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Cy-Fair High School *PROJECT PROM 2009*

What exactly is Cy Fair Project Prom? It's a year-long fundraising effort by senior parents of Cy Fair High School for the purpose of providing a fun, drug- and alcohol-free overnight parent chaperoned lock-in event for our seniors and their dates after the Prom. The evening is available to all seniors regardless of whether they attend Prom or not. Cy Fair's Prom is Friday, May 1, 2009. Project Prom will be held after at the Sam Houston Race Park from 11pm to 6 am.

Our next meeting is Monday, October 20, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cy-Fair H.S. cafeteria. Take this opportunity to be involved in your senior's BIG NIGHT. There are many ways parents can help, and no job or donation is too small. A list of fundraising chair positions is still available. You can sign up at the meeting or by contacting our president, James Pierce. Even if you cannot commit the time to be on a committee, your participation in the fundraisers, donations, and the "Busy Parent" fundraising program is just as important to making this night a success.

Fundraising and donations are vital to the success of Project Prom. We are a non-profit 501C3 organization, a booster club, and begin our venture with little money. We try to organize enjoyable ways of raising the funds. We have some small fundraisers and some big fundraisers.

Funds are used to cover the cost of venue rental, entertainment, food and drinks, and prizes. One of the most important actions you can take is to help with the fundraisers. In return for your donations and participation, your senior will earn points that are redeemed for play money, also known as Project Prom Bucks (PPS). Project Prom bucks are used for chances to win prizes

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Hurricane Ike Damage Reports

The Riata Ranch HOA is working diligently to repair damage sustained during hurricane Ike. We thank you for your patience and understanding and encourage you to contact us at:

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15th Annual WOW Craft Show

Saturday, October 11 , 9:00 – 4:00

The Women of the Word invite you to our annual craft show. We have indoor and outdoor vendors offering many beautiful and useful items - from jewelry, candles, purses, baby items, wooden arts, and yard art to Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations. This is your chance to get ahead of the holiday shopping rush!

There will be a Silent Auction, a Bake Sale sponsored by Women of the Word, and delicious food sold by Boy Scout Troop 533.

Our United Methodist Men will be sponsoring their annual Pumpkin Patch. So bring your family, browse through stacks of pumpkins and capture that "Kodak" moment!

Admission to the Craft Show is \$1 for adults and kids are free.

All proceeds go to support our local missions, including Boys and Girls Country, CareNet Pregnancy Center and Cypress Assistance Ministries as well as our missionary families.

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church is located in the Fairfield Subdivision at 290 and Mason. From Mason, turn right on Cypresswood Drive and follow the signs to the church located at 20155 Cypresswood Drive. The Craft Show will be inside the gym and in the parking lot.

Contact Valerie Ward at val.ward@comcast.net for vendor or other information or call the church office at 281-373-2273.

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Cy-Fair Project Prom is currently selling Christmas wreaths and greenery, fresh from the Pacific Northwest. We will be taking orders through the end of October and they will be delivered the first week after Thanksgiving. Please call Lisa Reinhardt at 281-970-2901 or Rhonda Wesley, 281-955-0493 for more information.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help in concession stands at the Texan games. Cy-Fair Project Prom receives a percentage of our sales. You must be trained though, so please call our Aramark Concessions chairman, Brett Bidinger at 281-304-8888 or by email, brett@bidingerdesign.com.

Sunday, November 9, 2008 is CASINO NIGHT from 5-9 pm held at Parkway Chevrolet, 25500 Tomball Parkway (SH 249), Tomball, Texas. This is a great opportunity for all adults to support Project Prom and have fun winning prizes, too. Tickets are \$25 each and will include dinner and gambling chips. Please call Robert Thornton at 281-807-1816 or Kay McGlamory, 281-955-2107 for more information.

Monday, December 8, 2009 is our Golf Tournament at Houston National Golf Club. This will be an awesome opportunity for your business to sponsor a hole. We will have a silent auction, prizes and more! Contact Brett Bidinger at 281-304-8888 for more information.

