



Cactus Ranch Elementary Round-Up

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President's Corner

Dear Parents, Teachers and Cactus Ranch Families,

I think fall has finally made it to Round Rock and it definitely feels like November is here! I am so excited to tell you about all the events PTA has going on in November. It's going to be a fun filled month!

THE ABC'S OF THE BIRDS AND THE BEES - November 10th at 11:00 am in the CRE Library

Cactus Ranch PTA is proud to bring in Marilyn Morris of Aim for Success to present **The ABC's of the Birds and the Bees** -- Why, When and How to Talk to Your Child with Ease for Parents of Toddlers to 6th Grade. This extremely informative program is for parents of children of all ages. Marilyn Morris is a national speaker, author of several books and president of Aim For Success, Inc. She has been featured on The Discovery Channel, National Public Radio (NPR), Fox News - New York, The Jane Pauley Show and in *World* and *Rolling Stone* magazines.

I hope to see many of you there! I have seen Ms. Morris speak personally and know that this is a wonderful presentation. Please consider taking the time to come hear what she has to say.

Joe McDermott

Children's musician Joe McDermott will be coming to Cactus Ranch to perform for our Kinder - 3rd grade classes on November 11th. With CD's including *I Am Baby* and *Everybody Plays Air Guitar*, many of Joe's songs are in regular rotation on XMKids Radio. We can't wait to welcome him to Cactus Ranch!

Sock Hop...Rockin' Thru the Ages

On November 20th, Cactus Ranch PTA will host the first of our family nights for parents and students of CRE. Our Sock Hop, which will be free to all Cactus Ranch families, will feature a DJ, snacks, on-stage entertainment provided by a few familiar faces and a "Dress as your favorite decade" costume contest...50's, 60's, 70's and 80's!! Be sure to look for information in upcoming Tuesday Folders!

THANKS!

Special thanks to Lisa Calderone, Monika Perren and their Hoedown committee!! What a great job these ladies did organizing, setting up and planning a fantastic family fun event!

Also, thank you to all of our volunteers who helped out in October! Our volunteers at Cactus Ranch are the best and we appreciate all the time and effort you put into helping our school and students!

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you or your family might have! Don't forget to stay informed by visiting our PTA website at <http://teacherweb.com/TX/CactusRanch/PTA> and follow us on Twitter at http://twitter.com/cre_pta.

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Congratulations to Mrs. Wyatt's 1st grade class for winning the box top collection contest for October!

Please continue to collect box tops and soup labels and turn them in to your child's teacher. Remember that we have a new contest each month, and the winning class receives a popsicle party!

Thanks for all your help with this easy and fun fundraiser!

School Landscaping

Thanks to all who are helping to keep the CRE landscaping looking great! Thanks to Mr. Perry for his help with the front landscaping. Also thanks to Ms. Kleinman for her generous plant donation. The landscaping committee is currently working on Memory's Garden. We are also accepting donations of plants, pots, dirt, large rocks, etc. Questions? Contact Mandy at environmental.landscaping@crepta.org.

SPIRIT WEAR

We are currently taking pre-orders only for Fall Spirit Wear.

This year we have CRE ¾ length sleeve baseball shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, full zipper hoodies, sweatpants and Capri pants.

The pre-order forms went home in Tuesday folders, but are also available on-line at the CRE website. All Fall Spirit Wear orders and money must be turned in by November 14th. On Tuesday November 10th and Thursday November 12th, items will be on display in the Parent Resource Room for sizing. Come check out all the awesome items we have. It's also not too late to order other spirit wear items. If you still need a tie dye shirt, water bottle, visor, canvas bag or car magnet, the order form is also located on the CRE website.

If you have any questions about any spirit wear, please feel free to contact Melanie Pav at spirit.wear@crepta.org.

Your Opinion Matters!

It is time for the Second Annual PTA Needs Survey. You can find the link on the CRE website under the PTA tab. Please take the time to answer this anonymous survey. It will only be available through the month of November. Last year, several changes were made based on the survey responses.

CRE 2009-2010 YEARBOOK

The CRE 2009-2010 YEARBOOK will be on sale until Tuesday, Dec 1st. All shout-outs/ads or pridelines are due then also. Please use dark ink and write inside the dotted lines, or we will have to return the order form for you to re-do.

Order forms, as well as the link to buy online, are available in the PTA section of the CRE website. This yearbook will be in hardback for the first time in CRE history! If you have any questions or would like to help take pictures for the yearbook, please email Uyen Beach at uyenbeach@gmail.com or Jennifer Taylor at jennktaylor@yahoo.com.

Spirit Week!

It's Cactus Ranch Spirit WEEK at Firehouse Subs!

During the entire week of November 9th - 15th, visit the Firehouse Subs located at 201 University Oaks (behind IKEA, next to REI), mention you are with Cactus Ranch and 15% of every dollar spent will be donated back to Cactus Ranch.

They are having a grade vs. grade spirit challenge so be sure to mention not only that you are with CRE, but also what grade your child is in. At the end of the week, the grade level with the most sales will win a cookie party courtesy of Firehouse Subs!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

Nov. 5th	Fall picture retakes
Nov. 9-15th	Spirit Week at Firehouse Subs (201 University Oaks)
Nov 10th	The ABC's of the Birds and the Bees, 11:00am, CRE Library
Nov 11th	Joe McDermott performance Early Release day, 12:45pm
Nov 16th-20th	Book Fair, CRE Library
Nov 20th	Wellness Walk, CRE
Nov 25-27th	Family Night Sock Hop, 7:00-9:00pm, CRE
Nov 30th	Thanksgiving Break Science Fair Information Night, CRE Library

Hoedown News

The 9th Annual Hoedown was a great day of fun for CRE families and students!

The Hoedown Gals owe a **BIG** thank you to the Hoedown Committee members who helped us bring it all together! Thank you Lynn Falsone, Stephanie Shamsie, Kim Kubala, Geetu Petry, Stephanie Deller, Cheryl Springer, Melanie Pav, Kelly McGlumphy, Barbara Beto, Heather Bonamo, Ellen Schwab and Teresa Carson. You ladies are awesome!

Thanks to Bruce Kipperman and the Watchdog dads. You really came through for us!

Thanks to Alison Shoepe and Dena Kipperman our fearless PTA leaders!

The Student Council members did a terrific job with their responsibilities, too!

Last but definitely not least, a HUGE thank you to all the wonderful CRE parents who volunteered their time during the days leading up to and the day of Hoedown. We couldn't have done it without you!

Lisa Calderone and Monika Perren

