

A Note from the President

Comet Families,

This year seems to be going by at lightning speed. I am going to slow it down for a moment to say THANKS!

Thank you to all of the families that come up to the school and give some time to the classrooms. Thanks to all of the parents that keep lunch recess going, open the yogurts and hand out spoons. Thanks to the people that hang decorations and works of art in the hallways for the teachers. Thanks to the parents that help with Science Day, Texas Day, Ocean Day and every other special "Day" that happens along the way. You are part of what makes our school so wonderful and such a great place to be.

I also would like to Thank those people that coordinate these great activities, you are truly a role model of volunteerism. Next time you sign in at the office, make sure to say Thanks to the wonderful office staff that keeps us going every day. The PTA would be nothing without the support of wonderful, giving families and a great CCE staff.

Jenny Jensen did a great job with the Family Fun Fest this year. I think everybody had a super time. If you see her let her know how much we appreciate her hard work. Thanks to all who attended and volunteered. It was great fun.

Volunteering and helping others out of the kindness of your heart is something we should cherish. So often we get caught in our own places and forget that there are so many people that need help. Please let your child know and understand why giving can be better than receiving. Spend some time today talking to your child, sometimes time is the best thing we can give them.

Have a wonderful Spring!

Thanks,
Kelly Clark PTA President 2008-2009

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Science Fair

Science Fair 2009 was a huge success! We had amazing projects. Congratulations to all our participants! You should be very proud of yourselves!

CCE was represented at the Austin Energy Regional Science Fair by 12 children of various grades from our school. We are so proud of the effort these students put into presenting their projects. Here are the results:

Seanne Buoy	1st place	Rachel Lee	1st place
Quinn Buoy	1st place	Aarushi Machavarapu	1st place
Ashray Desai	1st place	Ana Menchaca	1st place
Frank A. Gover & Prathyush Shankar	1st place	Hamsini Nathan	1st place
Anna Lee	1st place	Kavya Rajesh	1st place
Samuel Lee	2nd place	Priya Ramamoorthy & Kavya Ramamoorthy	1st place

Come and Get Green with the CCE Green Team!

Canyon Creek Garden Work Day

Saturday, March 28th 10-12pm

We will be spreading mulch, planting plants, picking up trash and trimming bushes! Bring your water bottle, garden gloves, wheel barrow and clothes to get dirty! Please pass this onto any one needing volunteer hours! All are invited! A great Pay It Forward event!

Any questions or concerns~

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Hospitality

The Hospitality committee has had a busy and fun beginning to the New Year! We provided snacks for after school faculty meetings in January and February. Thanks to Shradha Jain, Emily Wu, Orietta Alcina, Cara Canik, Mendee Geist, Ranjani Nathan, Kelley Worden, Hemal Shah, Michelle Manasso, Kathy Bandy, Sangita Pandit, Sulatha Nath, Christa Horst, Monica von Waaden and Kelly Clark for providing these treats.

In February, the Kindergarten parents provided a Barbecue lunch for the CCE teachers and staff. Thanks to Karen Larrea, Denise Haverda, Laurie Evans, Sangita Pandit, Monica Bhaskaran, Kelli Kelly, Meg Johnson, Viju Desai, Faryal Sattar, Jeannine Riemenschneider, Shahrukh Jalal, Reshma Deshmukh, Jennifer Bennigson, Deanna Foote, Shradha Jain, Sandra Grosvenor, Jasmine Bo, Debbie Fisher, Amy Covill, Michele Chan-Thomson and Barbara Sparrow for providing this delicious lunch.

We were able to provide food and snacks to all of our hard-working Science Fair judges and volunteers thanks to food donations and help from these parents: Michele Sandlin, Cami Melnick, Tina Zientek, Cathleen Galley, Danette Twining, Kathy Sandoval, Kelle Kurtz, Maryam Yasrebi, Mark Gibson, Zee Nariman and Rose Holston.

Finally, our PTA closet was replenished with supplies for the teachers, thanks to all of the Green Apple donations. Thank you Rini Chandra, Grace Lin, Maryam Yasrebi, Barbara Cowman, Danette Twining, Trudy Loofs, Cynthia Quesnel, Gavra Flood, Michelle McCully, Tina Zientek, Tracey Patel, Rebeca Otteson, Teri Bender, Lisette Castaneda, Amy Briscoe-Eagle, Mary Mathieu, Lisa Dyar, Amy Covill, Pammy Razdan, Ly Dang, Katie Lee, Cathleen Galley, Rhona Hsu, Michelle Manasso, Rhona Hsu, H. Kim Park, Tracy Buoy, Jan McCall, Ranjani Nathan, Seetha Mahadevan, Vivian Homza, Crystal Dennis, Terry Cain, Mamatha Vangati, Kelle Kurtz, David Foote and Ginny Hayes.

