



The Messenger

A Word from our MMS Principal-Bob Price

Our school year is rapidly coming to a close. We finished TAKS testing and students and teachers are working steadily to get everything wrapped up before final exams. Our eighth grade students are looking forward to their end of year celebration, and I know preparations have been underway for a long time for that event.

We have big plans for our construction project this summer. We have moved into one renovated locker room and are well under way with the other. The new Drama classroom as well as the Health Fitness room are nearing completion also. We should have a foundation poured for the new gym by mid-May as long as there are no more rain delays. As soon as school is out, we will begin renovating the library as well as the front driveway. Our plans are to get this work

done in the summer so that school will not be affected in August. Keep your fingers crossed!

I want to thank the PTA for all of their support. Memorial could not function as we do without the tireless dedication and work that so many parents devote to the school. Much hard work goes on to support our academic programs, our extra-curricular activities, our teaching staff, and virtually every phase of our school operation. This support is greatly appreciated and our students benefit significantly.

I would like to wish our eighth grade students and their parents well as these students move to high school and beyond. This is a fine class with many talents and ambitions. I know they will do well as they progress to the next level of education. I want to wish all of our fami-

Message From PTA President—Karen Crawford

I can't believe we're in the final weeks of this amazing school year. There is a verse in my favorite Book that says "Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." Pretty good advice this time of year! As we encourage our students to finish strong, the PTA plans to do the same! Here is some of the cool PTA stuff that's been going on at MMS. All grade levels have recently enjoyed Young Audience performances, brought to you by our Cultural Arts committee. MMS once again had a strong turn-out at Run

for the Arts for SBISD. A host of volunteers are treating our incredible staff at the monthly Teacher Appreciation lunches. The PTA funded and served a James Coney Island lunch for all students, saying "job well done on TAKS". Scores of parents spent hours preparing for the magical evening know as the 8th Grade Party. As their theme declares, MMS does "Rock to the Top"! An army of volunteers will be called upon to check all those heavy textbooks back in as the school year comes to a close.

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Memorial Middle School
PTA Newsletter

May 2005

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- ☉ International Club Wrap Up
- ☉ Texas History Event
- ☉ Write a Check Update
- ☉ 8th Party News
- ☉ Dates, Dates and more Dates!

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It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your 2004-2005 PTA President. My sincere thanks to every volunteer - you are what make this PTA so awesome and my job SO easy! Much appreciation to the Executive Board: **Shelly Caton, Suzanne Copeland, Monica McCloskey, Patty Moses, Carol Ann MacDonald, Jennifer Church** and **Kim Selzman** - I truly thank all of you for sharing your time and talents. My gratitude to Mr. Price, who has been so supportive of the PTA and responsive to our

requests. He really is "da man". Good luck to incoming President **Jana Dundas** and her capable crew. Please contact her at jdundas@detect-measure.com if you'd like a PTA job next year.

Finally, we all wish the 8th grade students and their parents the best of luck next year in high school. We will miss you!!

With final exams approaching, let's try to keep our students focused on the finish line and encourage them to finish strong! Then relax and enjoy a super summer!

6th Grade Counselor's Report Card

Congratulations to all 6th grade honor roll students, Eagle & STAR award winners! Summer will be here before you know it and we thank you for all of your hard work. Keep it up!

TAKS is now over and course selections will be ready for review. Course verification sheets will be sent home in May. This is a list of classes your child is currently signed up for. It is not a schedule. Please

review it carefully and indicate if any changes need to be made.

Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me questions or concerns you may have. Have a fun, safe, and relaxing summer!

Diana Carker
6th grade Counselor

6th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll (All A's)—Fifth Six Weeks

Acosta, Andrea	Gentry, John	Kuni, Kelly	Powell, Kendall
Alexander, Anne	Good, Myles	Laguarta, Marshall	Price, Alexandra
Avasia, Arman	Grace, Rebecca	Leggett, Alexandra	Reichle, Danialle
Barazi, Ghaith	Hakone, Anzu	Leung, Shuting	Riddle, Lauren
Baumgartner, Lana	Heins, Marshall	Lund, Grant	Robinson, Taylor
Bentele, Jackson	Hong, Sabrina	Ma, Xinping	Rommelmann, Sarah
Burman, Miles	Hu, Gene	Mai, Claire	Rustico, Federica
Calderon, Miki	Hudson, Chase	Marnitz, Zachary	Sun, Erin
Caton, Ryley	Jenkins, Kyle	Marquette, Pierce	Tendall, Ellen
Chen, Yifan	Jerez, Javier	Marucci, Gina	Tendall, Laura
Cho, Samuel	Jerez, Michelle	Mauger, Matthew	Tormey, Samuel
Clayton, Stephen	Jones, Christina	Moody, Rachel	Trapnell, Kristen
Curran, Bradley	Josey, Emily	Moore, Trenten	Valach, Alison
deMoya, Kelly	Kelly, Michael	Moreman, Sara	Vasquez, Erika
Dennis, Tess	Kim, Eu Bin	Mundy, Thomas	Wahl, Kathleen
Djuvik, Kimberly	Kim, Su	Ostrowski, Danika	Whitmire, Ryan
Dye, James	King, Peter	Owen, William	Wike, Katherine
Frey, Brandon	Kitterman, Sarah	Palughi, Kristen	Wilkinson, Thomas
Gaw, Christophe	Klingen, Mary	Parker, Cassandra	Williams, Allison
Gee, David	Koehn, Rachel	Pena, Jeffrey	Wyatt, Richard
Gentry, Brooke	Kruger, Shane	Pichon, Marielle	Yoo, Jee

