

Thank You 2nd
grade parents
for a lovely
Appreciation
Luncheon

Important Dates

Friday, February 3

~Chinese New Year
Celebration

Wednesday, February 8

~SDMC meeting

Friday, February 10

~Black History Program

Tuesday, February 14

~At-Risk Progress Reports
go home
~Valentine's Day Character
Writing Project
—A No Candy day!

Friday, February 17

~Title 1 Parent meeting
8:00 am—Cafeteria
~Kindergarten to Children's
Museum
~1st Grade hosts
Teacher Appreciation

Saturday, February 18

~PTO Spring fundraiser

Tuesday, February 21

~PTO Spirit Night @ Auntie
Pasta's—4:00 until 9:00 pm

Friday, February 24

~Go Texan Day

Wednesday, February 29

~Early Dismissal—faculty
Meeting
~No Extended Day

**VIPS Clearance
Updates:
Contact Ms
Roberson in the
Main Office**

KOLTER ELEMENTARY

January 31, 2012

Parent Meeting Addresses Academic Strategies

Kolter Elementary will hold a parent meeting on February 17th at 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. Topics will be

- Strategies for K-2 students who struggle in reading and math
- Strategies for 3-5 students who struggle in reading and math

All interested parents are invited and encouraged to attend, however the target audience is parents of our at-risk population. Breakfast will be served and there will be a drawing for a \$25.00 gift card. Please make plans to attend.

Kolter Students Shine in UIL Competition

Forty Kolter students spent last Saturday participating in academic contests as part of the Elementary UIL Academic Competition. Kolter Students came home with multiple trophies and awards and the 2nd Place Sweepstakes award. Results are as follows:

Creative Writing

Leah Mei Guttentag-3rd place

Oral Reading

Hayley Mangum-Finalist

Social Studies

Lindsey Whitmore-2nd place

Chris Reyes-1st place

Kolter students won 1st place team

Ready Writing 3/4th grade

Miriam Handel-2nd place

Ready Writing 5th grade

Catherine Garza-Finalist

Public Speaking K-2

Benjamin Joseph-2nd place

Dictionary Skills

Ajay Ramsunder-Finalist

Lindsey Whitmore-2nd place

Storytelling

Edward Wei-Finalist

Eleanor Kimbro-Finalist

Music Memory 5th grade

Maya Venkateswaran-2nd place

Art

Chris Reyes-Finalist

Andrei Coarfa-1st place

Impromptu Speaking

Sarika Kotha-3rd place

Listening

Ella Bolton-Finalist

Sonia Puebla-Finalist

Lindsey Whitmore-1st place

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Spelling 3/4th grade

Mason Brown-Finalist

Ella Wisdom-Finalist

Matthew Kalmans-1st place

Spelling 5th grade

Maya Venkateswaran-Finalist

Solo Acting 3/5th grade

Liam Stripling-Finalist

Noura Jabir-Finalist

Yasmeen Ofleh-Finalist

Adam Remels-3rd place

Matthew Alter-1st place

Number Sense

Adam He-3rd place

Alex Chin-2nd place

Kolter students won 1st place team

Maps, Graphs & Charts

Lindsey Whitmore-Finalist

UIL Coordinator Kim Thomas thanks the 35 parent volunteers who graciously gave of their time for the competition on Saturday. Parent volunteers supervised students and monitored their movement throughout the day. Kolter's participation in the event would not have been possible without parent support. Kolter volunteers are the best!



Week of January 30 <i>Kinder Carpool Duty</i> Ms Silverman's parents <i>Main Carpool Duty</i> Ms Lidsky's parents	Week of February 6 <i>Kinder Carpool Duty</i> Ms Glapion's parents <i>Main Carpool Duty</i> Ms Kyle's parents
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Coach's Corner

All Kolter P.E. classes will participate in Jump Rope for the next few weeks. Jump Rope is an excellent exercise for cardiovascular fitness, muscular endurance, and coordination. Jump rope raises the heart rate, sending more blood to the brain, feeding the needed nutrient and oxygen levels for heightened alertness and mental focus. Another advantage: Kolter kids love Jump Rope!

Safety Reminder

- ⇒ Students are to remain with their parent from the time they are picked up until they exit the campus
- ⇒ Students should not climb campus trees
- ⇒ Students should not swing or hang from the flagpole chain

Zoned Registration In Progress

Registration of zoned students is a high priority at Kolter! We are now accepting zoned student registration for 2012-2013 school year in order to ensure space availability for all students zoned to Kolter.

Registration is Monday through Friday 8:30am until 2:30pm. Parents, when registering please bring your child's original birth certificate, Social Security Card, complete immunization record, current report card, parent's photo ID or driver's license, and proof of residence—a lease, electric, gas, or water bill.

A Special Offer For Kolter Families: Half priced tickets for kids to Imago Theatre's *ZooZoo*

Our very own Kolter parent and volunteer, Marie Jacinto, arranged special ticket pricing for Kolter families to attend *ZooZoo* which opens Friday, February 10th at the Wortham Theater. Kolter parents can save 50% on orchestra tickets for kids 12 and under with purchase of an adult ticket at full price.

Imago Theater returns to Houston with its unique, playful collection of creatures in its latest production, *ZooZoo*. Hungry anteaters, introverted frogs, cantankerous polar bears, insomniac hippos and tricky penguins—will fill the stage with wit and wonder. Comedy, illusion, physical finesse and original music combine in Imago's wordless productions—this production is perfect for the entire family!

The special ticket price is subject to availability and cannot be applied to previously purchased tickets. Interested families may visit www.eventusher.com, and enter the password: *sleepyhippos*.

Trail Riders Are Coming!

Horseshoes from the Heart and *Los Vaqueros Rio Grande Trail Ride Association*, the longest trail ride involved in to the Houston Livestock Show, invite you to celebrate the end of the trail ride on February 23rd from 6pm until 8 pm with a cook out at Westbury Little League in SW Houston. Visitors will experience covered wagons, horses, and a campfire as well as the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe who do native dances for the community. *Horseshoes from the Heart* has held this event for 17 years and, thanks to the community, it gets bigger every year.

On Friday morning the group will ride past Kolter Elementary to educate students about trail rides in the Old West. Students will see the horses and wagons while the clowns entertain them. *Horseshoes from the Heart* hopes you will come out and experience a little of the old west here in Houston.

Character Stars of the Week
Week of January 23

Maricela Aguirre—Respectful
Anna-Katia Batoum Bassong—Integrity, respect
Samuel Hausma-Weiss—Integrity, commitment
Yandel Ramirez—Helpful, kind, thoughtful
Fanghua Stock-Bordnick—Respectful
Jovana Ugalde—Respectful, hard worker

From The PTO

The PTO extends a sincere thanks to all our families who donated this year to the PTO Save Our School Fundraiser! If you donated at the Captain Level (\$275.00 or more), look for your Evite invitation to attend a Wine & Cheese party with Mrs. Stewart on Saturday, February 25, 2012, 7:00-10:00p.m. and save the date! If you still want to donate at that level or above, the deadline to reach that donor level and attend the wine and cheese event is Friday, February 10th.

Kolter PTO Barn is open on Monday from 7:45 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. We will start having a cart of selected shirts for sale on Fridays starting in February. You may also contact Abbie Chuo via email at abster99@hotmail.com to make a purchase or use the Kolter PTO website to make online purchases. We have many adults sizes from small up to XXLarge available. Show your school spirit and buy a jacket or shirt today!

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