

## A Note from the President

### A DECADE OF EXCELLENCE – HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CCE!

*"Celebrate what you want to see more of." – Thomas J. Peters*

Last Tuesday night we celebrated a decade of excellence at CCE with a birthday party (everyone did NOT eat enough cupcakes) after the Fun Run. Eleece chose the Fun Run for this event because it began the first year the school opened. Although we haven't held it every year at CCE, it represents a part of Canyon Creek Elementary that started at the beginning. We are proud to celebrate exemplary education after an event that promotes healthy lifestyle choices for our students.

Ten years ago, many of us (especially the GIANT FOURTH GRADE CLASS) had new babies or were pregnant. Some of you had no kids at all. Many were starting the journey through elementary school, switching over from Purple Sage to CCE when it opened. As most of us believe in celebrating our children becoming "double digits," it was fun to celebrate CCE's 10th birthday. Many teachers and administrators in RRISD find it hard to believe that CCE is already 10, remembering when ground was broken and the school opened.

Although ten years is fun to celebrate, it is a young milestone. The energy and enthusiasm that the school was founded upon, and the commitment to improvement and high achievement in education at all grade levels is as important now as it was 10 years ago. I am sure that trend will continue far into the future – in 10 years when my 4th grader is a sophomore in college and my toddler is in 9th grade at WWHS. Or 10 years after that when our neighborhood is full of new young families wanting to take advantage of the exemplary education at CCE.

One last IMPORTANT aspect of CCE that has made it thrive – our parent volunteers. You support the teachers and staff, the PTA, help fund extracurricular activities to help children learn and expose our students to arts and the community. Thank you to every parent, grandparent, older sibling, and everyone else who cuts, traces, colors, supports fundraisers, chaperones, reads in the classroom, sorts library books, opens ketchup packages, supervises recess, plans and implements programs, coordinates activities, bring supplies for the teachers, and supports our teachers and staff through gifts of food, time and other resources.

*"The miracle is this - the more we share, the more we have." --Leonard Nimoy*

In gratitude to all YOU do,

*Rebecca Gagnon, PTA President*

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## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPALS

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This is the time of year when we see the end in sight, yet still have lots of learning activities planned for our children. We have so many wonderful memories of this school year and the successes our children have attained through excellent, effective teaching and learning. The phenomenal parent support we enjoy has continued, and for this we are most thankful. At the RRISD Partners in Education breakfast we recognize our Partner of the Year, our PTA Green Team with the leadership of Jenny Williams and Kelley Worden. Our Youth Volunteers of the Year are the members of Girl Scout Troop #489 with Troop Leader, Deb Liebert. We are most appreciative of their efforts in taking care of our community and school grounds.

We registered approximately 75 prospective kindergarten students for the 2008-2009 school year. Our projected enrollment for next year is still around 570 students.

We are blessed in many ways with your gifts of time and support. Thank you, thank you, a million times thank you for all you do for us! Have a wonderful, restful, event-filled summer and we will see you the morning of Friday, August 22 for our PTA Back to School Fling and Meet the Teacher Event. The first day of school for 2008-2009 is Tuesday, August 26, 2008!

*Eleece Moffatt, Principal*

*Debi Price, Assistant Principal*

### Yearbook Update

Thank you for all the wonderful photos submitted to the yearbook this year. We received so many great pictures. We used as many as we could in the yearbook and DVD.

Thank you also to the very creative yearbook designers for making this yearbook outstanding, Terry Cain, Debbie Dittmer, Cathey Hammock, Tony Haverda, Mary Hendrix, Debbie Kempf, John McCall, Reanne Perley, Marisa Sladek, Kathleen Thompson, Beth Unite and Melony Vought. You all rock!

The yearbook is off to the publishers. We cannot wait to get the finished product back and show everyone. Look for the yearbook to be distributed to the students the last week of school.

*Sue Gugala and Cami Melnick*

### Note from the Nurse

Another year is almost over and another year of wonderful volunteers.



Without the help of the parent volunteers our health screenings would not be going so smoothly. We give a big **THANK YOU** for giving your time and love to the children here at CCE.

*Nurse Bonnie*

### Come and smell the flowers!

Thanks to all our Green Team for their help keeping our gardens watered and looking fabulous this spring ~ Lisa McCaughey, Sherrie Sant, Carol Ann Rima, Becky Crowley, Laurie Forshay and Barbara Cowman! Thanks for being "Green" with us!



We have been busy bees this spring. We had a great clean up day in March where we mulched, trimmed trees, fought off those pesky ants, laid crushed granite on the pathways and cleaned up the school grounds of trash. Thanks to all our Green Team clean up crew! Thanks also to Clint Tomlinson from Canyon Creek Construction and Gardenville for their generous donations of mulch and crushed granite.

This spring we have created a flower garden near the black top for the 1st graders to enjoy and planted flowers for the 2nd graders at the portables. We have also added a garden bench in the butterfly garden for sitting and enjoying! So take a seat and enjoy the gardens!

Thanks again to our Green Team for all your time and please take a moment to enjoy your school gardens with your child!