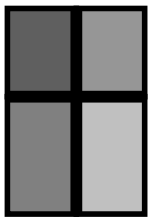
Other fundraiser projects are: Casseroles -to-Go, contact Cookie Walker at wmw2319@aol.com; Ink Cartridge Rebates – Sophie Buxton, sbuxton@bjservices.com or Kathy Kleppel, katkleppel@aol.com; Prom Dress Boutique – Colleen Armstrong blazeball@msn.com; Spring Mulch Sales– Lisa Reinhardt, lareinhardt@sbcglobal.net or Rhonda Wesley, rpwesley@yahoo.com; Lollipop Sales–Joyce Otto, jotto307@sbcglobal.net.

Visit our website for more information at www.CyFairProjectProm.org or contact our President, James Pierce at projectprompres09@gmail.com.

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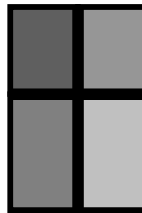
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Lone Star College-CyFair Perspective

Fall Fun in the Gallery and on Stage

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Mark Your Calendars for Fourth Annual Cy-Fest Oct. 11

Lone Star College-CyFair will host Cy-Fest, the fourth annual community day for all ages in the Cy-Fair community, Saturday, Oct. 11 on the Barker Cypress campus at 9191 Barker Cypress Road. Cy-Fest, the college's gift to the community, is a day of free food, festivities and family fun! There are games, entertainment, face painting, hay rides, moonwalks, a petting zoo and more. To help celebrate the college's five-year anniversary, Radio Disney will also be on-site. For information go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu.

Free Fall Film Series Under Way

The Cinema WOW! Film Series, offered as individual continuing education Film Appreciation classes, include an engaging discussion after the movie. October films include "I am Sam"

Wednesday, Oct. 1; "In the Heat of the Night" Saturday, Oct. 11 (at LSC-Fairbanks Center) and "Only the Brave" Wednesday, Oct. 22. Pre-registration is required for each film separately in this popular series, which is open to the community at no charge. For information, go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/filmseries.

Don't Miss this Oct. 31 Trick-or-Treat Alternative

The annual Lone Star College-Fairbanks Center Fall Festival is set for Friday Oct. 31. This event offers a safe trick-or-treat alternative for children and families as well as promotes activities that represent the diversity of different cultures in the community. Wear a tasteful costume and enjoy a free, fun family evening of games, prizes and food. For information, call 832-782-5000.

L.I.F.E. Lessons in October

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) In October, learn how to choose antiques and find hidden treasures Oct. 1; discover the culinary art of making tamales Oct. 8; talk about election issues and new voting technology Oct. 15; use existing artifacts and objects to compose art collage Oct. 22 and create skull beads and learn about the Day of the Dead Oct. 29. Call the library at 281-

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290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to CyFair. LoneStar.edu/library.

Italy or China Study Abroad Scholarships Due Oct. 31

Scholarships are available for Lone Star College-CyFair's 2009 summer study abroad programs to Italy and China. Join Rob Coyle and Buck Buchanan for Western Civilization I and World Geography at the Vesuvian International Institute in Castellammare di Stabia, Italy or Carolyn Ho and Robert O'Brien for Beginning Chinese I and World History I at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China. The scholarship deadline is Nov. 1, 2008. The deadline for applying to either program is March 1, 2009. For information, go to CyFair. LoneStar.edu/studyabroad or call 281-290-1055.

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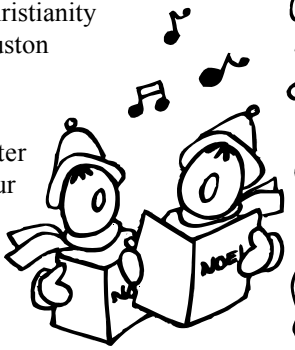
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Cypress Christian School is pleased to announce the appointment of Donna Stumbaugh to the position of elementary principal.

