



The Messenger

Fall News From MMS Principal-Bob Price

We have completed the first six weeks of school and it has been anything but a typical school year thus far for MMS. We have had 2 hurricanes strike the Gulf coast and the Memorial community has been greatly affected by both. In the aftermath of Katrina, MMS enrolled about 20 students from the New Orleans area, and we are expecting to enroll students that have been displaced from Beaumont schools as a result of Rita.

I have received countless compliments from our "new" families about how much they appreciate the outpouring of care from the MMS community. They appreciate that they have been given school supplies, clothes, and food, but more signifi-

cantly they feel like they have been welcomed to join our community for as long as they wish. I know some of our students and families will be returning to their homes, but some will also be staying with us permanently.

Our students, staff, and PTA have shown their true character during these times of crisis by giving of their time, money, and most importantly their hearts to those whose lives have been devastated. It is truly a blessing to live and work in a community that is so in tune with caretaking for those less fortunate. I am proud to welcome our new EAGLES for as long as they are with us.

PTA President—Jana Dundas

MMS WELCOMES LA STUDENTS

My name is Jana Dundas, and I am a news junkie. ("Hi, Jana.") During the first two days after Katrina made landfall, I was glued to my television set with a Tab and a box of kleenex. I finally snapped out of it on Wednesday, when I received word that some old Houston friends who had relocated to New Orleans over the summer had returned. We housed their two precious elementary aged daughters for a few days, and I organized a donation drive to clothe them. Like so many, they had fled the storm with a couple days' clothing not intended for school. My BHE friends and I managed to provide clothing, toys, furniture and household items for them to use

in their rented home as they have returned here most likely for the remainder of the school year. Energized and snapped out of my dazed state, I realized others had arrived and had enrolled at MMS.

I met with Mr. Price to formulate a plan to help assimilate our new students and their families into our school. Susan Thomas, an MMS mom, volunteered to coordinate a buddy/mentor program to match up new students/moms with existing students/moms. Within a few days, our generous community had made monetary

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donations to purchase Target gift cards the PTA presented to our new families. A local real estate company, Martha Turner Properties, donated funds to purchase concessions for our 8th graders and Student Council members to sell during the home football games. A welcome lunch was organized to introduce buddies and new moms. All in all, we quickly raised \$3600 and welcomed 24 new students and their families into our school. Some of the families have already returned home or to another location, but I truly believe our efforts made their time here better.

I really am proud to be the President of this PTA. A writer for one of the local papers called me to ask what our school was doing for our new kids. I think she was

shocked when I rattled off the list. Two of our feeder elementary schools are implementing similar "buddy" programs, at least in part due to our success. At the September PTA meeting, our members voted unanimously to donate \$250 from our PTA to the SBISD Katrina Relief Fund, to help new students in other areas of our district. I spoke personally to each and every new family, and heard repeated reports of how welcoming our students (your children!), faculty, administration, and community has been. Thanks, everyone, for all you have done.

Now, back to the news. As I am writing this, there is someone named "Rita" who is getting a lot of attention just now...

Jana Dundas, PTA President

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, at noon in the MMS Library. A light lunch will be served. **SBISD Superintendent Dr. Duncan Klussmann** will be our guest speaker. Please make plans now to attend!

Calendar Updated

Check out the PTA's website for our updated calendar. Just log on to:
www.memorialmiddleschoolpta.com
and click on "Calendar" to get the up-to-the-minute PTA/school calendar.

"Be A Volunteer"

Is your SBISD Volunteer Registration current? Volunteers in SBISD must register each year. Anyone who registered after June 15, 2005 will be in the new 2005-2006 Volunteer Database. Everyone who was in the 2004-2005 database may not volunteer after Sept. 30, 2005 unless they have re-registered. This includes chaperones at school functions, and on band, orchestra and choir trips. If you haven't registered for the 2005-2006 school year, please do so today. There is a link on our PTA website at www.memorialmiddleschoolpta.com. Also - be sure and record your volunteer hours in the school office, whether you do volunteer work at school or at home. Our school gets credit for all volunteer hours. Questions? Contact **Kim Myer** at 713-827-7304 or myerrc@yahoo.com.

6th Grade Principal and Counselor

A new school, tons of books, tons of teachers, locks and lockers, new friends and so much homework!! All of these things can be so overwhelming to sixth grade students and parents! Wow, the first 6 weeks of sixth grade has flown by and the 6th graders have done a fabulous job transitioning to Memorial Middle School. We also would like to congratulate all of the students who have made the Distinguished and Regular Honor Roll. Your dedication to academics and citizenship is to be commended! Keep up the hard work! Parents, please be sure to check your child's agenda book for upcoming tests, quizzes and projects. This will continue to be an important part of school-home communication. We also want to continue to welcome the families from Louisiana in their time of uncertainty and also want to thank our school and community for all of the support and generosity they have shown. If you feel as though you need to conference with your child's teacher, please feel free to contact the teacher directly or if you feel as though you need to meet with all of your child's teachers, please contact either of us to schedule a meeting. Reminder . . . student holidays on October 7th and 10th.

Alison Butler, 6th Grade Counselor, alison.butler@springbranchisd.com
Lisa Weir, 6th Grade Principal, lisa.weir@springbranchisd.com

6th Grade Peer Group

Please note that the next meeting of the 6th Grade Peer Group has been rescheduled for October 11 at 12:00 p.m. in the Library. This will be a brown bag lunch meeting. Questions? Call Jenni Bredhauer, 713-468-6651, Jan Miller, 713-787-6227 or Mary Roberts, 713-468-6961.

