

# Dino Tracks

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## A Note From the Principal

Dear parents,

Hi everyone! Can you believe it! We are in the last month of school already! This year has flown by! **Our staff appreciation week is this week (the first week of May)!** Please let your child's teachers know how very much you appreciate all of their hard work, love, and dedication. Also, we will have an **Open House for student-led parent conferences on May 5, from 1:00 – 3:00**, our last early release day for this year. Teachers will contact parents with whom they wish to meet on a one-on-one basis for conferences. Teachers will be giving you more information about this on their teacher web pages.

I know that all of you will be sad to know that Mrs. Helen Roithner will be retiring at the end of this school year. She will be off to new adventures in her life after many years of teaching and impacting students. We will honor Mrs. Roithner on **Monday, May 17, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the Deep Wood Cafeteria.** We would like to invite all of you to attend to share your wishes for a fabulous new chapter in her life, as well as to thank her for all of the love, dedication, and inspiration she has provided to your children through the years. This event will be for parents only. I know that, although Mrs. Roithner will be missed, all of you will join me in wishing the very best for this amazing teacher.

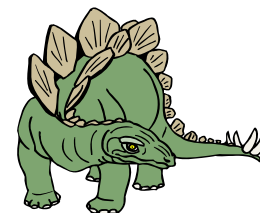
Our **Volunteer Appreciation Tea will be on Tuesday, May 11, from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** We hope that our volunteers will be able to join us so we can express our deep appreciation for your support this year. We are a strong campus, not only because of our great staff, but as a direct result of all of the hours of volunteer support from all of you. You are wonderful! ☺

If you are interested in being considered as a member of our Site Based Action Committee, please contact me. This committee meets four times a year to provide input into decisions made by the school as a steering committee. We have two parent slots open at this time.

Thank you for a wonderful year at Deep Wood! I look forward to continuing to build strong relationships with all of you next year!

I look forward to seeing you at school!

Meredith ☺



## 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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## From your PTA president...

Deep Wood Families,

WOW! Seems like just a few days ago I was typing my letter for the first newsletter of the school year and now I am typing my last. While this may be the last month of school there are still so many great activities in which to participate. We have a book fair, the first annual Fun Run, Field Day, and end of year parties. Come out and enjoy the last month of school.

I wish to thank everyone who supported Deep Wood and Deep Wood PTA throughout the year by volunteering, donating, and attending events. The PTA would not be able to support our school without all of the amazing parents, grandparents, older siblings, friends, and more. Due to the fabulous group effort the PTA was able to support and provide programs such as Physically Fit, After School Enrichment, special curriculum programs, field trips, Family Art Night, World Cultures Night, and Field Day.

Have a safe and happy summer. I look forward to enjoying my final year at Deep Wood.



With Dino Spirit,  
Becky Velasco  
PTA President  
[beckyvel@msn.com](mailto:beckyvel@msn.com)

### Upcoming Events:

- May 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 3 Monday with Meredith 8:00-8:30
- May 4 DARE Day at Dell for 5th 10:30-2:30
- May 4-5 Book Fair
- May 5 Early Release Day 12:45
- May 5 Open House 1:00-3:00
- May 6 2nd to Austin Nature Center & Pease Park 9:15-2:00
- May 7 PTA Board 9:30
- May 7 4th to Duck Pond
- May 10 Lights, Camera, Action 8:30
- May 11 Poetry Slam
- May 11 Vounteer Appreciation Tea 3:00-4:00
- May 12 School Nurse Day
- May 14 Field Day
- May 18 TAKS Math Retest 5th (No Visitors)
- May 19 TAKS Reading Retest 5th (No Visitors)
- May 19 Pet Clinic 5:00-7:-00
- May 20 4th to Long Center 10:30-1:00
- May 21 5th to Sea World
- May 21 KG Water Day
- May 25 2nd to Duck Pond 9:00-1:00
- May 25 4th Musical
- May 26 3rd to Duck Pond 10:00-2:00
- May 26 4th Musical
- May 27 Dino Pride/Talent Show 7:45
- May 27 1st to Duck Pond 10:30-2:00
- May 28 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- May 28 5th Grade Recognition 8:30
- May 28 5th to Duck Pond 11:30-2:30



## on another note

### *Passport to America Field Day*



Field Day is fast approaching, May 14th, make sure that you have your child wearing appropriate clothing for field day. If you have volunteered for anything I will be sending a reminder home to you soon. If you would like to volunteer make sure that you contact me so that I can set you up in a station.