6th Grade Regular Honor Roll—Fifth Six Weeks

Abiassi, Anthony	Hart, Jackson	Mohle, Olivia	Stewart, Clayton
Bettencourt, Henry	Heisch, David	Molson-Park, Erica	Sturm, Thomas
Bond, Zoe	Herrera, Ana Paulina	Nebeker, Claire	Temple, Alexandra
Braun, Maryanna	Hickerson, Jordan	Nelson, John	Uno, Erika
Calkins, Christopher	Hill, Nicola	Newton, Abby	Verschuren, Karl
Carr, Jeffrey	Holcomb, Jacqueline	Nirider, Olivia	Ward, Zachary
Clayton, Travis	Hollywood, Clare	Osso, Theresa	Weitzel, catherine
Cobb, Kristin	Howard, Griffin	Otis, Katherine	Wellen, Erica
Craven, Matthew	Hurley, Charles	Pipitone, Kelsey	Yauw, Adriana
Crump, Lela	Ibrahim, Nader	Pyndus, Michael	Yauw, Katherine
Dailey, Ann	Janes, Benjamin	Rabenaldt, Brian	Zander, Courtney
Davis, Lauren	Jerez, Monica	Rebentisch, Aubrey	Weinstein, Natalie
Demiano, Abigail	Kang, Joonwu	Reed, Molly	Weitzel, Catherine
Douglass, Elizabeth	Khairandish, Yasmine	Reilly, Patrick	Wellen, Erica
Faith, Andrew	Kim, Jenna	Riddle, Analise	Wike, Katherine
Fultz, Jeffrey	Kottwitz, Christy	Roland, Matthew	Wohlfort, Laura
Furman, Jack	Laguarta, Ross	Schneider, Alexandra	Wong, Briana
Geran Savadkoohi, Ateen	Lindsey, Robert	Selzman, Jonathan	Yauw, Adriana
Gibson, Kayla	Lynn, Eric	Simpson, Brice	Yauw, Katherine
Glendinning, Caroline	Mandola, Frank	Smith, Hayden	Zander, Courtney
Guerra, Patrick	Maruska, Micah	Snelling, John	
Guthrie, Dylan	McConkey, Gregory	Stagg, Sarah	
Halliday, Nicole	McMurtry, Molly	Stephens, Timothy	

7th Grade Counselor's Report

Thank you, 7th graders for your hard work this spring. MMS will once again have a large number of 7th graders tapped for membership into the National Junior Honor Society in May. Our second semester awards ceremony will be May 17th in the auditorium. Shortly thereafter, all 7th graders will attend the "Service Learning Fair" hosted by the student council. There, every student will have the opportunity to sign up for a Service Project to be completed during their 8th grade year. Our students have so much to offer and this is an exciting project for our class as we give back to our school and community.

Knowing that we put a great deal of emphasis on academics at MMS, I do want to recognize those students who work hard in other areas. Congratulations to members of the track team for a great season, the orchestra, band and choir students for a job well done in recent UIL competitions and concerts. Our outstanding Art department has garnered awards at every

competition they have had entries in this year. And congratulations to our students who compete at high levels in various activities out side of school: We have swimmers, dancers, golfers, tennis players, martial arts experts, baseball, lacrosse and soccer players; just to name a few. Memorial Middle has busy students and this is great because research shows that those involved in extra curricular activities are less likely to get into trouble, drop out of school, and are more likely to be successful in life!

Reminders: Check the school website for the Final Exams schedule.

Course Verification Sheets are due no later than May 26th, if you have a change.

Have a GREAT SIX WEEKS!