6th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll—1st Six Weeks

Aitken, Katherine A.	Dickey, Kelley N.	Kelley, Shannon E.	Michie, Mariah N.
Alexander, Cullen M.	Dobbins, Kyle B.	Kim, David J.	Morris, Emily D.
Bender, Lauren N.	Donnan, Emily K.	Kim, Esther S.	Muncey, Spencer C.
Bergez, Emmalee M.	Dunn, Rebecca B.	Kim, Jay H.	Nah, Yun-Ah
Berwanger, Mars P.	Eddy, Clayton G.	Kim, Joo Young	Nazareus, Laura A.
Bone, Michael D.	Faisal, Annum	Kim, Leah C.	Ney, Sarah E.
Bornman, Eliza Ann	Falick, Jacqueline A.	Koch, Kyle C.	Nommensen, Mary
Bourdon, Jeffrey L.	Fan, Zhen	Lai, Charles J.	Owens, Caitlin L.
Bradley, Samantha N.	Folger, Haleigh G.	Lathrop, Matthew S.	Owens, Camille V.
Bradshaw, Scott A.	Fricks, Amy K.	Leader, Mark K.	Park, Joon Su
Bredthauer, W M.	Gardner, Maggie J.	Lee, Daniel	Perrin, Patricia L.
Brickhouse, Kyle S.	Gibler, Hayley L.	Lien, Matthew S.	Poretzky, Michele F.
Budde, Marilyn J.	Grooms, Katie M.	Livingston, Macy A.	Puntarelli, Richey A.
Byth, Janice K.	Ha, Yun Jung	Lord, James B.	Purhonen, Essi A.
Cai, Elizabeth Y.	Hackworth, Lauren E.	Loyferman, Michelle	Radney, William A.
Camero, Mark A.	Hays, Matthew R.	Luck, Emily E.	Roberts, Ford W.
Carl, Benjamin A.	Hendrickson, Sarah	Lueck, Darah L.	Roeder, Miles T.
Carroll, Angela E.	Hurtte, Mason R.	Maranuk, Thomas W.	Ruzinsky, Aaron M.
Cortelyou, Gregory	Jackson, Kyle E.	Martin, Melanie L.	Scavone, Joseph A.
Crouch, Kendall A.	Jacobson, Claire E.	Matthews, Emily C.	Scioneaux, Samantha
Dennis, Nicholas D.	Jones, Rebecca A.	Mattson, Emma K.	
Depena, Christina K.	Jordan, Amy E.	McArthur, Emily K.	
Dharma, Indra W.	Karba, Christopher	McClurkin, Margaret	

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6th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll—1st Six Weeks (continued)

Sen, Ajita J.	Stirl, Kimberly M.	Takeuchi, Ippei	Wilde, Wilson W.
Shillings, Conrad M.	Stone, Madeline T.	Takeuchi, Kenta	Wile, Abigail G.
Shivitz, Reagan M.	Su, Fan	Titus, Mary M.	Wilson, Kelly E.
Sirgo, Audrey C.	Sutton, Emma F.	Trimble, Sarah K.	Zarzana, Daniel J.
Sladic, Caroline S.	Swank, Griffin T.	Watkins, Madeleine	
Smith, Kelsey H.	Sykes, Steven J.	White, Michael A.	

6th Grade Regular Honor Roll—1st Six Weeks

Alexander, Christie M.	Han, Seungho	Miller, Daniel A.	Son, Andrew C.
Aven, Hannah L.	Harger, James C.	Nosrat, Nicole R.	Stimson, Kelsey J.
Azam, Hani	Hickey, Kristian T.	Orellana, Rebeca D.	Story, John F.
Baker, Leslie L.	Hoagland-Sorensen, Julia R.	Osso, James A.	Sturm, Henry R.
Balch, Katelyn L.	Hogan, Robert F.	Phillips, Patricia E.	Tinsley, Andrew C.
Barr, Meegen L.	Hong, Baikal J.	Plaster, Kaitlyn A.	Tolson, Drew A.
Blackshear, Samuel R.	Hu, Angela C.	Pohl, Nicholas A.	Tran, Margaret V.
Bond, Zachary J.	Hu, Angela C.	Porter, Reagan A.	Tura, Timur N.
Brown, Jared R.	Iranpoor, Donya	Randle, Garrett J.	Underwood, Connor E.
Bruno, Elaine F.	Jaicks, Janie L.	Ranger, Emily C.	Van Anglen, John D.
Burrows, Susan E.	Janssen, Jennifer L.	Rathjen, Beau H.	Vu, Henry D.
Busmire, Rebecca L.	Ji, Sun Y.	Rebentisch, Joseph A.	Wall, Preston D.
Clements, Story D.	Kelleher, Patrick R.	Ruiz, Karina D.	Wallace, Brooke E.
Cooper, Tyler A.	Kim, Andrew J.	Saidi, Nooshin	Wang, Alice C.
Dahesh, Cameron C.	Kim, Sejin	Sanborn, Joan M.	Weir, Jack A.
Davis, Eve D.	Kuhn, Hanna L.	Saradjian, Michael B.	Wesselink, Danielle M.
Denney, Tyler D.	Lampas, Laurel A.	Satterwhite, Allison J.	West, Rachel R.
Drell, Laura A.	Lee, Jeffrey	Sax, Casey A.	Whitaker, Eleanor L.
Dundas, Jeffrey C.	Lee, Jong Hyun	Schillaci, Nikolos G.	Wiggins, Brooke K.
E'tessam, Amethys	Lee, Matthew J.	Schreiber, Blake W.	Wright, Katherine B.
Esmail Khanlou, Yasamin	Leeper, Daniel D.	Scofield, Erin O.	Yoon, Won Hee
Franke, Elise M.	Lemmer, Alyson S.	Settegast, Marshall E.	Yoon, Yu J.
Fuller, Thomas A.	Leyendecker, Caitlin M.	Shanklin, Torey E.	Young, William S.
Fulton, Shannon A.	Lindley, Mayers H.	Sikora, Kelly N.	Zare, Ashlyn H.
Graham, Kevin P.	MacCrory, Michael	Simon, Brandon N.	Zhang, Simon C.
Graham, Madeleine S.	Malmquist, William K.	Simpson, Riley R.	Zhao, Ming
Guldner, Sutton A.	McRae, Emma G.	Siqueiros, Nicholas M.	
	Meador, Mason N.	Smith, Kirby L.	

7th Grade Principal and Counselor

MMS 7th graders are continuing to excel in the classroom. Congratulations to all of the students on the Distinguished and Regular honor rolls! The football and volleyball teams are having a winning season. Please come out and support our players. Thank you for the great turn out at our peer meeting! We appreciate all of the support from parents. The DUKE information forms were sent home with your child last week. DUKE has a website that is very helpful in answering any questions you may have. It is www.tip.duke.edu. Also, please continue to check your child's agenda book for upcoming assignments and projects. Keep up the good work and have a great second six weeks!

Mrs. Anissa Myers-Kiener, 7th grade Principal & Ms. Diana Patterson, 7th grade Counselor

7th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll—1st Six Weeks

Alexander, Anne M.
Bentele, Jackson J.
Burman, Miles A.
Caton, Ryley A.
Chen, Yifan
Cho, Samuel
Curran, Bradley R.
Dennis, Tess E.
Dye, James P.

Gaw, Christophe W.
Glidden, Emily C.
Grace, Rebecca K.
Hakone, Anzu
Halliday, Nicole M.
Jones, Christina M.
Josey, Emily L.
Kitterman, Sarah M.
Klingen, Mary H.

LaMay, Sophia N.
Mai, Claire C.
Mandola, Frank M.
Marucci, Gina L.
Ostrowski, Danika A.
Parker, Cassandra M.
Pichon, Marielle A.
Riddle, Analise E.
Sun, Erin M.