“Mrs. Stumbaugh has committed her time, talents, and energy during the last 12 years to minister to students, parents, and teachers at Cypress Christian School,” said Dr. Glenn Holzman, Head of School. “Her proven experience in curriculum development and improvement, as well as her extraordinary organizational and leadership skills, allow her to join the administrative team this year. Mrs. Stumbaugh is unquestionably dedicated to Christian education. She understands that Christian education is an opportunity to instill Christian values through scripture. She is committed to the ideal that teachers are living examples of who Christ is, as they teach about God’s world through God’s word.”

Mrs. Stumbaugh’s education and experience include the following:

- Bachelor of Science in Education from University of Arkansas
- Master’s Degree in Learning Disabilities from University of Tulsa
- Gifted and Talented and Mid-management certificates from the University of St. Thomas
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Cypress Christian Students Travel to Spain

Several CCS secondary students had the opportunity to travel to Spain for a ten-day, educational tour this past June.

The students had an incredible time learning about architecture and visiting historical and cultural sights studied in class. The students spoke with native Spaniards on a daily basis, which reinforced grammar and vocabulary as well as boosted their self confidence in speaking. The majority of the students had not traveled outside of the country and this trip provided many opportunities for personal growth, as well as academic benefits.

CCS students who went on the trip included Jessica LeDay, Elisabeth Dunn, Hallie Salmon, Brian Fredrich, Casey Salzar, and Jordyn McCain.



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Cy-Fair ISD & Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS):

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VIPS is an acronym for Volunteers in Public Schools. VIPS in Cy-Fair ISD center the attention of their service on supporting students and staff and making a significant contribution to the education of children. These dedicated individuals, who give freely of their time and resources, impact the academic and personal development of Cy-Fair students. Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is fortunate to be able to draw from a diversity of skills and knowledge in its community.

The district VIPS Executive Board spearheads the business of the VIPS. This board is comprised of volunteers elected to take on specific responsibilities offering support, guidance, and training to all volunteers in the district. The VIPS Executive Board meets monthly to evaluate and address the needs of the district and distribute information relating to volunteer and community activities and strengthen parental involvement in education.

If you are interested in becoming part of the winning combination at Cy-Fair schools as a volunteer, and making a difference, or would like more information, please contact Pam Scott, Partners in Education Director at 281-894-3950.

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October 2008 Upcoming Events

October 1 Math Training – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

Participants will have an opportunity to review the first semester curriculum in grades 1-5, use some of the technology applications available to teachers and students, learn more about the 4-step problem solving process, and explore some of the components of Singapore Math being used with students in elementary math.

October 7 Junior Achievement Coordinator Training – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

Specifically for those who will take responsibility for implementing the JA program for their campus.

October 7 Junior Achievement Volunteer Training – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

The purpose of Junior Achievement is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, understand business and economics, and be workforce ready.

October 9 Sooper Puppy Training – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

Sooper Puppy is a first grade class series dealing with life lessons, facing dilemmas and arriving at solutions by making good choices.

October 15 Hearing Certification Training – 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Berry Center

Become a State certified trained volunteer to assist your CFISD school in hearing testing for the students. Please RSVP to your school nurse by October 10.

October 16 Vision Certification Training – 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Berry Center

Become a State certified trained volunteer to assist your CFISD school in vision testing for the students. Please RSVP to your school nurse by October 10.

October 23 Classroom Assistance – 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., ISC West

Learn basic classroom technology tips to assist students in the classroom. A campus administrator or VIPS liaison approval signature is required for this free technology training.

October 28 Junior Achievement Volunteer Training – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

October 28 Microsoft Word I & II – 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., ISC West

Learn simple to moderate applications of Microsoft Word software. Administrator signature approval required to register for this free technology training.

October 30 Fall Conference – 8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., Berry Center

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The next meeting of the Volunteer Guild will be Monday, October 27th at 9:30 in the Northgate Room at the museum. There

will be a brief business meeting followed by a presentation by Dave Koenig of the **Houston Area Blacksmith's Association** and Lyn Huck of the **Houston Area Metal Arts Guild**. To become a Pearl Fincher Guild Member and learn more about upcoming Guild presentations and opportunities, contact Carolyn Clayton at kclayton@flash.net.

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