Thank you for all you do for Deep Wood.

*Mary Sue Thompson*

*464-4416*



We have had a wonderful year in music classes. We have learned new notes and rhythms, new songs, new instruments, new composers and musical styles, and even a couple of new dance steps. There are still a lot of exciting things that are going to happen in May. Deep Wood will get to use a district classroom set of electronic keyboards. Every student will have their own keyboard to play as we continue to work on our music literacy and performing skills. On May 20th the fourth graders will travel to the Long Center for the Performing Arts to hear the Austin Symphony Orchestra's Young People's Concert. The year's theme is "Let's Dance" and will feature Mozart's Symphony No. 25, Copland's "Hoedown", Stravinsky's Firebird, Bizet's "Les Toreadors", Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 6, Tchaikovsky's "Waltz" from Sleeping Beauty, and other pieces. May also brings the last chance for fifth graders to perform together as Deep Wood students as they sing one last song at their recognition ceremony. Enjoy your summer vacation. Play, read, dream, and don't forget to make a joyful noise. See you next August!

Sing"-cerely Yours,

#### FROM THE ART STUDIO:

Wow! Summer break is nearly here! My Teacher's Web LINKS page offers kids safe ways to be creative... Check them out and see what's there. Watch for a list of Summer Art camps and classes offered in the area. May finds us enjoying the activities that help us close another year of learning!

Mary Reilly

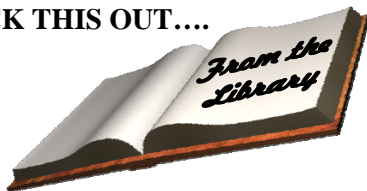
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Deep Wood Elementary

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#### CHECK THIS OUT....



The Book Fair is Here!  
May 3 - 5<sup>th</sup>, in the Library :  
May 3 - PREVIEW DAY  
May 4 & 5 - Shop from 7:30 to 4:00  
**Stock up for Summer reading!**

#### Found Reading Program

The "Found" Reading Program ends on May 11th. This reading program is for grades 3, 4, and 5. Read the book "Found" by Margaret Haddix and pass it on to your friends. Our goal is for every student in these grade levels to read the book. You will receive a dogtag that says, "I am one of the missing!"



## Don't Forget to Exercise Your Right Vote!



**May 8 will be election day for local and municipal elections, including school boards. (Early voting is April 26 through May 4.)**



Next year's Reflections theme is:  
**Together We Can!**

You can work on entries over the summer in the categories of:

Visual Art \* Musical Composition \* Dance/Choreography  
Literature \* Photography \* Video/Film

If you have any questions, just ask Mrs. Wilding or e-mail her at [shaleen@BeATexasStar.com](mailto:shaleen@BeATexasStar.com).

## Clinic Notes

Parents, help us by providing your physicians directive when your child has been seen for an injury that required: a cast, a brace, brings crutches or is wearing a splint, it is imperative that the school nurse's office receive your physicians directive . We notify the P.E. teacher and homeroom teacher of what activity may be participated in and any restrictions for the duration of time your physician orders. If a physicians order is not received, we use good nursing judgement to restrict all activity. Thank you for working with us as we care for your child!

Working for ALL our Children  
Deepwood Elementary Clinic Nurse  
464-4404



## **PBS CORNER**

As we wind down the 2009-10 school year, we reflect upon the great things that are going on at DWE. Our students, parents and teachers have been so busy focusing on learning and growing. Upon reflection, our PBS systems have been very effective in many ways.



We are being safe, respectful and responsible throughout the school with the support of many facets of how our school runs daily. We celebrate the following systems that have been successful:

- ♥ Afternoon pick-up system has been an efficient system to ensure student safety.
- ♥ Continuation of classes earning monthly awards for maintaining expectations in the 7 common areas.
- ♥ “You Rock” coupons support teacher’s classroom behavior management to reinforce student expectations.
- ♥ “Golden Lunch Tray” awards have been given weekly to classes who exhibit expectations in the cafeteria.
- ♥ Data collection to analyze systems in place to make changes or sustain.
- ♥ School data shows that students, teacher and parents are working together to make all students successful in behavior so learning is always taking place.

