

# Dino Tracks

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The complete newsletter can be accessed on the web:  
[www.deepwoodpta.org](http://www.deepwoodpta.org)

## A Note From the Principal

Dear Deep Wood Parents,

We are continuing our spring semester of our 3 "B's" – be safe, be responsible, and be respectful. Students will continue to earn recognition by classes working together as a team. Instead of earning footballs, classes will earn baseballs for exemplary behavior. We will honor grade level classes, as well as grade levels in their entirety, who are the leaders in demonstrating outstanding respect, responsibility, and safety, on a monthly basis to recognize more classes.

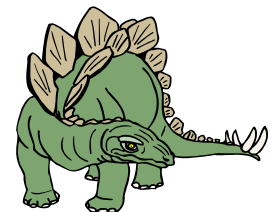
Kindergarten registration for 2010-2011 will begin on Monday, March 8, 2010. The hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A link for the needed forms can be accessed from our school website. If you print these forms and complete them ahead of time, this will speed up the registration process. However, we will have forms available at school as well.

TAKS Writing testing for fourth grade will be on Wednesday, March 3. The students and teachers have worked very hard! We know they will show everyone what fantastic writers they are! There will be no after-school activities for fourth graders on both Tuesday, March 2 and Wednesday, March 3. We will not allow visitors in the building on March 3 to ensure testing security. Therefore, please do not plan to come volunteer or have lunch with your child that day. ☺

World Culture's Night will be Thursday, March 11, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. We could use volunteers to help set this up. Please contact Mary Reilly if you are interested. ([mary-reilly@roundrockisd.org](mailto:mary-reilly@roundrockisd.org)) We look forward to seeing all of you who can join us! This is a wonderful event! ☺

Remember that Spring Break is from March 15 – 19! Have a fabulous time during this break! Thank you for all you do in supporting your children and our school!

**Meredith Perkins**



## Newsletter Submissions

Want to publish information in an upcoming newsletter? Please email your submission to [newsletter@deepwoodpta.org](mailto:newsletter@deepwoodpta.org). Submissions are due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month and may be edited for length or clarity.

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## Upcoming Events:

- March 1 Monday with Meredith (8AM)
- March 3 TAKS – 4<sup>th</sup> grade writing (no visitors)
- March 4 PTA Chuck E Cheese Night (3 – 9PM)
- March 5 End of Third Nine Weeks
- March 7 – 12 Texas Public School Week
- March 8 Kindergarten RoundUp (9AM – 2PM)
- March 8 RRHS Ballet Folklorico (9:30AM)
- March 9 Africa Program (Elizabeth Kahura) (8:15AM)
- March 10 Early Release (12:45PM)
- March 11 World Cultures Night (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> perform) (6 – 8PM)
- March 14 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 15 – 19 Spring Break
- March 26 Dino Pride (7:45AM)
- March 26 Sock Hop (6 – 8PM)

Don't Forget to Save Your Pennies! Bring your **“Pennies for Peace”** to World Cultures Night on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. The money will go to the Central Asia Institute to help buy school supplies for students in Pakistan and Afghanistan. At Deep Wood our students not only learn about the world – we help the world learn too!



## SAVE THE DATE!

DEEP WOOD'S FIRST FUN RUN & WALK-A-THON IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 8TH. JOIN US FOR A FUN COMMUNITY EVENT THAT WILL HELP ENCOURAGE OUR KIDS TO GO OUT AND EXERCISE AND HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL. MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!



Tons of volunteers are needed. If you are available to help or want more information, please contact Lauri Etheridge at [lmetheridge@gmail.com](mailto:lmetheridge@gmail.com) or Sylvia Grabner at [sylvia.grabner@yahoo.com](mailto:sylvia.grabner@yahoo.com)

SATURDAY, MAY 8TH



Jump Rope for Heart & Hoops for Heart



Thank you Deep Wood for your generosity to others. The Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart donation time is coming to an end. All envelopes need to be turned in by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you did online donations please print out the report from the online source and send it to me in the envelope provided or in just a regular envelope. Thank you once again for your wonderful generosity.



