

Dino Tracks

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www.deepwoodpta.org

The Year Was 1978.....

- “Annie Hall” won the Best Picture Oscar at the 50th Academy Awards
- Volkswagen opened the first non-American car manufacturing plant in the U.S. and introduced the VW Rabbit
- Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds gained his 3000th hit
- The first baby ever conceived via in vitro fertilization is born in the U.K.
- The Camp David Accords are signed between Israel and Egypt; the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded to leaders of both countries
- The price of a first-class stamp rises from 13 cents to 15 cents
- Martina Navratilova defeats Chris Evert at Wimbledon
- The Dallas Cowboys win the SuperBowl
- U.S. Senate proceedings are aired on the radio for the first time
- The first Unabomber attack injures a security guard at Northwestern University
- The first Susan B. Anthony dollar enters circulation
- The Grammy for Record of the Year is awarded to the Eagles’ “Hotel California”
- The first transatlantic helium balloon flight is successfully completed
- Sony introduces the first ever portable stereo, something called a “Walkman”

AND perhaps most importantly.....

- Deep Wood Elementary school opens its doors to welcome the first generation of Dinos!

Come celebrate Deep Wood’s 30th Anniversary on April 19th from 11:00 – 1:00!

Marie Gonzales
Newsletter Chair

(1978 info was found at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1978>
and <http://www.infoplease.com/year/1978.html>)

Newsletter Submissions

Want to publish information in an upcoming newsletter? Please email your submission to newsletter@deepwoodpta.org. Submissions are due by the 20th of each month and may be edited for length or clarity.

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From your PTA president...

Wow! I can't believe that it's already April. Flowers are blooming, allergies are raging, and everyone is starting to make their summer plans. But there's still a lot going on between now and the end of the year! There's

ChuckE Cheese night scheduled for April 10, a Principal's Coffee on the 14th, and don't forget about the 30th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, the 19th. It promises to be a lot of fun ... seeing old teachers and students from years gone by, music, and a chance to get together with others in the community to celebrate Deep Wood's commitment to our kids! There are even a few surprises in store for everyone! On the 25th we'll have a visit from a Russian music duo – Kalinka – which will tie nicely in with World Culture's Night.

PTA still needs your help for next year. There are tons of committee positions open so if you have an interest in a particular area, please let us know. We'll get flyers out soon about the various committees, so please, please, please volunteer your time! And don't forget to order your yearbooks! They are a great way to help preserve your child's memories of Deep Wood – and they're cheap to boot!

Hope everyone enjoys the upcoming field trips and other goings on!

Lauri Etheridge
PTA President 2007-2008

Upcoming Events:

- 4/2 Kindergarten Round-Up (9:00 – 2:00)
- 4/3 Class Picture Day
- 4/8 Math TAKS for 5th Grade
- 4/10 Chuck E Cheese Night
- 4/11 Kindergarten Program (8:00)
- 4/11 5th Grade Sock Hop (6:00 – 8:00)
- 4/14 Principal's Coffee (8:00)
- 4/18 30th Anniv Program for Children
- 4/19 30th Anniv Hot Dog Lunch for Families (11:00 – 1:00)
- 4/25 Early Release (12:45)
- 4/29 Math TAKS for 3rd and 4th Grade
- 4/30 Reading TAKS for 4th Grade, Reading TAKS retest for 3rd, 5th Grade
- 5/1 Science TAKS for 5th Grade
- 5/6, 5/8 Early Release (12:45)
- 5/9 Field Day
- 5/12 Principal's Coffee (8:00)
- 5/30 5th Grade Graduation



Brief REFLECTIONS Update:
The theme for the 2008/2009 school year is:

"WOW!"

Feel free to use your imagination with this one!

Debra Stinson
Reflections Chair





Keep 'Em Coming!