Tendall, Ellen K.
Valach, Alison N.
Von Feldt, Hunter A.
Wahl, Kathleen L.
Ward, Zachary T.
Washburn, Laura J.
Williams, Allison K.

7th Grade Regular Honor Roll—1st Six Weeks

Abiassi, Anthony J.
Acosta, Andrea C.
Avasia, Arman J.
Barazi, Ghaith A.
Baumgartner, Lana R.
Bettencourt, Henry J.
Boatwright, Tatum M.
Bond, Zoe C.
Brodeur, Christopher
Calderon, Miki
Calkins, Christopher S.
Carr, Jeffrey J.
Cho, Jae Wook
Clawson, Mary L.
Clayton, Stephen A.
Clayton, Travis L.
Cobb, Kristin E.
Crump, Lela K.
Davis, Lauren M.
deMoya, Kelly E.
Dinwoodie, Andrew J.
Douglass, Elizabeth D.
Faith, Andrew L.
Frey, Brandon C.
Gee, David A.
Gentry, Brooke E.
Gilbert, Constance R.

Goldfine, Casey J.
Good, Myles K.
Heins, Marshall B.
Holcomb, Jacqueline M.
Hong, Sabrina Y.
Hu, Gene S.
Hudson, Chase M.
Ibrahim, Nader M.
Janes, Benjamin H.
Jenkins, Kyle R.
Jerez, Michelle K.
Jones, Garrett M.
Kelly, Michael P.
Kim, Su J.
King, Peter B.
Koehn, Rachel N.
Kottwitz, Christy L.
Kruger, Shane T.
Lee, Joyce H.
Leggett, Alexandra E.
Leung, Shuting
Leyden, Katrina R.
Li, Zhenbang
Little, Rebecca C.
Lund, Grant T.
Lynn, Eric R.
Marquette, Pierce L.

Mauger, Matthew S.
McMurtry, Molly N.
Meador, Morgan S.
Meyer, Betsy G.
Miller, Erin C.
Mohle, Olivia G.
Moody, Rachel I.
Moreman, Sara A.
Newton, Abby K.
Nirider, Olivia P.
Orlean, Benjamin D.
Osso, Teresa D.
Owen, William C.
Peifer, Tatyana M.
Pena, Jeffrey G.
Powell, Kendall C.
Prescott, Ellen M.
Price, Alexandra N.
Pyndus, Michael P.
Rabenaldt, Brian D.
Rebentisch, Aubrey E.
Riddle, Lauren M.
Rino, Drew
Robinson, Taylor F.
Rochna, Gregory E.
Rommelmann, Sarah E.
Rustico, Federica

Salazar, Valentina T.
Selzman, Jonathan E.
Sigman, Ryan A.
Smith, Hayden E.
Snelling, John C.
Stagg, Sarah M.
Stephens, Timothy D.
Sturm, Thomas B.
Temple, Alexandra E.
Tendall, Laura E.
Trapnell, Kristen L.
Uno, Erika J.
Vazquez, Erika N.
Verschuren, Karl L.
Waltmon, Austin J.
Wang, Jing Yi
Weitzel, Catherine E.
Wellen, Erica E.
Whitmire, Ryan D.
Wike, Katherine A.
Wilkinson, Thomas B.
Yauw, Adriana L.
Yauw, Katherine L.
Zander, Courtney A.

**Congratulations to our
Honor Roll Students!**

8th Grade Principal and Counselor

8th Grade Principal's Report: I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcomes. As usual, the first six weeks seemed to fly by. One issue that surfaced during these first weeks of school was reports of students playing the "pass out game". We ask that everyone continue to monitor this situation, since the results can be life shattering. In case you are not aware of this risk-taking behavior, it involves teenagers restricting the circulation to their head to cause a blackout. Reportedly, there is some type of euphoric feeling that is experienced upon the return to consciousness. There have been multiple reports from across the country of teenagers attempting to solicit this sensation with some type of external device which has resulted in death. This information is not meant to unnecessarily alarm anyone, but we do need to raise the level of awareness within our community. We know for certain some of our eighth graders have blacked out from the "pass out game", so it has hit close to home.

On a more positive note, the eighth graders were fortunate to have a former Memorial MS student speak to them about the value of service. David Rascoe drove down from Fort Worth to give an excellent speech on the significance of service to humanity, to country and to others. A continuing theme throughout his presentation was the famous quote from Martin Luther King: "Everyone can be great, because anyone can serve". His talk kicked off our week of planning for the Service Learning Projects.

It is my personal hope that all of our students will realize the value of their life and a vision for their future. Perhaps, their involvement in service opportunities will provide one avenue for this to occur and become a deterrent to potential self-destructive behavior.

Please call or come by if there is anything I can do for you or your child.

Bill Tommaney, 8th Grade Principal, william.tommaney@springbranchisd.com

8th Grade Counselor's Report: MMS's 8th grade class is well on the way to a great final year. We had a great kick-off to our Service Learning Projects and we won't let the hurricane keep us from finishing our project planning! I would like to thank our parent volunteers, teachers and student council members for facilitating the class action plans! Things went smoothly and all 8th graders have been and will be busy throughout the year in various segments of our school and community.

Congratulations to our honor roll recipients! Great job! Football and Volleyball teams are working hard and the Orchestra, Choir and Band are also in full swing, preparing for various concerts and productions.

Thank you all for a great start of school. The second six weeks is well underway, and I know you are as hopeful as I am that it will be smooth sailing here on out!

Please don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions or concerns you may have. Have a great second six weeks!

Katy Smith, 8th Grade Counselor, sarah.smith@springbranchisd.com

8th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll—1st Six Weeks

Berwanger, Orion C.
Brickhouse, Emily A.
Bryan, Alexis M.
Cosnahan, Isabel C.
Curran, Danielle P.
Danna, Bernard J.
Flowers, Caroline E.
Garnier, Jacob S.
Goodland, Collin G.
Hays, Joseph A.

Hogan, Eva O.
Hong, Seong Jong
Kleiderer, Sarah C.
Lee, Heejung
Lee, Seong-Soo
Leyden, Jacinta R.
Linville, Rebecca E.
Luck, Mary E.
McDonough, Margaret
Meng, Fanyu

Mocharla, Michael J.
Moreland, Lindsay S.
Moses, Ali M.
Muhoberac, Elise N.
Rogers, Ashleigh E.
Sexton, Nienke J.
Shillings, Melbourn G.
Simmons, Kristen E.
Suchman, Alexander

Thorne-Thomsen,
Christine F.
Tran, Matthew V.
Verschuren, Chloe J.
Watkins, Caroline M.
Wright, Natalie M.