## on another note

March is Youth Fine Arts Month and we will be celebrating both the music and visual arts of our students and cultures from around the world at Deep Wood's World Cultures Night from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. First and third graders will present the program "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing" immediately following kindergarten's Chinese Dragon Parade. The program will feature songs and dances from Mexico, Ghana, Japan, India, Korea, Hawaii, Germany, Israel, France, and Russia. Later that evening at 7:15 p.m. our fourth graders will remind us there's no place like home when they share songs and dances from our own Texas culture. Don't forget to bring your "Pennies for Peace" that night or the students can bring it to school the next day. Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> will be our last day to collect money. We will have containers in the cafeteria and on the passport desks. The money will go to the Central Asia Institute to help buy school supplies for students in Pakistan and Afghanistan. We look forward to seeing you at World Cultures Night. Come travel the world with us!

"Sing"-cerely Yours,  
Lorinda Choate

Just a quick reminder that Field Day is on May 14th this year. Please look for information to come home in April, or parents can keep an eye on the website:

<http://www.teacherweb.com/TX/DeepWood/DeepwoodPE/newsflash3.aspx>

for more field day information.

Sincerely,  
Mary Sue Thompson  
P.E. Teacher



## FROM THE ART STUDIO:

Deep Wood Dinos are looking forward to our annual World Cultures Night on March 11, 6:00-8:00! Get in the spirit of the evening, bring your imagination and adventure spirit - you are the traveler - you can wear clothes from your travels - even Round Rock is on the map! - or perhaps clothes that represent a culture.

Deep Wood's World Culture's Night is for the whole family! Here is a snapshot of what's planned:

- > Deep Wood Student Gallery of Art projects from their cultural studies (K-5 cultural art TEKS) Your child has art up!
  - > Chinese Dragon Parade: At 6:00 Kindergarten classes open the event by parading their class dragon costume through the halls to the cafeteria. (Parents and families line the halls and follow the parade to the cafeteria...then the student performances begin.)
  - > Student Performances – singing/ rhythms/movement (Music and PE TEKS)
  - > Live hall performances - BAGPIPES-Scotland / DIDGERIDOO-Australia / DRUMS AND MUSIC-Africa / NATIVE AMERICAN FLUTE-N.America / LATIN DANCING-Latin America.
  - > Story telling in the Library (two scheduled story times)
  - > Artifact exhibits at cultural displays - from DW community / families.
  - > Interactive activities - investigations and visitor activities through the event / HAM radio / computer lab / dancing in Latin America (in the hall). We give students a passport to get stamped during your travels. Student participants get a chance to win a valuable prize!
  - > International food tastings throughout the exhibit (from community restaurants and homemade, too)



.....all this and more! You won't want to miss it! I welcome your help if you are interested in monitoring an exhibit for 10 -15 minutes during the event. Please contact me at [mary\\_reilly@roundrockisd.org](mailto:mary_reilly@roundrockisd.org) or 464-4420

Mary Reilly, Visual Arts Educator  
Deep Wood Elementary, R.R.I.S.D.

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**We kicked it up a notch!!!**



The Deep Wood Elementary PTA & Chili Supper Committee  
would like to thank  
**EVERYONE** who made this  
event the *most successful cook off to date!!*

We have **THE BEST VOLUNTEERS** who  
made it all possible from start to finish.  
Special thanks to 5<sup>th</sup> grade Angel Club.

We appreciate the many kind donations  
and also the judges who gave their time:  
Larry Gonzales, Darrel Prather, Bob Spratt,  
Commissioner Lisa Birkman, Mrs. Perkins,  
Mrs. Wafford, Principle Sormani (CTMS),  
Chef John Tomlinson (Johnny T's BBQ),  
Chef Graham Mitchell, Councilmember Moman,  
and the Firemen from Station E5



**We applaud ALL the contestants!!**



There were a record *40 pots of chili* entered;  
24 student "chefs" participated including  
those in ASE with Ms. T.