Please continue to send boxtops and labels. Don't overlook other avenues for earning money, including the Target guest card which applies 1% of your purchases to our school (the Deep Wood ID number is 100826,) inkjet cartridges, and cell phones (bring those in to the school office to be recycled.) All monies go toward programs for your child here at Deep Wood! We have already earned over \$500.

www.boxtops4education.com, www.labelsforeducation.com
www.tyson.com/projectaplus, www.goplaylabels.com
www.target.com

Linda Harriman
Consumer Bonuses Chairperson

GO GREEN UPDATE:

Deep Wood has collected enough paper in FIVE months to qualify for the \$400 prize from Abitibi!! Please note this is a SIX month contest and we already passed our quota! In case you have not heard please note that much of this has been made possible because of Mitchell Roeder, a fourth grader in Ms. Page's class. He and his family have been picking up Auto Mart magazines every week from the owner's warehouse (with permission) and hauling the used and often unused magazines to the DW bin. His family has single handedly collected over 15,000 pounds of paper towards our DW figures.

I also need to send out props to my fifth grade collection angels that help me every week and sacrifice their lunch recess on Fridays to go from class to class collecting paper. They are very dedicated and always pick through the boxes for inappropriate items such as pencils and plastic bags. And of course I must mention the janitorial staff that collects the paper and puts it in the recycling bin at other times in the week. Ms. Suzanna works really hard and always keeps me updated on the status of the collection bin.

And to everyone who has added to the collection boxes on a daily basis – THANK YOU!

Noelle Mercado

Go Green Committee Chair



At the Hop!

Deep Wood will be a rockin' and everyone will be hoppin' at the third annual Deep Wood Sock Hop!



Mark your calendars! Friday, April 11th, from 6-8 pm, in the Deep Wood cafeteria! Everyone in the school is invited to this family event, and you won't want to miss this great evening of fun. Tickets will be sold individually or as a family package, and you'll get an evening of great music, contests, food, and the chance to win many great prizes!

The Sock Hop is sponsored by the 5th grade parents, and helps the 5th grade students go on their class trip in May. More details later...but go ahead and dust off that poodle skirt right away!



COUNSELOR'S CORNER
Elizabeth (Betty) Carbonneau

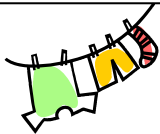
During the month of April our Deep Wood **Character Education** program will focus on learning about and demonstrating HONESTY and INTEGRITY. Some examples of these character traits that we share and discuss with students during morning broadcast, classroom meetings and guidance classes are listed below.

HONESTY – To be truthful in all of my words and actions.

- I am truthful in all that I say and do.
- I follow the rules at home and at school.
- I have the courage to do what I know is right, even if others don't agree with me.
- I accept the consequences of my choices and actions.
- I can be counted on to always do what I say I will do.
- I always treat others with dignity and respect.
- I am proud of the truthful kind of person I am becoming.
- I remember to be a positive role model for younger children.
- I know that my parents and teachers can count on me.
- I treat others fairly in all situations.
- I am truthful in what I say and write.

INTEGRITY – To be honest in standing up for what we know is right, even if it is not a popular thing to do.

- I am proud of my conduct in all areas of my life.
- I always “stand in my own truth” and do what I know is the right thing to do.
- I am responsible for myself, my decisions and my actions.
- I take responsibility for what I say and do without blaming others for my actions.
- I can be trusted to behave appropriately even when an adult is not present.
- I can be counted on to help out when others need me.
- I am courageous in standing up for what is right, even when there is a lot of peer pressure.
- I have the courage to face my mistakes and correct them.
- I follow the rules at home and school without being reminded.
- I am learning to consider the thoughts and feelings of others.



Clothes Closet needs your help!

We need two volunteers to help at the clothes closet on the following dates:
April 17th and May 15th from 9:30 to 11:30 at Voigt Elementary school. Please contact
Becky Velasco (341-9204, beckyvel@msn.com) if you are able to fulfill this need.
Deliver used clothing in good condition to the nurse's office. Thank you!





We need pictures! We need pictures for the yearbook AND we need pictures of anything that might have happened over the past 30 years for the anniversary celebration. We'll take pictures of classes, class parties, kids on the playground, chili suppers, a teacher with her finger up her nose – we're not particular!