Katy Smith

7th Grade Counselor

Sarah.Smith@springbranchisd.com

7th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll (All A's)—Fifth Six Weeks

Anderson, Katie	Hong, Seong Jong	Sarvi, Venus
Berwanger, Orion	Jernigan, Emily	Sharp, Misha
Bett, Rachel	Johnson, Emma	Shin, Chong In
Brickhouse, Emily	Kirchhofer, Bennett	Simmons, Kristen
Cosnahan, Isabel	Kleiderer, Sarah	Suchman, Alexander
Curran, Danielle	Lathrop, Kelli	Thorne-Thosen, Christine
Danna, Bernard	Lee, Seong-Soo	Tran, Matthew
Davis, Baron	Linderman, Shannon	Verschuren, Chloe
Elmore, William	Luck, Mary	Waddell, Madeline
Faisal, Samara	Meng, Fanyu	Watkins Caroline
Ginsburg, Yael	Mocharla, Michael	Weir, Rachel
Gonzalez, Aranza	Moreland, Lindsay	Wright, Natalie
Guldner, Owen	Moses, Ali	Yancy, Hannah
Harris, Kirstie	Roeder, Madeline	Yancy, Sarah
Hays, Joseph	Rogers, Ashleigh	

7th Grade Regular Honor Roll—Fifth Six Weeks

Abercrombie, Pama	Glover, Grace	Liesse, Elizabeth	Sexton, Nienke
Archer, Stephen	Goodland, Collin	Malone, Connor	Shillings, Melbourn
Bard, Theodore	Goodman, Kelly	Marett, Stephanie	Signet, Alexi
Bauman, Claire	Greenhill, Taylor	McCloskey, Shannon	Soudjani, Sam
Beckwith, Emma	Gremmel, Courtney	McClure, Charlotte	Tendall, Anne
Bednarz, Alyssa	Haley, Benjamin	McDonough, Margaret	Thorne, Gayle
Bellis, Hilarie	Hanson, Caroline	McHolick, Katheryn	Tomlinson, Kelli
Bourgeois, Jeffrey	Herzberg, Jennifer	Miller, Taylor	Toole, Kathryn
Brandt, Matthew	Hickman, Abigail	Mitchell, Andrew	Touchstone, Ann
Bryan, Alexis	Hogan, Eva	Moore, Joshua	Wagner, Catherine
Burge, Richard	Holcomb, Kristin	Muhoberac, Elise	Walker, Harrison
Byth, Hallie	Holland, Marshall	Murray, Laura	Warner, Paige
Cohen, Lindsey	Jones, Cameron	Murski, Katherine	Weaver, Kelly
Cragg, Matthew	Joo, Michael	Nelson, Amelia	Westmoreland, Edward
Croley, Aaron	Jung, Esther	Orellana, Renan	Whitby, Claire
Davis, Geoffrey	Kato, Sandor	Ostrofsky, Tracy	Wiggins, Gavin
Dawson, Caroline	Khairandish, Mohammad	Park, Ellen	Yu, Ying
Dunn, Hannah	Kim, Simmon	Pence, Erin	Zepeda, Rina
Dunn, Laura	Koo, Kevin	Perry, Marianna	Zou, Dianjun
Fickert, Kristin	Kotch, Devon	Saidi, Anoosh	
Flowers, Caroline	Landon, Marianne	Scavone Ann Marie	
Ghorashi, Megan	Lee, Susan	Schindler, Katherine	

Run for the Arts

MMS came in 2nd with almost 80 runners and the district had it best overall turnout of 1000 runners, well over last year's count of 800 plus.

8th Grade Principal's Report

Thank you 8th Graders! This has been a fun year for me and I wish you all the best as you embark on your high school years and beyond. Memorial High and Stratford are getting a great group. Congratulations to all honor roll students. I know it is sometimes hard to make that last push to either get on the honor roll or stay there, so I commend you all.

Before I switch gears and focus on our new 6th graders I would like to give you a little more information about high school.

Memorial High Freshman Counselor- Betty Lowry

Stratford High Freshman Counselor- Greg Fore

You should have already received your course verifications from the high schools. If you have an elective change request, please direct that request to the high school. If you have a placement question, (i.e., GT, honors, or academic) please contact me at MMS. Please don't hesitate to contact any one of us if you have questions.

Best of Luck

Lisa Weir

8th Grade Principal

8th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll (All A's)— Fifth Six Weeks

Aamir, Nida	Han, Sangho	Mogyorody, Maria	Topp, Patrick
Abbassi, Tarek	Hatridge, Julia	Noriega, Isabel	Wang, Kevin
Banon, Shawn	Henkel, Jessica	Osborne, Taylor	White, Kevin
Burman, Dean	Herlin, Elizabeth	Riddle, Alexander	Wohlfort, Lindsey
Carameros, Jared	Kelley, Taylor	Rosen, Max	
Caton, Kyle	Kim, Justin	Schmidt, Sondra	
Donnan, William	Koehn, Ryan	Sutton, Shelby	