The PBS Team will be attending training at Region XIII to look at the next school year. Our Region XIII coach has visited with our staff to share data that reflects how well we are doing and what goals we need to set for next year. One goal we discuss is to communicate more with parents – I will be creating a Teacher Web for next year as a parent resource for PBS.

Additionally, we have created a committee to create a Homework Policy for Deep Wood and would like to get your input. We invite you to complete the online PBS Homework Survey for Deep Wood Parents. Here’s the link: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22AHVJPQGPX>. Hard copies are available in the office, if needed. As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to everyday working with you and your child.

*Therese Wafford, Assistant Principal*



## Kinder

Wow, it is hard to believe the end is near! Our Kindergarten students have been working so hard this year. We are proud of all of them. During the month of May we will finish our plant unit, discover how technology has changed our lives, and make surprises for our mothers and fathers. In math we will continue to work on addition and subtraction along with problem-solving. Water Day will be the afternoon of the 21st. Be watching for more information about this special water event. We want to wish everyone a happy and safe summer and remember to keep on reading and writing!

It's hard to believe that May is here.

The year has certainly flown by. The children have learned so much and they will make excellent second graders! We hope that you enjoy the summer vacation as much as we will.

During the month of May we will be studying about rocks, soil, water conservation and our natural resources. We will be going to the duck pond on May 27th for our end of the year field trip. We need chaperones so mark your calendar and complete your Volunteer and Mentor Application now! This application can be completed online at Deep Wood's website. A permission slip will be coming home later in the month. Please continue to have your children do their homework every night. We will be testing your child's progress in reading and math.

It's important that they continue to do their best! Thanks for all you did to make this a great year!

## 1st Grade

## 2nd Grade

What a great year we've had in 2nd grade! Thanks to all of our parents for assisting in our classroom. A huge thanks to our principal and aides that made Extended Planning time possible for the 2nd grade team. This month we will assess all areas for the final report card. We will finish up stories in Writer's Workshop, learn about economics, recycling, digging for dinosaurs, probability and how to multiply and divide. Over the summer, have your child continue reading daily – join the library's Summer Reading Program. Also continue working on addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers. Please review the upcoming events for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade listed on Page 2 of the newsletter. **We need parent volunteers for our May 6<sup>th</sup> field trip!** Also, May 26<sup>th</sup> is our Game Day (bring board games to share with classmates.)

The countdown to the end of the school year is finally here! We are very proud of the hard work and strategies the students showed on their Math and Reading TAKS test. In class students are going deeper into math concepts they have learned to get them ready for 4th grade. In Writer's Workshop they are working on the last personal narrative for the year and we are continuing our poetry study. Students are improving their reading skills in Literature Circles, Guided Groups, and Independent Reading time. In Science students are exploring living things, habitats and ecosystems. Students are learning about heroes real and mythical in Social Studies. A big thank you to all the 3rd grade parents for your wonderful support and contributions that helped make this year a great success! Have a safe and relaxing summer!

## 3rd Grade

## 4th Grade

The fourth graders have a lot of special activities to wrap up the year! Students will begin intensive rehearsals to prepare their end of the year plays for the school presentations. Be on the lookout for invitations to the plays, held 5/25 – 5/26. Our Field Day timeslot is at 12:15 on 5/14. On 5/20, we will attend the Austin Symphony's Concert for Young People. In Science the students' final unit of study is on species of the past. In Math we will extend our knowledge of time and measurement. In addition we will work on creating graphs and using technology to display data. In language arts the students will create story quilts from one of the novels they have read. The quilts will include summaries, recommendations, and character traits. The students will also identify figurative language and use text clues to determine the meanings of unfamiliar words.

The most exciting part of 5th grade is upon us! May is truly the busiest month, the calendar is full. DARE Day at the Diamond is Tuesday, 5/4. Students can bring money for concessions – they need to wear their DARE t-shirt and follow the dress code and dress appropriately. Most importantly, make sure they have sunscreen as we will be sitting on the berm. Please note the dates/times for Open House, Field Day, and our Sea World trip on Page 2 of the newsletter. TAKS Math Retest Day is 5/18, as is our Sea World chaperone meeting, at 3:00 in the Science Lab. Please try to attend this meeting if you plan on going with us. TAKS Reading Retest Day is 5/19. Finally 5th grade Recognition will be the last day of school at 8:30 am in the cafeteria – at 11:00 we will go to the Duck Pond for our end of year party! Good luck to all of our 5th graders as they move on the middle school.

## 5th Grade

