAS FOR SUPPORTING PUPILS WITH DYSLEXIA—Reid and Green
CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS--Moore
HOW TO HANDLE A HARD-TO-HANDLE KID--Edwards
MAKING DIVORCE EASIER ON YOUR CHILD--Long
OVERCOMING DYSLEXIA--Shaywitz
PARENTING WITH LOVE AND LOGIC--Fay
POSITIVE DISCIPLINE—A Teacher's Guide
SPEAKING OF DIVORCE—Beyer and Winchester
THE DIFFICULT CHILD--Tureckyi
THE MISUNDERSTOOD CHILD—Silver



Janice Scott

CURTSINGER SPECIALS

ART SMART NEWS

Elementary Youth Art Month Art Show



Youth Art Month is nationally recognized during the month of March. In honor of Youth Art Month, the Frisco Independent School District once again held their district-wide Elementary Youth Art Month Art Show! This year's art show was held at the Career and Technical Education Center with 28 elementary schools represented! The open house reception was a great evening of celebration for visual arts and a chance for our Curtsinger Elementary Art Students to really shine!



The following student's artworks were on display and received an art award:

Sarah Aguirre
Brittany Baker
Ashton Ballew
Reese Bartels
Carly Beatty
Gabi Bleggi
Brielle Bobbora
Brock Bobbora
Alyssa Boyd
Jenna Bracaglia
Tate Burgess
Danny Cervantez
Charli Chase
Alec Chavez
Madison Cockerell
Jennifer Cooper
Micah Cure
Elizabeth Dock
Presley Dugger
Callie Eckert
Brock Floyd

Kelly Gillette
Kalyn Hatchett
Zairyn Hemsley
Alex Hicks
Garrett Hinshaw
Miranda Horn
Emily Johnson
Keran Kamal
Kaitlyn Kampschneider
Jake Luedecke
Shruti Maram
Rachel May
Alec Milan
Megan Milan
Josie Murphy
Jessica Nguyen
Micaela Nguyen
Morgan Phillips
Ashley Piltz
Emma Redenbaugh
Kate Richardson

Nicholas Robbins
Anthony Rodriguez
Sabrina Rolandelli
Mitchell Schmenk
Lexi Schultz
Olivia Smith
Sarah Song
Micah Strain
Zieshan Syed
Ashley Taxter
Hannah Van Der Schans
Grace Wall
Zoe Wall
Maggie Wallace
Katie Walsh
Kaitlyn Whitehead
Hannah Williams
Asia Woods
Sydney Wright
Tracy Zhang



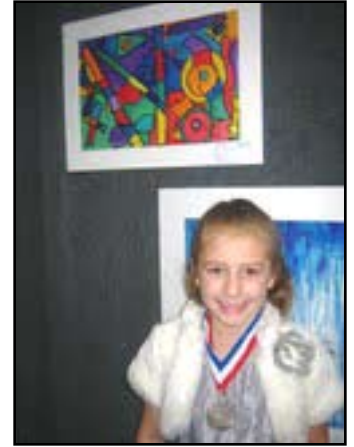
Congratulations for representing Curtsinger's Art Program in such a groovy, grand way! Such talented and creative kids we have here at Curtsinger!

ART SMART NEWS



Curtsinger ART Travels to the Capitol!

On Sunday, March 7, 2010, the state capitol in Austin, Texas was the meeting place for a very special awards ceremony honoring 100 young artists selected from many school districts from all over the state of Texas. Elizabeth Dock's painting, inspired by the artist Wassily Kandinsky, was selected by the Texas Art Education Association to be on display at the capitol for Youth Art Month! Her art was selected along with only four other FISD students from our entire district! Elizabeth Dock along with her family and art teacher Mrs. Forwork, traveled to Austin to celebrate Youth Art Month and to honor Elizabeth's artistic talent. She was one of the youngest honorees in attendance! Congratulations to Elizabeth for representing Curtsinger Elementary and the state of Texas!!!



NOTES FROM THE NURSES



Spring brings warm weather and bright, even more intense sun rays. Remember to protect your skin EVERY DAY with sunscreen. Your skin can burn even just playing outside, going for a walk, playing in/watching a soccer game or practice. Hats and sunglasses are also important. Yes, even your eyes themselves can burn from the sun, and it is very painful.