Send pictures to the links on the web page:

reunion@deepwoodpta.org and/or yearbook@deepwoodpta.org

OR

put hard copies in an envelope addressed to Lauri Etheridge along with a brief explanation (who/what they are of.) She'll scan them and return to the owner.

**DEEP WOOD WILD, WILD WEST FIELD DAY
TO BE HELD ON MAY 9, 2008
RAIN OUT DATE MAY 16, 2008**

PLEASE CHECK THE P.E. WEBSITE UNDER THE FIELD DAY ICON, FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SIGN UP FORMS TO DOWNLOAD. I WILL BE SENDING THESE OUT LATER, BUT SOME OF YOU LIKE TO GET A HEAD START, AND I APPRECIATE THAT. I WILL NEED A LOT OF VOLUNTEERS AND DEEP WOOD PARENTS ARE THE BEST.

THE PPCD, K-2 WILL HAVE THEIR TIME FROM 8:05-10:50.

THE 3-5 GRADERS WILL BE FROM 12:10-2:30.

CLEAN UP IS SCHEDULED FROM 2:30-2:45.

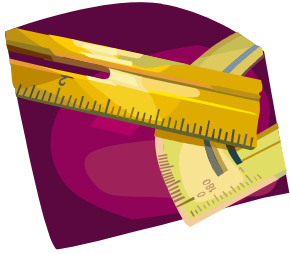
WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY HELP THAT YOU COULD PROVIDE. IT IS A WONDERFUL TIME TO SPEND WITH YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THE STUDENTS HERE AT DEEP WOOD.

MARY SUE AND AMY



2008-2009 School Supply Sale



Take care of next Fall's school supply needs this year! Avoid shopping hassles and order your student's supplies this year through the Deep Wood PTA. Everything will be packaged together and delivered to your child's classroom by August 21st. All students will receive the school supply order form in their folders in April and you'll have until May 3 to place your order. You will also be able to order online at <http://deepwood.btspacks.com> until May 3. For more information or questions contact Sandy Mitschke @ 388-5432 or sandymitschke@sbcglobal.net.

Dinos Celebrate World Cultures!

Thank you to all participants of our 6th Annual World Cultures Night. As always, the teacher, parent and student volunteers were incredible; the travelers, young and old, enjoyed many sights, sounds and tastes of the world! The Dragon parade was colorful and entertaining, bringing good luck to 2008 - The year of the Rat! Special appreciation goes to Ms T for coming back to DW to volunteer her time and expertise to the event.

I ask any folks who took pictures during the event please share any photos that you may think others might enjoy. I do add to my photo scrapbook every year!

We're staying busy in the Art Studio... next units will touch on the Time Line as related to Art History.

Please check my Teachers Web pages on the DW web site for more info.

Mary Reilly,
Visual Arts Educator
464-4420



On Another Note

Spring is in the air, the flowers are blooming, the dinosaurs are singing – the Deep Wood dinosaurs that is! We had some great performances at our World Cultures Night in March. Thanks to all of the families and friends who were in our audiences. The first, third, and fourth graders really enjoyed sharing what we have learned in our music classes. We have another performance coming up on Friday, April 11th when our kindergarteners will perform "What I Learned in Kindergarten". The program will consist of songs we have worked on throughout the year that emphasized certain musical concepts and correlated with the classroom curriculum. The students will perform following our Principal's Pride assembly in the cafeteria. We will also be celebrating 30 years of Deep Wood Elementary with our Dino Disco program, a concert of music from 1977, in which the entire school will participate on Friday, April 18th. We will also be singing the *Deep Wood Alma Mater* during our reunion weekend. Students will also be learning new rhythms and pitches this month so spring is a busy time!