8th Grade Regular Honor Roll—1st Six Weeks

Abercrombie, Pama S.	Davis, Geoffrey T.	Lathrop, Kelli A.	Sarvi, Venus
Ahn, Sae Joon	Dunn, Hannah L.	Lee, Susan S.	Scavone, Ann Marie S.
Alexander, Caleb T.	Elmore, William D.	Liesse, Elizabeth A.	Schwarz, Erin H.
Anderson, Katie C.	Ghorashy, Megan P.	Linderman, Shannon E.	Scott, Megan E.
Bard, Theodore R.	Ginsburg, Yael	Lioliou, Nicole E.	Shadowens, Bradley J.
Barney, Austin A.	Glover, Grace E.	Lo, Jonathan D.	Sharp, Misha N.
Beckwith, Emma S.	Goodman, Kelly E.	Lynch, Emily M.	Shin, Chong In
Benninger, Brett P.	Greenhill, Taylor H.	Manara, Stephanie G.	Shivitz, Merritt A.
Bispe, Oscar A.	Gremmel, Courtney D.	Marett, Stephanie E.	Soudjani, Sam
Bourgeois, Jeffrey S.	Guldner, Owen R.	McCloskey, Shannon M.	Tendall, Anne E.
Brown, Devin N.	Hanson, Caroline M.	McClure, Charlotte O.	Tomlinson, Kelli E.
Bruk, Bella	Hassett, Drew P.	McHolick, Katheryn J.	Toole, Kathryn A.
Burge, Richard W.	Herzberg, Jennifer J.	McMinn, Jordan A.	Vahabzadeh, Bornah
Burleson, Justin E.	Holcomb, Kristin K.	Miller, Taylor N.	Vonderhaar, William M.
Byth, Hallie A.	Holland, Marshall L.	Mitchell, Andrew R.	Wagner, Catherine E.
Campbell, Charlsie R.	Jacobson, Alexis A.	Moore, Joshua D.	Weeks, Taylor L.
Chenet, Ariel P.	Jodon, Cole C.	Murray, Laura C.	Yancy, Hannah F.
Choi, Susie	Johnson, Emma G.	Nelson, Amelia C.	Yancy, Sarah F.
Cohen, Lindsey N.	Jung, Esther L.	Newell, Steven M.	Yip, Zuocong
Cragg, Matthew L.	Jung, Young Hwa	Pence, Erin R.	Zelmat, Jordi
Crider, Rebecca J.	Kim, Simmon	Perry, Marianna G.	Zou, Dianjun
Croley, Aaron L.	Kindred, Jordan T.	Prather, Alexandra N.	
Davis, Baron S.	Kirchhofer, Bennett P.	Rosson, Elizabeth P.	

8th Grade Peer Group Meeting

The next meeting of the 8th Grade Peer Group will be on Thursday, October 27 at 12:00 noon in the MMS Library. All parents of 8th Graders are invited to attend this informative meeting. Questions? Call Alison Kimble, 713-463-9066, Cynthia Miller, 713-827-1706 or Jennifer Church, 713-827-8645.

Band News

Mr. Cortez and Mr. Hernandez would like to thank parents and band students for a terrific start to an exciting year. Although the band swim party received a little rain, partygoers were still able to enjoy pizza, soda, dessert, and fellowship with friends. There was a huge turnout for the Beginner band bowling party. Students and parents all had a wonderful time.

Concert and Symphonic band students performed on September 7, at Memorial Middle School Practice Field for 7th grade football teams. All band students did an incredible job preparing for this event. This was the earliest performance the band has ever been asked to attempt, and all students rose to the occasion. The following dates should be marked in parent calendars:

- September 30 - Middle School Band Night at Stratford High School
- October 4 - Concert and Symphonic Band perform at Grob Stadium
- October 19 - Concert and Symphonic Band perform at Tully Stadium
- October 29 - Symphonic Band students audition for All-Region
- November 1 - All Band students should have uniforms compiled for Band pictures
- November 5 - Middle School Band Night at Memorial High School

PARTY ON!!!

- We started the year off with a great SWIM PARTY at the Plaza Oaks Pool, Friday evening, August 19. Many thanks to Mrs. Pichon for the excellent job of handling all the details for this fun party!!
- “Region and Recreation” was September 16 with special clinicians working with the students in preparation for Region auditions. After all the hard work, the party began. We thank Mrs. Kremer for all her work in planning the party and all the parents who chaperoned. The students enjoyed playing BINGO and “Who Wants to be a Millionaire” with the opportunity to win GREAT prizes! Mr. Greenhill helped us out in the gym with basketball and volleyball. Mrs. Fezell’s special surprise was the DJ that played fun dance music with a glitterball and strobe lights in the orchestra hall. We ended the evening with a HULA-HOOP contest and a random drawing for SEVERAL HUGE CASH PRIZES!!
- The 6th grade get-acquainted party will be after school September 30. Many games will be played to help us all get to know each other better. Great food, a baby picture game, and a name guessing game are all planned for this exciting event.

The Lord of the Strings

The MMS Orchestra will be presenting their annual Haunt-cert Thursday, October 27, 7:30 pm at the Coleman Coliseum. This year’s production is “The Lord of the Strings”, an original script written by one of our orchestra students, Gerard Reyes with the assistance of Mrs. Daniel, our Haunt-cert director. The program will include Moussorgsky’s “Hopak”, a newly published piece called “A Knight’s Quest”, our traditional bass solo piece with orchestra, “Mummers”, Fletcher’s Fiddle Dance, and a special arrangement of “The Lord of the Ring’s” written by Brady Lanier! Everyone is invited to attend. Don’t miss this thrilling event, and remember, the admission is free!!

Fundraising

Thanks to all of those who supported the orchestra by purchasing Eagle Discount Cards, Cookie Dough, Cobblers, Pies and Cheesecakes. You can expect your items to be delivered in October, in plenty of time to enjoy them for the holidays!



ORCHESTRA OFFICERS ELECTED!

SYMPHONY OFFICERS

President:	Willy Elmore
Vice-Presidents:	Marielle Pichon, Eva Littman, Devin Brown, Emily Jernigan
Secretaries:	Ben Janes, Edward Yip, Erica Wellen, Taylor Greenhill
Managers:	Drew Kremer, Renan Orellana, Chris Bone, Russell Valentine, Edward Yip
Historians:	Devin Brown, Alicija Bulota, Esther Jung, Sadie Park

PHILHARMONIC OFFICERS

President:	Dina Baassiri
Vice-Presidents:	Alex Leggett, David Kim, Yifan Chen, Sabrina Hong
Secretaries:	Alex Leggett, David Kim, Adriana Yauw, Sabrina Hong
Managers:	Danny Cho, Andrew Leslie, Brandon Simon
Historians:	Jena Kim, Joyce Lee, Claire Mai, Ateen Savadkoohi

More Orchestra News



Christy Sloan Memorial Viola Presented

The 2005 recipient of the Christy Sloan Memorial Viola is *Emma Johnson*. Each year, the Orchestra honors the memory of Christy, a former MMS orchestra member, by giving an outstanding 8th grade student the opportunity of use her beautiful viola for the school year. We congratulate Emma on her outstanding achievements!