Along with the sun and everything blooming come the allergies. We get itchy/red/watery eyes, sneezing and runny noses. It is best to be proactive with allergies and control them, not react to them with Benadryl. Benadryl can make your child drowsy or jittery, and make it difficult to concentrate in school. Non-sedating allergy medicines like Claritin and Zyrtec WORK THE BEST when given DAILY during the weeks or months that allergies are a problem. They cover you for 24 hours to help control and PREVENT the symptoms. The medications don't work as well when only given on a day when symptoms are already present and causing problems. Sometimes eye symptoms also need prescription eye drops to help if they're still itching and watering even with the antihistamines. Another treatment for nasal symptoms would be the nose sprays like Nasonex, Nasacort, etc. Again, these work best when used daily during the allergy season.

Everyone needs to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water before and during outdoor activities. In hot weather, you need to take frequent rest breaks and try to get out of the heat. Children can lose up to a quart of sweat during two hours of exercise. They become overheated more quickly than adults and also take longer to cool down. Not drinking enough water can make you feel tired and give you headaches. Did you know that by the time you feel thirst, your body actually "needs" the water, and you are already having some dehydration?

Beth Solomon RN
Kandace Morgan RN
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Curtsinger Gives

We believe, like "Rachel's Challenge," that small acts of kindness and compassion can influence global change. The students and staff at Curtsinger Elementary embrace this belief and have truly ignited a chain reaction of kindness and compassion by contributing "Change to make a Change!" to help the people of Haiti rebuild after the devastating earthquake. Students, families, and staff were asked to bring change to fill their "Helping Hands for Haiti" classroom piggy banks. Kids were able to see how their coins combined could really add up! We are proud to say that Curtsinger raised \$3,000.00 dollars and one hundred per cent of the donations are going directly to Haiti through The Clinton Bush Haiti Fund.

A big thank you goes to Capitol One Bank, and their branch manager Tim Connell, for helping us count the change, print the cashier's check, and adding an additional donation bringing our donation to an even \$3,000.00 dollar grand total!



CURTSINGER SPECIALS

MUSIC NOTES



Fifth Grade represented our Tiny Titans in such dapper style at the Plano Symphony Orchestra this March. We really enjoyed the visit from percussionist Seth McConnell as well.

“The Phantom of the Music Room” was a smash hit. I think the 3rd Grade is ready for Broadway. 2nd Grade told the story of “A Year With Frog and Toad” in grand style. Weren’t their forest costumes fabulous?

1st grade will be ready to present “A Barnyard Moosical” in no time. Come to the farm, I mean stage, on April 19th to hear them.

Open House is always so great. I love showing off the 4th grade drummers and the 5th graders recorder concert. Such talent.

April 5th is the final day to turn in an audition form for our yearly talent show, “Curtsinger in Lights.” Copies can be found on my website.

The Tiny Titan choir is looking forward to Songfest on May 6th. Parents interested in volunteering should contact Mrs. Schuster no later than April 19th

There is some excellent musical theater coming to Dallas this summer, check it out.

Music Dates 2010

April 5th	All talent show audition forms are due to Mrs. Schuster – no late entries will be accepted
April 12th	Talent Show Auditions
April 19th	1st grade performs “A Barnyard Moosical”
May 6th	Tiny Titan choir performs at Songfest and celebrates at Liberty High School
May 10th	Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
May 17th	Tiny Titan Choir opens the 3rd annual Curtsinger Talent Show

Please check out the Specials Team Website for dates, permission forms, parent letters, song lyrics, etc. <http://www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/curtsingercamp/>



GROOVIN’ WITH TECHNOLOGY

Students have really enjoyed Computer Specials over the past month! All grades have been putting their presentation skills to work in Microsoft PowerPoint and MaxShow. Fourth and Fifth graders put together presentations on the Winter Olympics which included sounds and animations. They were able to visit the Olympic website to keep updated on the medal count and to gather the information they needed to complete their presentations. Third grade created slide shows about “their lives”. Second Grade created fun presentations on winter which included types of winter clothes and sports. First grade created slide shows about school and Kindergarten created slide shows about their favorite animal. Students are continuing to improve their keyboarding skills, as well.

