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Thankful for Blessings . . .

by Audrey Russell, Head of School

At Thanksgiving, we are mindful of the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. We are especially blessed by relationships with our families and friends. Relationships with our family and friends give meaning and definition to our lives. Take time to thank God for the blessings of your family and friends and all who care about you.



What You Really Need to Know . . .

- 1. Name in Outer Wear**—Please write your child's name in all sweaters, jackets, and coats. As the days warm, children take their outer wear off for P.E. and recess and forget to pick them up when returning to the classroom. Names make it possible to return lost/forgotten items to the rightful owner.
- 2. Individual Picture Day** - Individual pictures will be taken on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd. All students wear their blue chapel shirts.
- 3. Parents Association BBQ** - The Parents Association will host its annual BBQ on Friday, November 11th. The BBQ sandwich plates are served to students and their families at the student's regular school day lunch period. It is held in the Parish Hall. More information about the event and ticket sales will be forthcoming. **RE-MINDER . . . NO STUDENT HOT LUNCHES ARE SERVED on this day!**
- 4. Non-Uniform Dress Day**—Non-uniform dress day is Friday, Nov. 11th. Western attire or non-uniform clothes is acceptable.
- 5. Cookie Dough Arrival**—Cookie dough arrives on Tuesday, Nov. 15th. Please call the school office, 564-0621, if you can help sort the shipment.
- 6. Thanksgiving Holiday** - The school will be closed for the Thanksgiving holidays Monday, Nov. 21st-Friday, Nov. 25th. We pray you have a safe and blessed holiday.

2010-2011 Annual Report Correction

We apologize for excluding the *Furniss Family Practice* from the report of the 2010-2011 Auction, Raffle Sponsors. Please note their generous raffle donation of an iPad.

Science Week A Huge Success



Fourth graders at the SFA Native Plant Center

Students experienced guest speakers and field trips from a variety of disciplines throughout Science Week which was held October 17th-21st. Presentations were provided by Mr. Tim Leonard-*Counterfeit Money* and Mr. Ryan Johnston, *Science of Bubbles*. Second graders visited the SFA Arboretum to experience *Arboretum Adventures*. At the SFA Piney Woods Native Plant Center, third graders experienced *Go Wild*, fourth graders, *Wild About Science* and fifth graders, *Wild About Wetlands*. SFA Planetarium programs were: Kindergarten, *The Little Star That Could* 1st grade, *Our Place In Space* 2nd & 3rd grades, *New Horizons: Bridge to the Beginning* 4th & 5th grades, *The Planets*.

The week long study ended with students in Kindergarten to grade 5 attending the *Let's Go Science Show* at SFA.



First graders make bubbles with a rope!.

Parents Association News!!

Thank you for participating in the Cookie Dough fundraiser! Members voted at the October meeting to purchase interlocking, looped, custom designed mats for outside the school entries, carpet mats for inside the doorways, and new soccer goals for the physical education program.

CES T-shirt sales are underway. Long and short sleeved shirts are available in gray or navy. Also available is a navy hooded jacket. Call the school office at 564-0621 if you need of an order form or have questions.

The annual Parents Association BBQ will be held during student lunch periods on Friday, November 11th. Entire family members are welcome - parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. Look for detailed information in your child's backpack soon.

The Parents Association will hold **monthly meetings** this school year on the **second Thursday** of each month at **6:00 pm. in the Parish Hall**. Dinner and child care is provided for children during the meeting. A dinner order form is sent home prior to each meeting. The next meeting is Thursday, November 10th. See you there!

Annual Giving Campaign Begins

This year's Annual Giving Campaign was launched recently with the publication of the school's 2010-2011 Annual Report of Giving. Annual Giving is one of two major Board of Trustees' fundraisers, the other being the annual Auction. Christ Episcopal School relies on these two fundraisers to fund the deficit of educating students that tuition does not cover.

We strive for 100% participation from the CES community: parents, trustees, faculty and staff. Every gift, regardless of size, contributes to the growth and development of our students. As you consider a gift to this year's Annual Giving, we ask that you think about the difference you can make in the life of a child.



Second-graders view animals at the Pineywoods Fair.

On the Board's Walk . . .

Board Officers for 2011-2012 are:

George Barham III, President
Bryan Holt Davis III, Vice-President
Catherine Oliver, Secretary
Kim Jones, Treasurer.

Additional board members are: Charlotte Ashcraft, Jessica Drahem, Billy Huddleston, Jr., Rischa Irwin, Jodie Stone, Norma Fleming Taylor, Jennifer Young and Todd Garrison, Vestry Representative. Serving as ex-officio members are Angela Bacarisse, Parents Association President, The Rev. Howard Castleberry, Rector, and Audrey Russell, Head of School.

The Board of Trustees held its annual Retreat on Sunday, September 18th. The purpose of the annual retreat is to update the Strategic Plan with specific short and long term goals. These goals are assigned to the various board committees to complete.

The board consists of four committees. They are: the Executive Committee, Operations Committee, Committee on Trustees, and External Affairs. Each committee has specific areas of business that it is charged to handle. The committees meet, as a rule, once a month.

The Board of Trustees is a group of hard-working volunteers who truly have the best interest of the school always before them. We appreciate their service to Christ Episcopal School.

Ohhhhhh . . . The Magic of the Pumpkin Patch!



Mission Statement—Christ Episcopal School is a diverse community of learners who participate in an enriched academic program in a nurturing Christian environment which fosters a dedication to service to others and a love of lifetime learning.