Beginners Have Earned Their Bows!

They are making their first sounds with the bow on the string in preparation for their FIRST performance on October 27.

T-Shirts Are In!

We thank Mrs. Ostrowski for producing our wonderful design this year.

Orchestra Directories

Orchestra directories will be distributed soon—please keep it by your phone! A big thank you to Mrs. Orellana for her work in getting the directory ready for printing.

Excellence Achieved by those auditioning for Region 23 Orchestra

On September 27 and October 15, students will audition for placement in the Region 23 Orchestra. Over 300 students from school districts from Katy, Cy-Fair, and Spring Branch audition to participate in one of two Region Orchestras.

ALL REGION PARTICIPANTS HAVE MADE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR! We start out the year with music students. After region, we have musicians! The emphasis at Memorial is on growth, and we're excited to have seen so much improvement across the board!

We would like to recognize the students who have climbed the mountain to success by coming early to sectionals to learn the musical techniques required to take them to the next level of performance.

VIOLINISTS –Payton Alexander, Arturo Almazan, Allie Arton, Joon Baek, Leslie Baker, Dina Baassiri, Jack Bentele, Henry Bettencourt, Elizabeth Cai, Eric Chiang, Libby Cummings, Melissa Dean, Jeff Dundas, Emily Eckert, Willy Elmore, Hayley Gibler, Alison Hern, Jordan Hickerson, Gene

Hu, Ben Janes, Esther Jung, David Kim, Jay Kim, Jena Kim, Charles Lai, Jordan Lakner, Marianne Landon, Joyce Lee, Sharon Lee, Alex Leggett, Eva Littman, Shannon McPhillips, Fanyu Meng, Renan Orellana, Dani Ostrowski, Katherine Otis, Ava Pacheco, Jenny Park, Sadie Park, Marielle Pichon, Gerard Reyes, Alexa Russ, Jenna Schmidt, Ajita Sen, Eric Seo, Brandon Simon, Kelsey Smith, Kirby Smith, Erin Sun, Borna Vahabzadeh, Kathleen Wahl, Erica Wellen, Ellie Whitaker, Sam Wilson, Edward Yip, Simon Zhang, Victor Zhang

VIOLISTS –Yifan Chen, Becca Crider, Emma Johnson, Hanna Kuhn, Jessie Lee, Alex Prather, John Van Anglen, Adriana Yauw

CELLISTS –Hyun Bang, Miki Calderon, Danny Cho, Sam Cho, Kristin Fickert, Taylor Greenhill, Sung Ha, Sabrina Hong, Emily Jernigan, Jasmine Kim, Jeffrey Lee, Susie Lee, Claire Mai, Ateen Savadkoohi, Annie Scavone, Katie Schaper, Russell Valentine

BASSISTS – Drew Kremer, Sam Hardaway, Andrew Leslie, Matthew Trevitt

Orchestra Dates to Remember

Tues. Sept. 27 Region 23 SBISD Violin Auditions at MMS beginning at 5:00PM.

Sat., Oct. 15 Region 23 Orchestra Auditions at Mayde Creek JH at 8:30AM. A bus will be provided for this event.

Wed., Oct. 26 Hauntcert logistics rehearsal for orchestra students at Coleman Coliseum. Beginners meet from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Philharmonic and Symphony members meet from 7:15 - 8:15 PM. Cast members meet at 8:15 -8:45 PM.

Thurs., Oct. 27 Hauntcert at the Coleman Coliseum at 7:30PM.

The Symphony Orchestra will be making their elementary tour to Rummel Creek, Wilchester, Frostwood and Bunker Hill to perform a shortened version of the Hauntcert on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

All Symphony and Philharmonic Orchestra students will be taking individual pictures with instruments during class on Nov. 2. Our photographer, Fred Keinz, will be offering special packages for purchase as well as providing the pictures for our group composite. **DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR UNIFORM TO SCHOOL ON NOV. 2.**

Choir & Musical Theatre News

Choir students had a busy 1st six weeks and have continued into the next with plenty of musical momentum. Here are some important upcoming Choir Events:

District Middle School Vocal Solo & Ensemble at Spring Branch Middle School
Saturday, October 29 – participating students will receive an appointed time

Fall Choir Concert with Stratford HS Choirs
Tuesday, November 8 7:30pm at SHS

Choir uniforms will be distributed during the month of October and no later than the week prior to the Fall Concert. Once the uniforms are available, students are responsible for picking up their uniform in a timely manner. Thanks to the wonderful moms who helped sort and size uniforms – a big task that went very smoothly!

MMS Choir presents.....

A Holiday Pop Show!

Don't miss this fun-filled evening
of Holiday favorites for the entire family!

December 6 at 4pm & 7pm

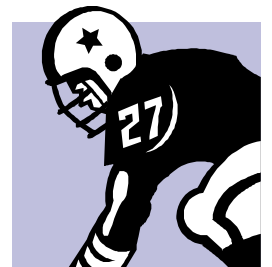


MMS Girls Basketball

Hey, are you ready for round ball season? Basketball season is right around the corner and many of our young ladies are interested in participating in this fun sport. Any girl wanting to try out for basketball needs a physical dated after May 1, 2005 on a Spring Branch ISD physical form which can be obtained from the SBISD web site (www.springbranchisd.com) under the Athletics Department. **Basketball try-outs for girls will be held October 24-26, 2005. Seventh grade will be from 6:30 to 8:00 a.m. and eighth grade will be from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. Remember - if your daughter is selected for a basketball team but is not enrolled in the Athletic period, her schedule may be changed.**

MMS Football

The 2005 football season is in full swing as both the 7th and 8th grade A, B and C teams are enjoying strong starts. Please be aware that, because of Hurricane Rita, the football schedule may change. For the most up-to-date schedule, visit the SBISD web site, www.springbranchisd.com, and look under the Athletics Department.



7th Grade Lady Eagles Soar

This year the Lady Eagles have eighty-four 7th graders participating in our volleyball program. As coaches we are extremely proud of their work and commitment to the Memorial Middle School Athletic program. Our staff would also like to thank our parents for their understanding and flexibility during our season.

