

PTA FRIDAY BULLETIN



APEX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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February 22, 2008

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb.15-Mar.3-Yearbook Pre-Sale

Feb 26, 27 Visiting Author Days

March 4 Grade 4 Writing Assessment

March 5 After School Clubs

March 6 & 7 Picture Days

March 17-20 Grade 3 ITBS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SPRING INDIVIDUAL AND CLASS PICTURES:

THURSDAY, MARCH 6 FOR GRADES 3-5

FRIDAY, MARCH 7 FOR GRADES K-2

YEARBOOK PRE-SALE

Your student should have brought home a 2007-08 yearbook pre-sale order form/payment envelope last Friday. This pre-sale runs from February 15-March 3. The yearbooks will be printed in color this year, and the cost is \$15. To order, please send in the order form/payment envelope, along with your check (made out to Apex Elementary PTA) or cash in the amount of \$15 by March 3

COUGAR CARE: Same great babysitting co-op for parents volunteering at Apex Elementary School in a *fantastic* new space. Cougar Care is now located in Ms. Jenkins old office (first door on the main hall). Please contact Sarah White at 303-6638 or dsmv1915@nc.rr.com for more information.

ATTENTION: Third grade parents will receive the CogAT testing results and an explanation of the scoring on February 22 in the child's weekly

folder. For those students who score 75% or higher, there will also be an invitation and permission slip to take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills the week of March 17. If parents did not receive an invitation for the child to take the ITBS and would still like him/her to take it, please send in a written note to your child's teacher by March 7 and we will test them. Thank you.

Judy Owens, AG Teacher and Connie Shay, IRT/Testing Coordinator

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The next meeting of our After School Clubs will be on Wednesday 5th March 2008. If your child attends clubs please remind them not to ride the bus home that day but to go straight to their club. Please remember that club pick up is by 4:10 p.m. PROMPT (except for Drama).

PROPOSED CHANGES TO PTA BY-LAWS

The PTA is required to update its by-laws every three years, and we are in the process of updating our by-laws in 2008. At the January 31 PTA meeting, Amy McAlister, our treasurer, presented three changes that had been recommended by her by-laws committee and then had been approved by the PTA board. The changes were to our fiscal year, the date officers take office, and membership dues. We propose to change our fiscal year to August-July; following with that change, our officers will take office in August; and lastly our membership dues will be \$10. Please consider this

notice to the general membership of these proposed changes. The general membership will vote on these changes at the March 17 meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Kendi Coutant at 387-3442 or craftingmom@bellsouth.net.

Coming Soon

Apex Elementary 2008

Visiting Author

**Susan
Stevens
Crummel**

February 26 & 27

NOTES FROM YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY: VISITING AUTHOR

Get ready for Susan Stevens Crummel! Our visiting author comes to Apex Elementary on February 26th & 27th (Tuesday and Wednesday). Parents are welcome to join us for her student presentations and during Family Reading Night (the schedule is on the school website or just call us). Come and enjoy this wonderful event brought to you by the PTA. Thank you PTA!

Parents of younger students: Ask your child how Iguana wanted to "beat the eggs"! The answer is found in Susan Stevens Crummel's zany book Cook-a-doodle-do! where the Little Red Hen's great-grandson tries his hand at cooking.

Happy Reading,

Ms. Bryant, School Librarian
(387-2147)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
100 POINT CLUB**

We need 2 parent volunteers to assist with the Accelerated Reader 100 Point Club meetings. The meetings are after school on Tuesday and Thursday, February 26 and 28. If you can help, please contact Jen Lackmann at JLackmann@Juno.com or 260-8432.

COUGARS WITH CHARACTER

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated as Cougars With Character for the month of January. The character trait for January was SELF-DISCIPLINE. This is defined as: Demonstrating hard work and commitment to purpose. Regulating yourself for improvement and refraining from inappropriate behaviors. Being in proper control of your words, actions, impulses and desires. Doing your best in all situations. These students were recognized in their classrooms on Friday, February 22nd.

Kindergarten

Kassy Alvarado, Callie Clemens, Lauren Corpus-Zapata, Jenna Davenport, Lindsey Frechette, Charlie George, Elisa Jordan, Genna Joyce, Amber Peart, Dana Ramkellawan-Vindas, Zachary Shaw, Estefania Vasquez Estillado, Cameron Walton

First Grade

McKenzie Baldwin, Lavarria Capers, Jesus Casiano, Bethany Foss, Niko Gnann, Irvin Gomez-Garcia, Emily Higgins, Diamond Hudson, Parker Kerley, Emanuel Lopez-Torrez

Second Grade

Emma Albrecht, Nathan Bailey, Faith Campeau, Hunter Foltz, Ian Jordan, Ashleigh Mole, Diana Nieto, Josh Rausch, Rebecca Stines, Abigail Teague

Third Grade

David Barrett, Debrena Booze, Therese Graff, Brooke Justason, Shannon Locklear, Caleb Lyman, Brianna Olvera, Abhishek Shankar, Thomas Stapleton, Jacinta Tyner, Jada Williams

Fourth Grade

Jucilet Chavez, Colton Croutharmel, Sara Downs, Nick Goupil, Rachel Hueschen, Quinn Langlois, Jaylen Nobles, Caleb Totten, Sam Weaver

Fifth Grade

Tynasha Adams, Teaira Cleare, Laura Coronilla, Davis Dupree, Nowell Ray, Will Stapleton, Renae VanNatta, Caroline Wagner

Other Traits

First Grade: Adam Carter-Kindness, Savannah Ferrell-Kindness

Second Grade: Alice Kuehr-McLaren - Respect

Magnet School Information

Sessions are in progress this month and the application process starts in February. For more information, go to www.wcpss.net/magnet/application_process.html where you'll find following schedule and links.

SPIRIT SHOP

The Spirit Shop will now be open on Friday Mornings from 8:00 to 9:00. Please stop by and see our great selection of t-shirts and sweatshirts. We are located beside the music room next to the cafeteria. If you are not available at this time, call Mary Casey at 303-9270 or email at mimicasey@bellsouth.net to set up a time. And remember to wear your Spiritwear every Friday!



Trying to decide how to engage and challenge your child this summer? Put their creative minds to work at Camp Invention! This weeklong science camp is a great way to keep your child motivated and active with exciting, hands-on activities during the summer break. Camp Invention is led by our own teachers and will be held the week of June 23-27 here at Apex Elementary. To find out more or register, please check out the website: www.campinvention.org. You may also call 1-800-968-4332.

*"Anything is possible.
Keep thinking!"*