

Welcome to our 2nd edition of 2009-10 Colony Meadows Elementary VIPS Tidbits.

Special thanks to our Ways & Means committee members Shannon Peters, Carol Young and Carol Evans for an excellent Carnival. Great fun was had by everyone! Many parents were on each committee, and without their hard work and dedication the carnival could not happen. Stephanie McGinnis did an excellent job chairing the Tiger Run! Thanks to all who pitched in and helped out!

Ask your child in grades 2-5 about the Bluebonnet author visit from Betty Birney!

Michelle Moreland, CME librarian reports on the book fair. **“We sold \$15,399.64 worth of books during our Fall Book Fair and our teachers received \$2600.00 worth of gift certificates to buy books for their classroom. Wow! CME loves our parents. As a result, we received \$1500 cash, earmarked for Reading Counts, and \$4,113.00 worth of books for the library. In addition, a huge THANK YOU to Wendy Pollack, Pert Mosely, and all of the wonderful volunteers who made this book fair successful!**

On **Mon., Nov. 2nd**, our Kindergartners ‘Rocked around the Clock,’ with a 50’s sock hock to celebrate the 50th day of school.

Thur., Nov 5th ½ of the 5th grade (Graves, Torno & ½ Belsheim) will go on their Field Trip to Bayou Bend.

<http://www.mfah.org/bayoubend/home.asp?par1=1&par2=1&par3=1&par4=1&par5=1&par6=1&par7=¤tPage=>

Fri., Nov. 6th, 1st grade Field Trip to Dewberry Farm. Everyone has a fun time at Dewberry Farm. Dress the children appropriately and don’t forget to send a sack lunch.
<http://www.dewberryfarm.com/>

Tues., Nov. 10th at 9:00am PTO meeting

Wed. Nov. 11th is Chik-Fil-A night. No cooking, no cleaning and no fussing allowed. 20% of your purchase is given to the CME PTO. Don’t forget to put your receipt in the red box by the condiment!

Thurs., Nov. 12th is Patriot’s Day for the 5th graders. 5th grade students will dress in Colonial era attire, eat and be educated in an 18th century manner. At 1:15pm, the 5th grade will put on a program that is open to parents.

4th & 5th Grade Student Council will meet on **Wed., Nov. 18th** from 3:00pm-3:45pm.

Order your child's 2008-2009 CME yearbook today-full of photos and memories of your child's school year! Deadline for ordering for \$25 is **Fri., Nov. 20th**. Questions about yearbook sales, contact Michelle Townsend at 281-313-5989 and outoftownsends@comcast.net.

On **Mon., Nov. 23** the Houston Grand Opera "Opera to Go" will present Hansel & Gretel to the students. Parents are invited to watch the show also!

On **Tues., Nov. 24th**, Kinder will become Pilgrims and Indians and celebrate Thanksgiving. Feast begins at 2:00pm.

Thanksgiving Holiday is **Wed., Nov. 25th-Fri., Nov. 27**.

Spirit Wear! Limited supplies of hoodies and zippered hoodies are available. Check at the front desk or call Heather Brandt at 281-980-2292.

REMEMBER: Fridays are Spirit Day. Wear your CME Tiger shirts.

Mark the dates.

Sun. Nov. 1	Time Change		
Monday, November 2	50 th Day of School	2:00pm	Kindergarten
Thursday, November 5	5 th grade Field Trip	Bayou Bend	½ 5 th Grade
Friday, November 6	1 st grade Field Trip	Dewberry Farm	1 st grade
Tues., Nov. 10	PTO meeting	9:00am	Extended Day
Wed., Nov. 11	Chik Fil A	Spirit Night	Everyone
Thurs., Nov. 12	Patriots Day		
Wed., Nov. 18	Student Council	3:00-3:45	
Fri., Nov. 20	Yearbook Deadline		
Mon., Nov. 23	Hansel & Gretel	Houston Grand Opera	All grades
Tues., Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Feast	2:00pm	Kindergarten
Wed., Nov. 25-27	Thanksgiving Holidays		
Wed., Dec. 9	Chil Fil A	Spirit Night	Everyone
Thurs., Dec. 17	Winter Parties	PreK, K, 1 st , 2 nd	
Fri., Dec. 18	Winter Parties	3-5	
Fri., Dec. 18	End of 2 nd 9 weeks		
Dec. 21-Jan. 4	Winter Holidays		
Jan. 5	Students Return		
Fri., April 9	CME Auction		

VOLUNTEER HOURS: Please note all your volunteer hours. VIPS coordinators have discovered in the last two years that per student CME is the most volunteered school per student in FBISD. We do a good job of tracking hours that are volunteered at CME. There are three ways to record your hours. 1. Check in at the front desk and get your badge printed up. The computer log your hours. 2. Record the hours you work from home or after school hours in the notebooks in the front lobby of the school. 3. E-mail your hours Lucianna James at to a VIPS coordinator. Our school sometimes receives grants or programs due to our volunteer hours. Every minute counts! And it gives us the opportunity to claim ourselves "The most volunteered school per student in FBISD!" If you want to know more about volunteer activities contact CME VIPS coordinators Lucianna James at 281491-6197, Laura Campbell 281-494-0490 laura.campbell@flour.com or Pert Mosley at 281-494-5188 passfree@aol.com