The 7A volleyball team is undefeated with 8 wins and zero losses for the season. The Lady Eagles won the West Houston Volleyball tournament by defeating First Colony, Fort Settlement, Killough, Sartartia, and Spring Branch. The 7B team record is 6 wins and two ties. The 7B Lady Eagles won the Spring Branch ISD tournament by defeating Albright, Fort Settlement, Sartartia, and splitting matches with First Colony and Spring Branch. In district play, the 7A/B Eagles have defeated Spring Branch, Spring Forest, and Spring Oaks. There are 4 more games scheduled during district play, and an end of the season tournament on October 19-20, and October 22. Remember admission is only \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

7A Team: Lindsey Fowler, Sterett Frank, Brooke Gentry, Rebecca Grace, Emily Josey, Karla Kitterman, Mary Helen Klingen, Betsy Meyer, Olivia Mohle, Season Olds, Kelsey Pipitone, and Erika Uno, Coach Kim Moore & Manager Kimberly Djuvik

7B Team: Kristen Cobb, Cailey Cotner, Lela Crump, Tess Dennis, Elizabeth Douglass, Emily Glidden, Katherine Hepler, Rebecca Little, Micah Maruska, Mackenzie Meador, and Morgan Meador, Coach Kim Moore & Manager Kimberly Djuvik

8th Grade Lady Eagles Strong Again

The 8th grade A and B volleyball teams are both having phenomenal seasons! The success both of these teams have experienced is a result of tremendous teamwork, dedication, and character...all of which we continue to work on each day!

The A team has compiled a record of 3-0 in district play and 8-0 overall. The A team won 1st place in the West Houston Association Middle School Volleyball A Team Tournament winning 5 straight matches and all 10 of the total games they played. The A team has also had a strong showing against rival Spring Branch beating them in both contests that have been played. Way to go A team! Keep up the great work!



The B team has also compiled a record of 3-0 in district play and 8-0 overall. The B team also earned a 1st place finish in the West Houston Association Middle School B Team Tournament. The B team won each of the ten games played finishing 5-0 on the day. The B team has also played rival Spring Branch twice beating them in district play and beating them again to capture 1st place in their tournament! Great Job B team! Keep playing hard!

8A Team: Emily Brickhouse, Hayley Church, Laura Dunn, Jordan Kindred, Mary Ellen Luck, Emily Lynch, Taylor Miller, Lindsay Moreland, Ashleigh Rogers, Sydney Sherman, Hayley Tekell, Kelli Tomlinson, Kathryn West

8B Team: Rachel Bett, Rachel Crawford, Natalie Gallerano, Lauren Gundlach, Emma Johnson, Jessica Lake, Nicole Lioliou, Stephanie Maret, Shannon McCloskey, Christine Nowlan, Erin Pence, Ali Toole

MMS PTA's Soaring Eagles

THANK YOU TO...

Kim Selzman, for stepping in as temporary editor of our school newsletter and preparing this edition of "The Messenger";

1st VP Programs **Carolyn Jenkins** for arranging informative speakers for our fall PTA meetings: Librarian Karen Rodgers in September, SBISD Superintendent Duncan Klussmann in October, and an FBI agent to address internet safety for kids in November;

2nd VP Membership **Suzie Davis** for conducting a highly successful PTA membership drive;

3rd VP Directory **Jean Tomlinson** for the amazing job she and her committee have done to get our fabulous MMS directory completed and to the printer: **Beth Brickhouse, Jeanmarie Craven, Randa Jackson and Amy Stinson**;

Susan Thomas for coordinating our "buddy moms/students" with our new families from Louisiana;

Amy Bone, Patty Busmire, Sharon Carroll, Lisa Clayton, Suzie Davis, Caryn Guest, Jeni Halliday, Amy Hancock, Carolyn Jenkins, Karen Jones, Patti Kruger, Julie Lynch, Debbie McHollick, Lisa McMinn, Lee Ann Newton, Janet Nosrat, Vikki Osso, Jo Anne Rucker, Margaret Sturm, Michelle Tura, Ann Vry and Kathy Wiggins, for volunteering, along with their MMS students, to be a "buddy/mentor" to our new Louisiana families;

Denise Bender, Nancy Bornman and Debbie Perrin for chairing the lunch at the September PTA meeting on behalf of the Hospitality Committee;

Claire Howard and Robbin Spafford for kicking off our Reflections contest;

Debbie Perrin and Melanie Elliott for coordinating volunteers for the computer labs, and for overseeing the training these volunteers have received;

Karen Linville and Anne Roland, our Write-A-Check Chairs, for kicking off the WAC campaign;

Judy Curran and Dawn Kindred for creating an email list of our 8th grade families, to enhance communication between school, PTA and home. Thanks also to **Kay Rainey and Kathy Washburn** for creating a similar email list of our 7th grade families.

All School Party Co-Chairs **Karen Jones and Sharon Simpson**, and their committee members **Judy Curran, Janet Nosrat, Tammy Smith, Margaret Sturm, Susan Swank, Michelle Tura, Ann Vry and Emily Waltmon**, for planning a fabulous All School Party for our students on October 28.

Write-A-Check Co-Chairs **Karen Linville and Anne Roland** and their committee members **Laura Bushong, Julie Fricks, Sharon Gregory, Kittie Gugenheim, Elizabeth Jordan, Emma Kirchhofer, Susan McConkey, Annette McRae, Liz Murski, Cheryl Patterson, Leigh Ann Smith, Amy Stinson, Marlene Stirl and Virginia Wilson**, for handling our school's largest fundraiser, "Write-A-Check";

Community Network Committee members **Gwynne Arnold, Suzanne Brann, Martha Camero and Linda Ruzinsky** for planning a fun and educational "Red Ribbon Week" for our campus.

Library News

Fall is a time of seasonal change & the library is changing with the season. After a period of renovation which knocked out a few walls, the library feels more open & welcoming with new paint, carpet, shelves & blinds. However, our books are still in need of updating. We are eagerly awaiting contributions from our Write-A-Check campaign to update our collection & also increase the number of computers. Approximately 90% of our nonfiction & reference collection still have an average copyright date hovering around the mid-eighties. We are looking to replace these older elements of our library with new up-to-date books that will entice students to read, question & explore. The new library will facilitate two classes & serve many more of the students' research needs.

Did you know that the Library Resources Page (<http://library.springbranchisd.com/library-resources/>) contains online subscription databases which offer a world of research like a mini library at home? As students visit the library through their Language Arts classes, they will be given a bright orange bookmark with home access passwords to these databases. We suggest that you keep this near your home computer for easy access.

Graham Salisbury will be speaking to some of our 6th grade students in the auditorium Sept. 30th. He is a renowned author for young adults & winner of the 2002 Boston Globe/Horn book award.



We wish to extend our sincerest thanks to the many volunteers that tirelessly packed & unpacked books so that we could begin to put books in the hands of students much earlier than anticipated.