8th Grade Regular Honor Roll — Fifth Six Weeks

Abiassi, Stephanie	Holmes, Sydney	Livingston, Megan	Schmidt, Derek
Abunaser-Shiraz, Michael	Huang, Sherry	MacDonald, Ryan	Schreiber, Katherine
Ackerley, Eve	Janes, Allyson	Madeley, Katherine	Siegel, Claire
Acosta, Adriana	Jefferies, Alexander	Martin, Kristen	Silverman, Lexie
Bae, June	Jenkins, Courtney	Maruska, Charis	Stewart, Kayla
Barron, Tanner	Johnson, Lindsey	McDonough, Elizabeth	Sykes, Kathryn
Bauch, Philip	Jones, Regan	Min, Jin Hong	Tanigaki, Will
Carl, Rebekah	Kageyama, Ken	Moore, Mollie	Teran, Christina
Cho, Soo Jin	Kim, Daniel	Nepute, Gianna	Thigpen, Blake
Cho, Sarah	Kim, Ue Sin	Ohmer, Dawn	Thomas, Hailey
Chuchla, Robert	Kitterman, Matthew	Paik, Alex	Utz, Marshall
Cook, Catherine	Klein, Alex	Papageorge, Morgan	Wagner, William
Copeland, Amy	Klingen, J. T.	Parker, Kara	Weidner, Creighton
Czerniak, Anna	Knowles, Logan	Patel, Chirag	Wile, Douglas
Davis, Christina	Kuhn, Kristen	Pence, Emily	Williams, Haley
Fleishman, Travis	Lake, Kevin	Perkins, Eric	Yakushiji, Ayaka
Freer, Anne	Lee, Florence	Porter, Rachel	Yeou, Sho Young
Gross, Corey	Lee, Grace	Pugh, Anne	Zeitlin, Zachary
Harrison, Benjamin	Lim, Jieun	Roberts, Stephanie	
Hicks, Leanne	Little, Caroline	Rothenberg, Natalie	

Orchestra News

On April 8, the MMS Orchestra traveled to Galveston to participate in the **Galveston Isle Festival**. Symphony and Philharmonic were awarded with Superior Ratings and brought home TWO TROPHIES!! After their performance on stage, they celebrated at the beach with football, soccer, sand castles, hot dogs, and s'mores. Everyone had a blast!

UIL Performance

Congratulations to Philharmonic for bringing home EXCELLENT RATINGS FOR THEIR STAGE PERFORMANCE AND SUPERIOR RATINGS IN SIGHT-READING at **UIL** on April 6. Judges were impressed with their ability to play such advanced literature and with the ability to perform so musically. BRAVO, Orchestra! MMS is very proud of your achievements. Symphony will perform on May 3 for **UIL**. We wish them success in their performances too!!

SPRING CONCERT

Everyone is invited to attend the MMS Orchestra Spring Concert on **Thursday, May 5**. It will be held at Coleman Coliseum at 7:30PM. Our theme is **Surfin' MMS!!** You will hear our UIL music as well as WIPEOUT, Hawaii Five-O, and Calyso Capers. We look forward to having the incoming 6th graders that already play an instrument join the MMS Beginners on this

concert.

END OF THE YEAR RECITALS

All parents are invited to join our classes during the last week of school to hear students perform solos for their classmates. This counts as their final exam grade. Invitations will be going home with the students as the end of May approaches.

SBISD is having their first annual **Summer Fine Arts Camp** that will be held at Northbrook Middle School in July. At the end of the camp there will be a performance of the production of "Annie" or "The Music Man". You can audition to be a string player, a singer, an actor, a member of the stage crew, or an artist that gets to create the sets. What a great experience and a wonderful opportunity to show off your talents!! More information can be found online at www.springbranchisd.com

We have had an excellent year! Many thanks to all of the parents, students, and teachers who have helped create this

**outstanding
orchestra!**

Choir & Musical Theatre News

What a crazy and exciting year for Choir and Musical Theatre!

120 6th, 7th & 8th grade students paid tribute to the 60's in the Spring Pop Show on April 29 & 30. Featuring **J.T. Klingen**, 8th as Sonny Bono and **Katherine Madeley**, 8th as Cher, the famous duo hosted an evening of groovy tunes including girl groups songs, surfer melodies, and folk rock, while commenting on the trials and tribulations of those turbulent years. Ms. Featherston wishes to thank all the parents for their support backstage and behind the scenes. A show of this magnitude could not even happen without you!

CHOIR UIL CONCERT & SIGHT-READING EVALUATION

The MMS choirs continued to meet high standards at UIL this year. Both choirs were required to perform 3 choral concert pieces and then sight-read a 4 - 5 page song.

The 8th Period Non-Varsity Treble Choir

received a Superior (I) rating in the Concert and Excellent (II) rating in Sight-reading.

The 3rd Period Varsity Mixed Choir also received a Superior (I) rating in the Concert and Excellent (II) rating in Sight-reading.

These groups worked very hard to achieve these high ratings!!!!

TCDA 50th Anniversary JH/MS HONOR CHOIR

This year, the Texas Choral Director's Association celebrates it's 50th Anniversary at the annual convention in San Antonio on July 25. More students than ever, from all over the state of Texas, auditioned by CD for the prestigious opportunity of singing in the convention's Junior High/Middle School Honor Choir. The choir will have open rehearsals with conductor, Dr. Sandra Snow, of Michigan State University, and then perform at the keynote meeting and concert before all the choir directors in attendance.