*Jenny Williams and Kelley Worden*

## Hospitality

It's hard to believe that the school year is almost over! The Hospitality committee still has several activities planned for the year, including providing snacks for the teachers during TAKS testing days, hosting the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch and planning activities and treats for our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week.

The CCE staff was again treated to fabulous First Friday Feasts in March and April. The 2nd grade parents provided a fresh Salad Luncheon in March thanks to Mary Mathieu, Amrita Agrawal, Debbie Gutierrez, Courtney Ryan, Jenny Williams, Amy Briscoe-Eagle, Maria Salazar, Karen Ciotti, Alexandra Goff, Shradha Jain, Neera Erraguntla, Elaine Wzykowski, Rachel Sartin, Michelle Manasso, Ranjani Nathan, Melody Vought, Anitha Danda, Lisa Dyar, Hannah Mara, Michele Chan-Thomson, Christine Bringe, Yi-Ming Harrison and Lavonna Gonzales.

April's lunch was an Asian / Indian themed luncheon provided by the following 4th grade parents: Mary Mathieu, Pavani Puppala, Susan Jaffe, Kelley Worden, Katie Lee, Shelia Keefer, Kathy Gibson, Marla Menchaca, Mary Anne Hettenhaus, Rebecca Gagnon, Kathleen Thompson, Trudy Loofs, Sangeetha Krishnan, Caroline Williams, Seetha Mahadevan, Alice Johnson, Jackie Baldwin, Ranjani Nathan, Amy Tipps, Monica von Waaden, Sandra Grosvenor, Cynthia Prieser, Fiona Furlan, Karen Crider, Kelly Larson, Lavonna Gonzales and Sharon Burton.

The teachers were provided with snacks during their after-school meetings in March and April thanks to donations of food and time by Beth Unite, Amy Briscoe-Eagle, Eva Chugh, Amanda Lee, Laura Vara, Lisa Dyar, Terry Cain, Caroline Pratt, Marla Menchaca, Cami Melnick, Natalie Murphy, Cynthia Quesnel, Michelle Manasso, Prathi Krishnaswamy, Yi-Ming Harrison, Cathy Smith and Sarika Paul.

We were able to provide morning treats to the teachers during the first couple rounds of TAKS testing thanks to donations made by Cynthia Prieser, Allison Belmonte, Danette Twining, Natalie Wiesehuegel and Deb Libert.

Last week, all CCE teachers were able to eat lunch off campus as grade-level teams. This special treat was made possible by the following parents who watched the classrooms while the teachers were out to lunch: Cathleen Galley, Alexandra Goff, Angi Naumann, Hongyan Guo, Pammy Razdan, Teri Bender, Rebecca McMahon, Tere Kaulfus, Yiduo Xu, Marietta Silva, Bonnie Vernon, Anil Dania, Amanda Lee, Kim Taylor, Reanne Perley, Kelli Kelley, Aime Jackson, Pavani Puppala, Ranglin Lu, Karen Ciotti, Yanyu Liu, Mathavi Shankar, Tina Zientek, Debbie Gutierrez, Alma Scelsi, Maureen Kinard, Allison Belmonte, Suchi Dhar, Howard Siegel, Angie Risko, Fiona Furlan, Waleska Lavorato, Danette Twining, Sarita Patil, Ellen Lammers, Sulatha Rao, Lavonna Gonzales, Ana Caldas, Kathy Gibson, Susan Jaffe, Ranjani Nathan, Bernadette Rivera, Dede Lakey, Kelly Larson, Seetha Mahadevan, Rebecca Gagnon, Barbara Coombs, Becky Crowley, Sarita Suryavanshi, Kathleen Vallefuoco, Debbie Kempf, Hannah Mara and Shyla Kumar.

As you can see, Hospitality is always busy showing appreciation for our great CCE staff and there are lots of ways to volunteer. If you would like to learn more about getting involved with Hospitality next year, please contact Zee Nariman [zeehomi@austin.rr.com](mailto:zeehomi@austin.rr.com) or Julianne Trenary [juliannet@swbell.net](mailto:juliannet@swbell.net). We look forward to hearing from you!

*Zee Nariman & Julianne Trenary, Hospitality Co-chairs*

### Library News . . .

Spring book fair 2008 was a great success with our library receiving \$3,229.58 in profits. Many teacher wish lists were checked off through individual parent purchases and our PTA hospitality committee purchases. It's wonderful to see lots of books go straight into our classrooms!

As you know the library staff orders brand new books. But did you know the library staff also orders old favorites, and sometimes, not so old favorites as they wear out from so much use? Thanks to all our supporters through birthday book donations, supporters of our book fair, and our PTA through which together we are able to maintain and expand our vast collection of books.



As always we extend our deepest gratitude to our parent and student volunteers for giving their precious time. Each and every volunteer is appreciated by our library staff – thank you!

Please, remember to visit the Canyon Creek web page and click on the "Library" link to find great summer reading!

Ann Rosenkoetter,  
Library Enrichment Coordinator