Karen Rodgers, Library Media Specialist & Shanda Fraser, Library Media Assistant

Write-A-Check Fundraiser

TOP 10 REASONS TO WRITE-A-CHECK:

10. MMS Students really need your help!
9. No more school carnivals!
8. No silent auctions or selling "stuff"!
7. No donating an auction party for wild 12-year-olds!
6. My time is valuable!
5. I get my name in the newsletter!
4. It moves the MMS Library from the Jurassic to the modern age!
3. It's a tax deduction!
2. If we don't hear from you, you will hear from us!

And the number 1 reason to write-a-check:

1. Eagle Pride - I want to support MMS!

Due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, our Write-A-Check campaign will be slightly delayed. Watch for your mailer to come soon!



Teacher Appreciation

September Teacher Appreciation Luncheon - Now that's Italian!

The MMS faculty and staff were treated to a fabulous Italian lunch on September 13. The teachers' lounge was transformed into an Italian café, and a delicious meal, catered by Lasagna House, was served. Thank you to our talented decorators: **Jonina Dickey, Val Sikora, CiCi Sladic and Tammy Smith.** Thank you also to the hosts for this event: **Rula Barazi, Riham Baumgartner, Lisa Bergez, Amy Bone, Mary Beth Bourgeois, Elane Dailey, Jonina Dickey, Susan Hanson, Jane Harris, Denise Heisch, Lisa Hickman, Nancy Hickman, Stephanie Leggett, Cathy Nebeker, Tina Palughi, Marianne Quoyeser, Mary Ranger, Raynell Rochna, Val Sikora, Cici Sladic, Alison Stewart, Katherine Tendall, Jean Tomlinson, Donna Verschuren, Kathy Washburn, Candy Weinstein, Rhonda Wesselink, Virginia Wilson and Julie Yancy.**

Grazie from the September Luncheon Chairs: **Jana Dundas, Janet Nosrat and Tammy Smith**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COLLEGE NIGHT!

Volunteers are needed for SBISD's College Nights on October 11 and 12 at Spring Woods High School. To help, please contact SWHS Principal

Wayne Schaper at wayne.schaper@springbranchisd.com



Calendar of MMS Events

- OCTOBER 7 - Teacher Inservice Day
- OCTOBER 10 - Student Holiday
- OCTOBER 11 - 6th Grade Peer Group Meeting
- OCTOBER 12 - Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- OCTOBER 13 - PTA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- OCTOBER 18 - Picture Retakes at Lunch
- OCTOBER 21 - International Club Luncheon
- OCTOBER 24-28 - Red Ribbon Week
- OCTOBER 27 - 8th Grade Peer Group Meeting
- OCTOBER 28 - All School Party, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- OCTOBER 28 - End of 2nd Six Weeks
- NOVEMBER 5 - 8th Grade Carwash
- NOVEMBER 7 - 3rd Newsletter Deadline
- NOVEMBER 8 - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- NOVEMBER 10 - PTA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 21-25 - Thanksgiving Holiday
- DECEMBER 2 - Holiday Home Tour
- DECEMBER 6 - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- DECEMBER 13-16 - Final Exams for Grades 7 & 8
- DECEMBER 15 & 16 - Early Dismissal
- DECEMBER 16 - End of 3rd Six Weeks
- DECEMBER 19-30 - Winter Holiday
- JANUARY 2 - Teacher Inservice Day
- JANUARY 3 - Classes Resume

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 ★ *Next newsletter article deadline is* ★
 ★ *November 7, 2005* ★
 ★ *Please e-mail articles to Jana Dundas at* ★
 ★ *jdundas@detect-measure.com and Kim* ★
 ★ *Selzman at kimselzman@hotmail.com.* ★
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MMS HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

We cordially invite you to the 2005 MMS Holiday Home Tour.
Look for your special invitation enclosed in this newsletter.

What a great way to spend the day with your family and friends and support this important fund-raiser! Once again, 5 gracious families will open their homes and give us a peek at their beautiful interiors and holiday decorations. This year's fabulous homes belong to the Lindley Family, the Reeter Family, the Simpson Family, the Thornton Family, and the Waltmon family. Please join the Home Tour Committee in thanking them for their hospitality!

Remember, there is a price incentive to purchase your reservations in advance (deadline is November 18).

If you would like to be a hostess at one of the homes,
please contact Kim Robinson at (713) 973-1099.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday, December 2nd!

Committee Chairs: Leslie Kottwitz, Kim Robinson,
Jo Anne Rucker & Sandy Walker

It's time for the
MMS ALL-SCHOOL PARTY!

Come One! Come All! Mark your calendar for the first MMS All-School Party of the year, taking place Friday, October 28, 2005 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The theme for the party is "BLACK & WHITE", so get your black and white clothes out of the closet and get ready to have some fun!

There's something for everyone - games, dancing, photos and snacks. Games include Karaoke, Texas Hold 'Em, Bunco, Football Toss and Striker. There will also be fabulous prizes, a DJ playing great music and a photographer to take party pics (cost is \$5 per photo payable that night, cash only).

Admission to the party is \$3 and SDFSC Club (Safe and Drug Free Schools and Community) members get in free. Pizza will be available for \$1 a slice.

Please note there is a dress code for this party. Appropriate school attire is required for admission although shirts may be untucked, belts are not mandatory and any type shoe may be worn. Kick up your heels and make a date with fun. The MMS All-School Party is a great way to celebrate the 2005-2006 school year! (MMS students only, please.) See you there!



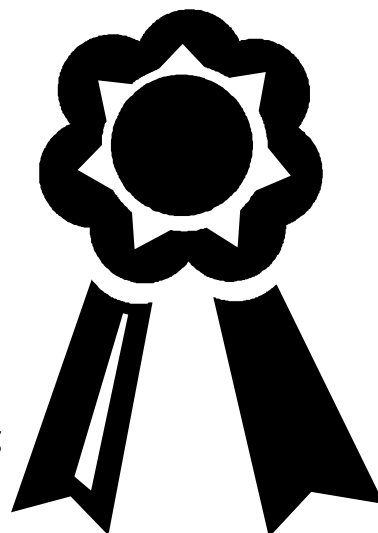
Questions? Call Chairmen Karen Jones at 713-827-8489 or Sharon Simpson at 713-984-2943.

Red Ribbon Week

October 24 to 28 is Red Ribbon Week at MMS. The Student Council, along with the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Community Service Learning Project Team, are planning a great week at MMS! Here are some of the things that are happening:

- distribution of SDFSC t-shirts,
- Red Ribbon decorations,
- essay contest,
- dress-up days,
- performance by our very own STRAITWAY TEAM,
- lesson from our TATU TEAM
- & LOADS of PRIZES for those wearing their wrist bands and dressing

Get ready MMS for the BEST RED RIBBON WEEK ever!