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Because of the number of applicants, the judges had to extend their decision deadline. In the end, three MMS choir students were admitted into the choir, consisting of the top middle school singers in the state:

Abbey Hickman, alto, 7th

J.T. Klingen, tenor, 8th

Kelly Weaver, soprano, 7th

Ms. Featherston is very proud of these students for attaining this honor!

MMS CHOIR TRIP

May 13 & 14

We did the 60's and now we do San Antonio! 7th & 8th grade Choir Students will visit San Antonio sights as well as perform their UIL pieces at a Choral Music Festival. Students, parent chaperones, and special guests will enjoy a trip to Mission San Jose, a river boat cruise, dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe, and a day at Fiesta Texas!

NEXT YEAR'S MUSICAL?

What will it be? Tune in to the choir page on schoolnotes.com this summer for details!

Band News

As things are rapping up in the band world, we are excited about the upcoming events and very proud of what our students have already accomplished!

The Concert and Symphonic bands have been preparing and competing in their respective UIL competitions and Mr. Cortez and Mrs. Collier could not be more proud of their efforts. The Concert band competed on April 1st and came home with good and excellent ratings from the judges on Stage and a Superior in Sight-reading! This is a huge accomplishment for the band, the lights went out during the performance and they performed like CHAMPIONS!! Way to go Concert band!

The Symphonic Band competed on April 8th at Cypress Ridge High School and came home successful. The Symphonic Band received good and excellent ratings on stage and superior ratings in sight-reading! Mr. Cortez is extremely proud of the accomplishments of this group. Way to go Symphonic Band.

We have two big events coming up that everyone should be planning for. The first is the Concert on May 12th at 7pm in our auditorium. It is our annual "Spring Concert." This concert will feature the beginner ensemble, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and both Jazz Bands. You will hear everything from oldies to movie themes! You are in for a real treat! We hope to see everyone at the concert.

Beginning Band students need to remember that they will have two morning rehearsals before school to prepare for this concert. The rehearsals will be on May 10th and May 11th from 7:30-8:15am in the auditorium. Attendance of the rehearsals is mandatory!

Last on our agenda this year is our annual band trip!! This year the band will travel to Splashtown Water Park to participate in a music festival and then play in the park all day. The trip will be on May 14th and we will be gone all day long for a day of fun in the sun! If any band parents are available to chaperone and have not yet signed up, please contact the band hall so that we can add you to our list of chaperones.

If you are still looking for things to do, there are a variety of summer music camps available for your child to attend this summer. One that we would like to inform you about is the Spring Branch ISD Summer Fine Arts Camp. This is a three week day camp running from July 6-July 29th. There are a variety of fine arts opportunities for all children who have a talent or are interested in the arts. More information can be found on the Spring Branch ISD website or by contacting one of your child's music teachers. We encourage you to look into this camp and other local camps for your child's summer education.

We hope that you are having a wonderful year and are gearing up for a summer of fun.



Preseason Football Camp 2005

DATES: MONDAY AUGUST 1st - FRIDAY AUGUST 5TH, 2005

COST: \$50 per Athlete (Checks payable to MMS). Scholarships are available. T-shirts will be provided!
(See coaches for info)

TIMES: 8AM-12AM.....MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY
3PM - 6PM.....THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

CAMP BASICS: This is a preseason football conditioning and fundamentals camp. The MMS coaching staff will be stressing general conditioning of athletes, acclimatization to the heat, proper diet during football season and basic football fundamentals. Included in the fundamentals are blocking, tackling, kicking, passing, receiving and basic football terminology. MMS athletes playing football during the 2005 season are encouraged to attend. There is NO requirement for athletes to participate in this camp. Camp insurance will be provided.

CAMP REQUIREMENTS: Athletic shorts/shirt and good running shoes, bottled water,
Physical on file, Completed participation form (attached).

The MMS coaches look forward to working with your son!

Have a GREAT summer!

Coach Crawford, CAC MMS

Questions: 713-365-5400

Email:crawfort@springbranchisd.com

PARTICIPATION APPLICATION: MMS 2005 Football Camp

Name(last)_____ (first)_____

Parents(last)_____ (first)_____

Address_____

Home Phone_____ Work/Cell_____

I hereby authorize the Coaches of the Memorial Middle School Preseason Football Camp to act for me, in accordance with their judgment, in any Emergency requiring medical attention. I further waive and release the Memorial Middle School Football Camp from liability for any damages from injuries and/or illness sustained at the Camp. I know of no mental or physical condition which may affect my child's ability to safely participate in the Camp. I have included a copy of a physical dated May 1, 2005 or later and have notified the Camp instructors of any physical ailments my child has experienced of which they should be aware.

Parent/Guardian signature_____

Dated_____

Parents of Athletes

For the 2005-2006 school year MMS Athletics will be using the SBISD website to direct parents and athletes to the required athletic paperwork for participation in athletics. Follow the links/instructions below to download this paperwork. Print the forms and return the completed forms to the appropriate coaches ASAP but after May 1, 2005.