Carrie Ruff
Computer Aide

Our first grade classes recently participated in An Ocean Adventure video conference. The conference was written by the Fisd Elementary Technology Integration Facilitators to meet the 1st grade science TEKS and to fit our science curriculum. The conference was produced from the Technology room at Curtsinger and broadcasted to every elementary school in Frisco. During the conference, students had the opportunity to see dolphins, whales, and sharks, to learn facts about them and the ocean in which they live, and to ask lots of questions. The students were then given a post-conference ocean booklet to help them reflect upon the video conference and the ocean unit they have been studying in their classroom. If you would like to see highlights from our Ocean Adventure video conference, visit http://teachersites.schoolworld.com/webpages/FISD_Elementary_Tech/distance_learning.cfm?subpage=1151326.

Sherri Richardson
Technology Integration Facilitator



SPOTLIGHT ON: FOURTH GRADE TEAM



Kim Brown

My name is Kim Brown. I am so glad you are reading my bio. I am so excited to be ending my ninth year in the district and sixteenth year of teaching. My stomach gets butterflies just writing about it. Before coming to Frisco, I taught four years in Corpus Christi, Texas and one year in Alpharetta, Georgia and three years in Cincinnati, Ohio.

I am not a native Texan, but I got here as quickly as I could. I am originally from Cincinnati, Ohio area. All of my family still lives, there and I usually see them about twice a year. I graduated from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Go Bobcats! There I majored in Elementary Education and minored in Science. I plan to some day soon get my Masters in Administration and Principalship.

I live in Providence Village which is close to Denton, with my husband of 12 years. Our children are of the four legged kind, two cats and one dog. I have four nieces and two nephews that keep me very busy.

Teaching is my passion. I get so much enjoyment out of seeing the "light bulb click on" when my student understand what we are doing. Fourth grade is such a fun age to teach. They still enjoy school, like their teachers and get my corny jokes. I have really enjoyed another wonderful year here at Curtsinger and spending time with your children. I hope everyone keeps in touch and has a fun, safe summer vacation.

Camey Dill

My name is Camey Dill, and I am lucky enough to teach fourth grade Reading, Writing, and Social Studies here at Curtsinger!

I grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and graduated from Oklahoma State



*Katie Henry, Camey Dill, Kim Brown, Lacey Dippel, Rita Mobley, and Haley Hundall
4th Grade Teaching Team*

University. Go Cowboys! After college, I moved to Houston where I taught second and third grade in the Cypress-Fairbanks district. It was in Houston where I met my husband, Allen, while volunteering with an organization called Young Life. After having our first of three sons, I decided to take a break from teaching and stay home with him. I stayed home for eleven years and decided to jump back on the teaching wagon a few years ago. My, how it had changed! When I left my teaching position in Houston, there was no email yet! Now I'm not sure how I would function without it!

As I mentioned before, I am blessed to be the mom of three amazing boys. Grady is a 7th grader at Wester, Dawson is a 5th grader, and Davis is in the 1st grade, both here at Curtsinger. They keep our evenings and weekends very busy with sports, but I love every minute of it! I am so proud of each of them.

Speaking of family, did you know that my little sister is my partner teacher, Mrs. Henry? Working with family may not be ideal for some people, but I think it's pretty special.

Lacey Dippel

Hello! My name is Lacey Dippel, but some of you may remember me by my maiden name, Ms. Veale. This is my second year to teach at Curtsinger, and I love it!

I have lived almost all of my life in Plano, where I meet my high school sweetheart and husband, Connor. I am a true North Texas native and a very family oriented person. I come from a long line of teachers, such as my mom and grandparents, who were my greatest influences in joining such a blessed profession. After graduating from Plano Sr. High, I spread my wings and moved to Nacogdoches to attend Stephen F. Austin State University. Longing to teach in Frisco, I moved back, and graduated college from the University of North Texas.

When I am not teaching and enjoying life as a newlywed, I love to spend my time cooking, reading, and watching classic movies. When I am not cooped up inside, I love to spend my time outdoors running and walking our newly adopted dog, Buddy. During the summer, my favorite place to visit is the beach. I am happy anywhere as long as there is an umbrella, a comfortable chair, a great book, sand between my toes, and the sound of the waves nearby!