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8th Grade Car Wash Fundraiser



**Saturday November 5th
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
MMS Bus Circle**

**Tickets handed out on Friday, October 28th
8th Graders: Look for sign-up tables at lunch
October 31st - November 4th
Questions? Call Donna Verschuren 281-531-5318**

8th Grade Party Update

PLEASE NOTE We have made a date change for the 8th grade party. Please mark your calendars for **MAY 13, 2006** from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

We want to thank all of the 8th grade parents who attended our organizational meeting on September 13. We hope all students will be involved with the car wash November 5. Thank you to Donna Verschuren 281-531-5318 for coordinating this fun event. We also want you to know that Katherine Tendall 713-973-6439 and Susan Bonora 713-467-6234 are looking for cooks to make simple frozen casseroles for the first casserole sale on November 4. You will be provided with the recipes. The teachers pre-order these casseroles. Call these ladies if you would like to help. We will also be having an underwriting campaign. Sheri Lathrop and Lori Bayley will be sending these letters soon. Thank you to Jean Tomlinson and Beth Brickhouse for coordinating the 8th grade t-shirt design and orders. The t-shirts will be delivered to the students before the car wash.

We hope that if you have not volunteered you will give us a call and we can find a volunteer space for you. We encourage all parents to help out and be part of your child's 8th grade party experience.

Jennie Baker 713-461-6487 Julie Lynch 713-461-8666 Kathy Wiggins 713-984-9273

8th Grade Casserole Sale!

Sign-up to help with the 8th Grade Casserole Sale! Help raise funds for the 8th Grade Party by making a casserole. The MMS Faculty will place orders from a list of predetermined recipes. The fall sale will take place on Friday, November 4th. All proceeds will go towards the 8th Grade Party. If you would like to sign-up to make a casserole, please contact Katherine Tendall at bktendall@earthlink.net or Susan Bonora at sbonora@houston.rr.com.

8th Grade Party - May 13!

International Club

MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL CLUB LUNCHEON

IRELAND

Have you ever kissed the Blarney Stone? Do you have the gift of gab? Can you do the Irish jig? Join us at the home of Emily Brown for a bit of Irish facts, Irish food and Irish fun.



When: Friday, October 21st
Where: 1 Duccess Court, off Strey Lane
Time: 11:00-1:00
RSVP: mmsintlclub@yahoo.com
Questions: Call 713-464-9506

November PTA Meeting

Mark your calendars for our November 10 PTA meeting at 12:00 noon in the MMS Library. Our speaker will be Suzanne Hollifield of the FBI's Cyber Crime Task Force. She will speak about the dangers our kids unknowingly encounter with computers. Shocking but important information!

Picture Retakes

Please note that school picture retakes are scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 during each grade's lunch period. If your child needs his/her picture retaken, have him or her dressed and ready that day!

PTA Reflections Contest

"I WONDER WHY . . ."

The Reflections contest, an effort by the Parent Teacher Association to showcase the importance of art in education, is officially underway. This year the theme is: "I Wonder Why . . ."

Participants may submit works of art, photography, music and/or literature. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, artistic merit and interpretation of the theme. Judges are chosen from art related fields outside of our school.

Students and parents should read over the rules and guidelines. The entry form can be found in this newsletter (see next page). Please note that parents and students must both sign the form and entries should be written in ink. The student's NAME MUST NOT APPEAR anywhere on the front of the art work or literature piece. Entries must be turned into the office (look for a box marked Reflections) no later than 3:30 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 2005. If you have any questions, please talk to your teachers or call Reflections Chairmen Robbin Spafford (713-932-9530) or Claire Howard (713-973-9371).



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EXXON/MOBIL Employees

Exxon/Mobil will donate \$500 (up to \$5000 per year) to a non-profit organization when an eligible person spends 20 hours of volunteer service. Who is eligible? Exxon/Mobil employees, retirees, spouses and dependent children ages 12 to 25. Please keep this in mind when volunteering for MMS or the PTA. Contact Exxon/Mobil for more information.

Support Our Council

SAVE MONEY & SUPPORT SBISD STUDENTS & TEACHERS: The Houston Chronicle has partnered with the SBISD Council of PTAs to donate funds to the Council's school supplies and scholarship programs through its subscription service. The Chronicle will donate up to \$30 for each subscription and you will receive the newspaper at the regular rate! You can start a new subscription or extend your current subscription, no matter how far in advance your account is paid. To participate, sign-up online at www.houstonchronicle.com/fundraiser or call 713-220-7211 and then tell them you want your donation to benefit the Spring Branch Council of PTAs. Questions? Call Council Parliamentarian Kim Selzman at 713-984-2464.

Bendwood Craft Bazzar

CALLING ALL VENDORS AND GIFTED ENTERTAINERS: SBISD's Bendwood School is hosting its annual Craft Bazaar on Saturday, November 5. They are currently accepting applications for vendors as well as seeking students in the district who are musically gifted and would like to perform for guests of the bazaar. If you are interested, please contact Teresa Zabrek at tzabrek@earthlink.net or 713-785-3607.

Washington D.C.

HOW ABOUT SENDING YOUR KID TO WASHINGTON DC!

During the last three years, over 160 students have traveled to Washington D.C. under the supervision of our teachers and principals and had a GREAT time seeing our nation's capitol. Once again, this trip is being offered and this year we are adding visits to Williamsburg and Jamestown! We are seeking interested students to gain first hand knowledge of our nation's history. The dates of the trip are **April 27th – April 30th**. We already have about 30 students signed up and we are wanting more!



Please contact Chris Thornton at 713-365-5400 for more information or if you have any questions.

Eagle Timers on Computers!

Many thanks go out to Mr. Price and Ms. Weir for graciously giving their time to train our volunteers! About 25 volunteers attended the informative training sessions held September 14 and 15. They are ready to help assist students who need more time in the computer lab.

Anyone still interested in volunteering in this effort is welcome. We will pair you up with a trained volunteer the first time and you will be fully qualified. **REMEMBER** - you **DO NOT** need to be a computer whiz to help give our students more time in the Computer Lab for research and assignments. Please contact Melanie Elliott (melliott@hal-pc.org) or Debbie Perrin (perrinphotography@earthlink.net) to schedule a time to join the Eagle Timers!

The Messenger

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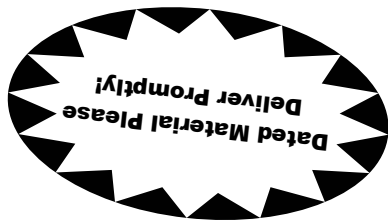
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Next Newsletter Deadline:

November 7, 2005



**MMS All School Party
October 28th**



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