Log onto the SBISD website @ www.springbranchisd.com.
Click on the Athletic Department
Click on Athletic forms
Click on and download the 6 forms under.. Student Participation Paperwork.... These forms are labeled the (1) Physical form, (2) S-01, (3) S-02 page 1, (4) S-02 page 2, (5) S-02A, (6) S-03

NOTE: All physicals must be dated May 1, 2005 or later.

Fill out the paperwork completely and return to MMS coaches.

Thank you for your cooperation in getting this necessary chore completed as quickly as possible.

Coaches, MMS

EAGLE PRIDE NEVER DIES!

Library News



Summer Reading Book Fair May 5 - May 11

Book Fair Hours:

Thursday, Friday, Monday, & Wednesday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Tuesday - TAX FREE DAY !! 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Accepting donations for books... we are collecting donations during the book fair for classroom wish lists & books to donate to our library collection. There will be an area for donations at the book fair OR simply fill out the form below & mail it back to us.

✂ ...cut out & return to MMS Library ...

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

I would like to donate the following title: _____

Dedicate this books as follows:(Ex. "In Memory of John Smith")

Please attach a check to this order made payable to SBISD & send to MMS, Attn: Karen Rodgers, Librarian, 12550 Vindon Dr., Houston, TX 77024.

Summer Fine Arts Camp

Attention All: ART, DANCE, BAND, ORCHESTRA,
CHOIR, & THEATRE Students

This summer Spring Branch ISD will be hosting a summer fine arts camp. All students are invited to participate and go to workshops in all of these different subject areas. The camp is a 3 week day camp running from July 6-July 29th. Transportation will be provided through the district to and from the camp. If you have any questions or would like more information on this camp, you can go the Spring Branch ISD Website and search for the Summer Fine Arts Camp or you can contact your fine arts teacher. Applications are available at the MMS front office or online.

Summer Technology Camp 2005



Summer Technology
Camp 2005

Monday June 20 - Thursday June 23

Looking for something to do this summer? Don't want to spend it in front of the TV?

We're looking for a few good kids! Come have some fun with technology!

Open to all students who will be in grades 4-9 in the fall of 2005.

Mornings 8:30 - 11:30 or Afternoons from 12:15 - 3:15

Location:

Guthrie Center
10660 Hammerly Blvd.

Registration fee: \$120 per session

Registration: **April 25** through **May 27**

All campers may choose from *Claymation*, *Robotics*, *StageCast Creator*, *Digital Imagery*, or *Computer Music*.

Additional choices just for campers in grades 4-6 fall 2005

Windows MovieMaker Workshop

Additional choices just for campers in grades 7-9 fall 2005

SWiSH Computer Animation, **Model Rocketry**, and **i-Movie Workshop**

For more information access our website at <http://it.springbranchisd.com/kidscamp/2005>

Texas Historical Marker Dedication



Mrs. Susan Bowers

and her 2003-2004 Texas history students
of Memorial Middle School
request your presence
for a historic Texas cemetery designation
at the
Hillendahl Cemetery
8325 Long Point Road
Houston, Texas

Sunday, May 22, 2005
2:00 PM

Reception following
St. Peter's Church
9022 Long Point Road

Michael Abunsr-Shiraz	Jonathan Farmer	Jason Li	Alex Riddle
June Bae	John Han	Jieun Lim	Mead Scofield
Shawn Banon	Ben Harrison	Megan Livingston	Kaamil Shah
Janet Bering	Lillis Hendrickson	Katherine Madeley	Lexie Silverman
Christina Bettencourt	Will Hood	Taylor Osborne	Will Tanigaki
Drew Busmire	Brian Jackson	Noah Paick	John Wagner
Michael Byerly	Tanner Jackson	Chirag Patel	Kevin Wang
Lawrence Chang	Regan Jones	Eric Perkins	Kevin White
Alexander Clarke	Justin Kim	Jordan Phillips	Doug Wile
Ben Daniel	Ryan Koehn	Alex Pong	Zach Zeitlin

Credit by Exam for Foreign Languages

Spring Branch Independent School District
Credit by Exam for Foreign Languages
Contact Person: Carolyn Zerbe

E-mail: carolyn.zerbe@springbranchisd.com or
zerbec@sbcglobal.net

Credit Application Deadline is May 27th for the
May/June administration and July 27th for the August
administration.

Applications are available in your counselor's
office and can be mailed or sent via interoffice mail.
Send all applications to Northbrook Senior High School

to the attention of Carolyn Zerbe.

All students must have an I.D. and a pencil.