Your Music Teacher,
Lorinda Choate

April 2008





Yearbook Order Form

It's time to order your yearbook so you can cherish the memories of this past school year! Deep Wood is celebrating our 30 year anniversary this year and we are publishing a fabulous yearbook! The yearbooks will only cost \$5.00 this year. Yes, I did say \$5.00! The yearbook will be about 100 pages with a soft cover and will include many wonderful photos. There will be photos of all the classes, the staff, photos at events such as Harvest Hoedown, Chili Supper, and World Culture's Night and of students enjoying PE, Art and Music. We will have 5th grade dedication pages and autograph pages in the back of the book so friends can sign each other's books. Please fill out the order form below and return it with cash or check made payable to Deep Wood PTA. Yearbooks will be delivered in early May.

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Yearbook Order Form

Student's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

of books needed: _____ X \$5.00 = _____ amount enclosed

(Checks made out to Deep Wood PTA)

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Kinder

Kindergarten will enjoy researching animals and plants as we watch things change and grow this month. Spring observations are well underway and our little scientists are taking notes. We will solve many math problems through addition and subtraction. Mark your calendars! Our kindergarten music program is scheduled for April 11th at 8:15 (following Principal's Pride). If you have any neighbors with children ready to enter kindergarten please let them know our kindergarten round-up is Wednesday, April 2nd. Thanks for helping us spread the word.

The month of April is full of exciting activities. First of all, we will be getting ready for our field trip to Wild Connections a butterfly farm on Monday, May 5th by studying lifecycles and learning how organisms depend on each other. We will also be watching a life cycle up close and personal by hatching some eggs in an incubator. We will learn about systems of the body. In Math we will be studying about the fractions $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, and $\frac{1}{3}$. We will then review the addition and subtraction facts through 18. Keep reading and practicing those math facts at home every night.

OK--spring break is over and it's time to prepare for the big math TAKS on April 8. On-going tutorials are happening daily. Twelve AR points are required for the last nine-weeks and will be due May 27. The final book report was assigned on March 17 and will be due May 6. It will be a book of choice and a character collage will form the book report. Directions have been given to the students. The 5th grade Sock Hop will be held on April 11 and the proceeds will help defray the costs of the Sea World field trip. Please help your fifth grader by volunteering and working with other 5th grade parents to make a successful fundraiser. On April 21-25, we will begin

Spring has definitely sprung! We are in full bloom and at full speed finishing up this year. In Social Studies our Junior Achievement volunteers will begin working with us, supporting our economics unit. In Science we will learn about plants and their functions. Continue practicing math facts and have your child read nightly for 20 minutes. District Reading and Math Benchmark tests will be given at the end of April. We look forward to a fantastic performance on the benchmarks! End of year conferences begin the first week of May with early dismissals on May 6th and 8th. Thanks to Sue Dozier for substituting for Mrs. Coplin in March! We hope for a speedy healing of her broken foot, so she can return to school soon. See you on April 19th at our DeepWood 30th celebration! As always, we appreciate your continued support in your child's education.

Grade Level Updates

Science Camp in order to prepare for the May 1 Science TAKS test. April is another busy month.

5th grade

Fourth Grade will be finishing up our study of geometry during the month of April. We will also continue to focus on problem solving in math. In reading, the students will be analyzing and applying strategies in order to demonstrate comprehension. We will work on vocabulary development, main idea, summarization, analyzing characters, fact and opinion, author's purpose and drawing inferences in both literature circles and guided reading. The students will bring home TAKS homework in order to reinforce the skills we are working on at school. The TAKS math and reading tests will be given on April 29 and 30. Texas and the Civil War will be our focus in social studies. In science, we will learn about adaptive characteristics of plants and animals as well as inherited traits and learned behaviors.

4th grade

The Third Grade teachers are very proud of the hard work all our students did to prepare for the TAKS Reading test. Now we are going to be working hard to prepare for the TAKS math test which is on Tuesday, April 29. Once again we will be sending homework on Thursdays and it will be due the following Monday. This begins on Thursday, April 3. Science will be exciting this semester. We will study about plants, animals, habitats, ecosystems, and how they all adapt and depend on each other. We will create a terrarium with plants, seeds, worms, snails, pill bugs, and maybe ladybugs. Reading will be a continuation of Literature Circles with a mixture of factual books about our Science subjects. Thanks for all your help this year.

2nd grade

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3rd grade