Continue..... SPOTLIGHT ON: FOURTH GRADE TEAM

I love, love, love teaching, especially 4th grade writing, reading, and Social Studies. . It is my passion, and I am surprised everyday by the brilliant young minds of my students. I look forward to many more terrific years working with the incredible people here at Curtsinger! I am so thankful for my abundantly wonderful life!

Katie Henry

My name is Katie Henry, I love what I do! I feel so blessed to come to school everyday where I am surrounded by loving children and wonderful teachers. I love my family, friends, and being a mom!

I grew up in Tulsa, Ok. I attended Metro Christian Academy and Oklahoma State University.

I taught 1st grade for 1 year and 4th grade for 7 years.

I always knew I wanted to work with kids in the school environment. Teaching has always been a passion!

I love to cook, decorate, read magazines, and play with my 1 year old son when I'm not teaching!

My family includes my wonderful husband Troy and our 1 yr old son, Jimmy, and Chloe, our 2 yr old dog.

My dad has been the greatest influence to me. He taught us to have positive outlooks on life, to work hard, and to never stray from our values.

I like to travel Anywhere, these days!! I especially love the beach and any place that's relaxing!

I love cooking, hanging out with my family, and reading magazines and cookbooks. The last book I read was The Help by Kathryn Stockett.

I am proud of myself for pursuing my Masters in Counseling and for making all A's and a few B's! I also feel proud when I see my students succeed and feel good about themselves!

Haley Hudnall

My name is Haley Hudnall. I grew up in Pittsburg, Texas. If you look for it on the map, you're going to need to get really close and squint. After all, it is a very small town of only 4,500 people. We don't even have a WalMart!

I graduated from Pittsburg High School and Texas A&M University – College Station. Whoop!

I've had the pleasure of teaching Kindergarten and First Grade. Currently I'm teaching the Language Arts block of 4th grade. Go Hudnall Hurricanes!

I decided to become a teacher because I love kids, meeting new people, and reading. Teaching is a great career for me because it's a culmination of what I love most!

I like to spend my time taking pictures, reading, traveling, going to movies, and visiting friends and family. I'm also very involved at Prestonwood Baptist Church, where I enjoy being the Social Director for my Sunday School class.

My kitty cat, Tilly, is very talented. She often initiates fetch! We're working towards her being a pet guest on Letterman. =>

One of my greatest influences is my grandmother "Ninie". She has always supported me and shown me the value of family and hard work. I admire her for her generosity and love for others.

Traveling is by far my greatest hobby! Just last year, I traveled to Cabo San Lucas, Boston, and Las Vegas. I love traveling to exotic places most.

Photography is one of my greatest loves. I've just started a side photography business called Plum Crazy Photography. You may see me out and about on Saturdays snapping photos.

My last book I read was Undomestic Goddess by Sophie Kinsella. I'm most proud of my awesome students!

Rita Mobley

Hi! My name is Rita Mobley. Teaching has been my passion and profession since 1995. I have taught for 15 years and can honestly say I still love my job. It is such a sparkle to see the kids growing and learning each day. I feel so honored and blessed to be a part of my students' lives.

I went to ETSU and received my bachelor's degree in 1995. In 2002, I graduated from Texas A&M in Commerce with my Masters degree in Education. I love learning and continue to learn new things each day.

I have one son who is a 6th grader at Wester named John Wesley Mobley IV. We recently bought a house here in Plantation and are thrilled to be a part of this wonderful community. There is no place like it or Curtsinger.

In my free time, I enjoy many things such as reading, working out, decorating my new house, shopping, and spending time with friends. My greatest influence is my mom. She taught be how to be strong when needed all the while maintaining the things that are true to you, The climb for sure should be my dedication song to her. Quotes also mean a lot to me and I am always trying to apply them to my life and teaching in some way. I also love sports and enjoy watching John Wesley play both basketball and baseball. I am clueless when it comes to sports, but I am a huge fan of the Dallas Mavericks. I believe in positive thoughts and blooming where you are planted.