**And the winners are...**

Marco Leal, Gib Jones, Travis Danek,  
Jenny Benavides and Mrs. Doyle.  
Runners Up: Sarah Swindell, Jason Hickock  
Dylan O'Grady, Sandy Haney & Mrs. Lena

**C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !!**





## YEARBOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

**Don't miss out on all of the fun times and wonderful memories of the 2009-2010 school year! We still have a few copies left but when they're gone, they're gone!**

**Just fill out the order form below and return it before with your payment! Yearbooks are just \$10 each and are promised to be fun, fun, fun!**

**Please address checks to Deep Wood PTA. We'll distribute the books the last week or so of the school year.**

**Questions? Ask Lauri Etheridge at [lmetheridge@gmail.com](mailto:lmetheridge@gmail.com)**

**It's your yearbook! Make sure it reflects visions of you!**

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the yearbook @ \$10 each

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Kinder

Spring is the theme for kindergarten during the month of March. In science we will categorize animals and discuss the changes they go through. Cowboys and cowgirls will fill up the halls with our traditional rodeo as we study about Texas in social studies. We will also take a look at maps and practice vocabulary words that describe location. During the 4th quarter math will be filled with subtraction, fractions, duration of time, number sense and patterns. We look forward to a wonderful and safe spring break.

## 2nd Grade

Can you believe that the third 9 weeks is ending? It is hard to believe that 3/4 of our school year is over. In Math we will be working on number sense (place value to 999, comparing #), geometry, measurement. In Social Studies, we will learn about producers and consumers which ties in well with our upcoming Junior Achievement lessons. In Science, we will learn about classifying animals, their body parts and functions. In writing, we will continue to incorporate the 6 Traits into our Writer's Workshop. Please continue to have your child read nightly. Soon we will be assessing reading levels again, and we want all of our students to be successful in being the best that they can be. We will be integrating multi-media for our researches, projects, and/or power point presentations. World Culture's Night is 3/11. This is a fun evening where student art is displayed in the halls and several grade levels will perform. Be sure you mark your calendar for this family event.

## 4th Grade

Fourth graders have been busy preparing for the TAKS Writing test on March 3. The students completed a writing camp during the month of February. The students have worked extremely hard creating their own compositions. They have worked on applying rules of grammar, capitalization, and punctuation in selected passages and in their own writing. During the month of March the students will focus on geometry in math. They will learn about two and three dimensional geometric figures. They will focus on acute, obtuse, and right angles as well as perpendicular and parallel lines. In science we are completing our study of ecosystems and the life cycle of organisms. In social studies we will celebrate Texas Independence Day this month. We want to thank you for all of your support in helping your child with projects and homework.

## 1st Grade

Spring is almost here! First grade would like to give a big thank you to all the parents who helped with the Valentine parties. Thank you for volunteering your time and all the good food. The children had a blast. Spring Break will be March 15th-19th. During the month of March we will be studying about Texas! We will learn about Texas facts and symbols. During March and April, we will also be learning about animals and plant life in spring. We will investigate the life cycle of a chicken. A representative from Williamson County Extension will bring fertilized eggs and an incubator into our classrooms. We will be monitoring the temperature of the incubator and we will be turning the eggs. The agent will return to candle the eggs and then later take the hatched chicks back to the farm.

## 3rd Grade

Welcome Spring! Spring Break is just around the corner. Mrs. Kruger's class is working in the Robotics lab, and the kids are having a blast. Thanks to all the parents who attended our 3rd grade TAKS orientation night. TAKS homework is coming home, and students have done a great job showing their strategies. Students can count their TAKS homework for their weekly reading minutes. Students are using problem solving skills in Math, learning about Fractions and Probability. They are developing writing skills in Writer's Workshop, and improving reading skills in Literature Circles and Guided Groups. In Social Studies students are studying Landform and Map skills. In Science students are learning about different types of soil. Thanks for all of your wonderful support to help make our 3rd grade year successful.

## 5th Grade

This month starts off with a bang! We are still in our Geometry unit, looking forward to customary and metric measurements. Students have a Geometry/Measurement Notebook they will be working on. After we finish our Energy unit, we will begin a unit on the Earth, Moon and Sun. In Social Studies we will study slavery and explore the causes/results of the Civil War. Understanding the different types of media will be our focus in Language Arts. We will also compare and contrast the different genres of literature. A return to personal writing with a splash of poetry is going to make our students better individual writers. Don't forget our Sock Hop on 3/26. This is one of our biggest fund raisers toward our SeaWorld trip. Please get involved and encourage all of Deep Wood to attend! Enjoy your Spring Break -- where has this year gone?