We are actively looking for chairs and subcommittee chairs for Hospitality for next school year. If you would like to learn more about getting involved with Hospitality, please contact Zee Nariman zeehomi@austin.rr.com or Julianne Trenary juliannet@swbell.net. We look forward to hearing from you!

Zee Nariman & Julianne Trenary, Hospitality Co-chairs



Hello, Canyon Creek Parents,

As a PTA we are always looking for programs to help enrich our school and our students. At the moment we are considering a Spanish Language Enrichment Program to be added to our curriculum for the 2009-2010 school year.

Please go to:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=iEO6FugAGTq_2fWJi1vdZgA_3d_3d
by **March 27th** to fill out the survey and let us know if you are interested in your child/
children getting this additional education.

Thank you, Canyon Creek PTA Board

Spring Drive

Canyon Creek Elementary's second outreach drive of the year to benefit Hill Country Community Ministries will run from **April 3 – 17, 2009**. For the Spring Drive we are hoping to fill the grocery cart with "T's", in the form of canned tuna fish and toothpaste. Tuna fish is a much needed food staple and toothpaste is on the "critical need" list of personal care items for HCCM. We are asking the students to donate these two items in any size or quantity. Please place all items in the HEB grocery cart located in the main hallway.

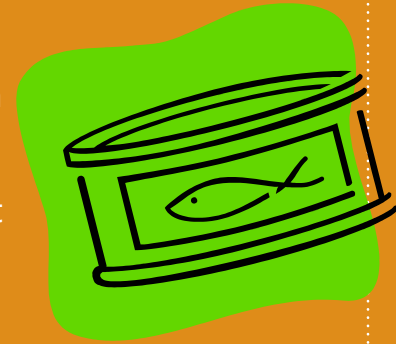


Hill Country Community Ministries helps families in crisis and those living in poverty in southwest Williamson and far northwest Travis counties. They are supported by area churches, businesses, civic organizations and the United Way of Williamson County.

Please show your school spirit and willingness to help our neighbors in need by participating in this critical collection.

If you have any questions, please contact Paige Polishook at pspolishook@yahoo.com or 331-5459.

Thanks for your help and generosity!



Cultural Arts Program presents Cody Fisher

The Cultural Arts Program is excited to present Canyon Creek's own **Cody Fisher** of Motivational School Shows. Please save **Thursday, April 16th at 6pm** for an evening of family entertainment! The PTA would like to invite all students and their families to the cafeteria for an incredible 45 minute "Las Vegas Show for Families". This original night of family fun promises comedy, magic and illusions! The event is free of charge but we will ask that each person bring a canned food item to be donated to The Hill Country Food Bank. Please come out and support a member of our community and his wonderful, educational, fun program.

Cody will also be presenting the "I Love To Read" Magic program to all classes during the school day. The show combines magic, storytelling, puppetry, and student participation with important educational themes that create memorable messages and have lasting, positive impact on children.

Everyone is welcome to the evening performance!

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Canyon Creek Chess Team

CCE won the 2nd Place Team trophy in Region 6 Chess Tournament on March 7th at Lauren Mountain Elementary!

In the Primary (K-3rd grade) Championship section, Prathyush Shankar, Andrew Lu and Eric Wang played and won the 2nd place Team trophy. Andrew Lu (3.5/5) won the 4th place Championship trophy and Prathyush Shankar (3.5/5) won the 5th place Championship trophy in the individual competition. Eric Wang (1/5) also contributed to the team trophy.

In the Primary (K-3rd grade) JV section, Shreyush Shankar played and scored 3/6 games.

In the Elementary (K-5th grade) JV section, Christopher Erattuparambil scored 4.5/6 games and won the 8th place Championship trophy.

Congratulations to all the kids who contributed to the team and proudly represented our school!



PTA Nominating Committee

The CCE PTA Nominating Committee is now accepting names for the 2009-10 slate of Executive Officers. The Committee will nominate the following Executive Board positions at the PTA meeting at the April 21st PTA meeting: President, Vice President of Programs, Vice President of Membership, Secretary and Treasurer.

Information on the duties of these positions can be found at canyoncreekpta.org under the "Executive Board" tab. For questions, or to submit your name for consideration please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee.

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