Tues. May 31 from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. - Level 1
All languages

Thurs. June 1 from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.- Level 2
All languages

Tues. June 7 from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.- Level 3
All languages

Thurs. June 9 from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.- Level 4
Spanish only

Cultural Arts

Cultural Arts was able to give all grades a big performances this week. 7th and 8th grade had a new program, "The Story of the Lone Star State" from Houston's award winning InterActive Theater Company. InterActive means that students and audience participate in the performance that captures 600 years of Texas history, starting with Indian folklore to colorful characters such as Sam Houston, Santa Ana and James Bowie. The show was educational, very funny and a hit with the students and staff.

6th grade experienced the history and the positive aspects of the Hip Hop cultural with an International dance group called Urgeworks. For example, did you know that "rap" actually stands for

"rhythm and poetry?" The name of the show was called "Be You." The dancing was incredible and even students and teachers went up on stage where individuality and self confidence was encouraged. Finally, the dancers introduced themselves and explained how they were formerly considered at risk themselves and how they had to make the right choices in order to follow their dreams.

Our last event will be light entertainment with Roly the Juggler in the courtyard on Monday, May 23 during lunch from 11A-1P. It's been fun and look forward to another great year of Cultural Arts.

Debra Aitken and Paula Davis

International Club

Wow! What another fantastic and exciting year for this diverse group.

Thank you to all our hosts this year...

September **Margaret Pichon** for our back to school pot-luck.

October **Michele Tura** for wonderful kabobs, at The Empire Turkish Grill.

November **Meg Guldner** and **Joy Haley** for an American Thanksgiving Feast!

December **Nina Lian/Farmer** and her Scandinavian friends for a festive Christmas lunch and for her support and guiding presence throughout the year.

January **Tika Lillegraven** for arranging a spectacular Batik demonstration, fashion show and luncheon at the **Indonesian Consulate**.

February **Riham Baumgartner** for the delicious lunch from Syria.

March **Hugette Teran** for a beautiful Latin America spread!

April **Shehla Shah** for inspiring a few of us, and our families, to meet again for a delightful picnic in the park and special thanks for her photographic skills all year long!

And as we end the year, I know we will have a wonderful time sampling Tea from around the world in our own school library on April 29th! Special thanks go to **Jenell Temple**, **Diane Sachs** and **Margie Cooper**.

Masako Kageyama and **Showing Japan** for performance of the Traditional Japanese Tea ceremony
Xinghong Xu for her presentation on the various Chinese teas

Gillian Hill for her enthusiasm about the history of Tea and her culinary abilities, no proper English Tea Party would be complete without cucumber sandwiches!

To **Tom Grant**, from **Sandy's Produce** who is scheduled to help the kids taste test teas!

Thanks go to **Elisabeth Karba** for her wonderful baking and organizing abilities and to **Robin Littman** and **Janell Temple** for those dainty tea sandwiches.

"*We all*" have made some wonderful new friends and memories and I look forward to next school year under the guidance of **Wendy Mixon**, **Diane Sachs** and **Margie Cooper**. We will miss those who will move on to High school or far away...but I hope you know that "*You are always present in our hearts and welcome at our tables*"

Thank you... **Debbie McHolick**

Volunteer Hours

Dear Memorial Middle School Volunteers,

Please do not forget to record your volunteer hours in the main office. Whether you volunteered at the school or the job you were assigned you did from home.

I would like to thank everyone for all your volunteering this year!

Laura Signet

Community Network

The SBISD administration and The Community Network, a parent-initiated group, are hosting a parenting program entitled "The Power of Seven: Parenting Solutions from a Judge, A Law Enforcement Officer, a Special Guest, a Mom, a Teacher, an Adolescent Substance Abuse Counselor, and a Student." This community-wide parenting presentation will address important issues facing our youth and their parents.

The programs are scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, at 7 p.m. at Spring Woods High School and Thursday, May 12, at 7 p.m. at Spring Branch Middle School.

This program is jointly endorsed and sponsored by area faith communities in conjunction with the non-profit National Parents' Network (NPN) and the United States Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

Parent involvement is a key factor that highly influences a teenager's decisions. The most effective relationship between a teenager and a parent focuses on two keys: teaching and trusting. Come and hear this dynamic panel of experts who will fill your "parenting tool kit" with: knowledge about what is really going on in your teen's world; effective skills for addressing difficult issues; and, awareness about current drug trends and consequences of using behaviors.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 281-450-3721 or Jan Leger at 713-365-4190 ext. 3404.

Pete Hinojosa,
SBISD Community Network Coordinator



Upcoming Calendar of Events

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| May 7 | 8 th Grade Party, 8-11 p.m., MMS cafeteria |
| May 11 | Teacher Appreciation Luncheon |
| May 12 | PTA Old Board / New Board Coffee, 9:30 a.m., cafeteria |
| May 17 | Awards Night |
| May 24 | Period 8 Exam |
| May 25 | Period 1 & 4 Exams |
| May 26 | Period 2 & 5 Exams
Early Dismissal 1:05 p.m. |
| May-27 | Period 3 & 7 Exams
Early Dismissal 1:05 p.m. |

Receipts for Reimbursement Due May 20th

Patty Moses, our awesome treasurer, would like ALL receipts for reimbursement turned in on or before **May 20**. She'll need to be closing out this year's books. PLEASE don't come to her after that date looking for money!

There are envelopes in Patty's box in the school mailroom to use for reimbursement.

**Next newsletter article deadline is
August 2005**

**Please e-mail articles to Gina Daggett
gdaggett@houston.rr.com**

PTA Jobs for 2005-2006

Looking for a PTA job for next year?
Contact incoming President Jana Dundas at
jdundas@detect-measure.com - there are plenty of
great jobs still available.

8th Grade Party Update

8th Grade Graduation Party

Rock to the Top 2005!!

The theme for the Party was **MMS "Rock to the Top 2005!"** The party was awesome for all the 8th graders!

On April 6, we found out the theme of the party in a skit starring some of our favorite teachers and administrators. Many thanks to writer/director **Patty Busmire** and all her wonderful crew and assistants for putting this together! The talented cast included: **Jentry Vines, Chris Thornton, Tom Crawford, Jennifer Featherston, Maurice Stadler, Bonnie Deaton, Lisa Weir, Jessica Huchital, Celia Clowe, Susie Bowers, Mark Miller, Becky Lou Ruiz and Bob Price.** It was hilarious, and we appreciate all of their efforts. We would like to give a **BIG** thanks to **Robbie DeHay!**

A special thanks to the ALL families who made a contribution to the 8th Grade Graduation Party!

The students really **ROCKED** all night and had a wonderful time! Just like any good **CONCERT**, we hope they'll take away great memories of this evening, as well as their 3 incredible years at MMS.

You may view and purchase the **AWESOME ROCK TO THE TOP PICTURES FROM** party pics at www.partypics.com - our password is **MMS2005!** The picture pics will be available on line thru June 5th!

It took the full crew of 8th grade parents to plan and execute this **MUSICAL EVENT.** IT was Music to Our Ears how helpful everyone was! We sincerely appreciate all the parents volunteers who helped to make this party great for ALL the 8th graders! We want to sing praise to the parents, students and staff who helped make this a wonderful event.

We say thanks again,
Julie and Mary

We want to thank **Collen First** and **Patty Busmire** for the putting together the DVD for the evening! If your son or daughter is **RAVING** about the DVD that ran during the party, and you haven't ordered one, here's one last chance. Please send in the form below and a check made out to **MMS PTA** for \$30.

Final order deadline: May 14th. **IT WILL HAVE COMPLETE FOOTAGE FROM THE PARTY!**

Student Name _____

Activity Teacher _____

of DVDs _____ Total Paid _____

Each DVD is \$25.00. Checks payable to MMS PTA

DVD and Pictures will be delivered late MAY!

Write-a-Check Update



Our annual fundraiser was a **HUGE** success! Our final count is **\$73,465!**
Thanks to all of our generous contributors and to our committee.

Co-Chairman: Sheri Lathrop and Nancy Trice

Teacher Appreciation Luncheons Thank You

March Teacher Appreciation - Spring Time!

Chairman: **Kathy Powell**
Co-Chair: **Leigh Ann Whitty**

6th Grade Parents:

Nancy Devlin - Harrison (6) & Charles (8)
Riham Baumgartner - Lana
Valerie Burman - Miles (6) & Dean (8)
Carloyn Jenkins - Kyle (6) & Courtney (8)
Elane Dailey - Annie
Pam Wellen - Erica
Alison Stewart - Madeline

7th Grade Parents:

Jean Tomlinson - Kelli
Nashieda Hadi - Ronnie
Terrell Sherman - Brodie & Sydney
Terri Weeks - Taylor
Cynthia Miller - Taylor
Jan Goss - Victoria

8th Grade Parents:

Mary Ann Kligen - J.T. (8) & Mary Helen (6)
Carol Ann Macdonald - Ryan
Kim Selzman - Amanda (8) & Jonathon (6)
Anne Rothenberg - Natalie
Lynne Redding - Samuel
Margie Kendrick - Mikey
Karen Pong - Alex

April Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

"April Showers Bring May Flowers"
was a blooming success due to the hard work and efforts
of these MMS parents:

Co-Chairs: **Cynthia Harvey**(8th) and **Lisa Williams**(8th)

6th Grade Parents:

Cindy Hand, **Aileen Reilly**, **Riham Baumgartner**, **Alaine Djurk**, **Judy Josey**, and **Jila Mesgarpouran**.

7th Grade Parents:

Kathy Bergman, **Cathy Lassetter**, **Sharon Gregory**,
Susan Bonora, **Ann Graham**, **Stacy Perry**, **Kitty Strain**,
and **Andrea Thompson**.

8th Grade Parents:

Donna Moore, **Rana Squires**, **Susan Skinner**, **Becky Cummings**, **Karen Pong**, **Dean Harvey**, and
Ann Purcell(6th/8th grade).



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Have a great summer and
see you in August!!!

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