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President's Message

Be Prepared for Safety

Each family member must know what to do in the event of a fire in their home. Unless a small fire can be easily controlled, it is recommended that fighting the fire be left to professional firefighters and family members escape safely from the home. Strategically placed fire extinguishers in high risk areas of the home such as the garage, laundry room and kitchen can provide quick reaction capabilities to put out small fires.

A home escape plan must be created and practiced so that each person knows exactly what to do.

Regardless of the cause of the fire, a home may be filled with smoke. This is a very dangerous situation. Family members may be unable to see very well. The smoke and toxic gases may cause dizziness and disorientation. In the confusion, one can easily become lost or trapped in the home. Family members must understand that their safety depends upon quickly leaving the home. It has been proven that exit drills reduce chances of panic and injury in fires and that trained and informed people have a much better chance to survive fires in their home.

Plan Ahead

The first step in escaping a fire in the home is to plan ahead. By installing smoke detectors in the home and being sure they are in good working order, family members can be alerted to the presence of smoke or fire before it is too late. Together, family members can decide on an escape plan in the event of a fire in the home.

Plan an Escape Route

Each member of the family should know how to get safely outside by at least two routes. Family members should practice opening their windows to become familiar with their operation. Jammed windows should be identified and repaired. If during a fire a window is jammed, it may be broken out with an object and a blanket or towel placed over the frame to cover shards of glass. However, it is much safer to open a window than it is to break the glass out.

Realize the Danger of Smoke

Each member of the family should understand the importance of crawling low under smoke. Smoke and heat rise so the best place to find fresher, cooler air is near the floor. When a person is caught in a home filled with smoke, they should drop on hands and knees and crawl to the nearest exit. Test all closed doors before opening them. Feel the back of the door. If it is hot, don't open it. Turn and go to the second route of exit. If the door is not hot, open slowly but be

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LANDSCAPE FOCUS

Windermere Yard of the Month Congratulations!

The winner is.....



1119 Key Biscaine

This winner's landscaping was great and impressed members of our committee as the selection for 'Yard of the Month' for August.

The homeowner receives a \$25 Gift Card from Home Depot, bragging rights to the honor AND our WL Yard of the Month sign remains in their yard during the month. Our thanks go out to those that care about their homes and keep their lawns maintained.

Thank you for helping make our neighborhood more beautiful in spite of the heat.

We appreciate the time and participation by our judging volunteers during this selection process!

Sreehari Gorantla

Landscape Committee

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WE NEED ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR COMMITTEES!
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If you would like to submit an article or any information for the Windermere Lakes Newsletter, you may do so by sending the information to newsletter@windmerelakes.net. *This information should include your name. All information should be received **no later than the 9th of the month** and is subject to editorial approval as well as space limitations.*

Benefit for "Help Lauren Learn"

Lauren is 5 years old. She has a twin sister Elizabeth and a younger brother Jack. Lauren laughs, explores, plays and loves just like many 5 year olds. Lauren is deafblind. Lauren will learn to communicate with her hands - but she needs an intervener to open these doors. In the United States, interveners are not recognized as licensed professionals as they are in Canada. All interveners in the United States must be privately funded. So providing an intervener for a child in Texas becomes the sole responsibility of the family. Interveners are \$1,000-\$1,500 a week. Lauren's family is looking for help in the form of donations to pay for Lauren's intervener.

On the morning of Saturday, October 18, the Northwest Houston Mothers of Multiples (NWHMOM) will hold a Bake Sale during their Fall "Garage Sale" at the Outback Steakhouse Parking lot (7070 Highway 6 North, Houston, TX 77095; in the Best Buy/Barnes & Nobles shopping center). The proceeds from the Bake Sale will be donated to Lauren's family to help with the costs of Lauren's intervener.

In addition, NWHMOM will host a Vendor Day on Saturday, October 25 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Coles Crossing subdivision clubhouse (13050 Barker Cypress, Cypress, TX 77429) to further help support Lauren's intervener costs. The Vendor Day will have a variety of merchandise: from home décor to clothing and accessories, jewelry, fall and holiday decorations and gifts, food items and much, much more. Come out and start your holiday shopping early!

For more information about Lauren please visit her website: www.HelpLaurenLearn.net NWHMOM hopes to see everyone at the Bake Sale and/or the Vendor Day. Please come out and support Lauren!

The Northwest Houston Mothers of Multiples (NWHMOM) meet the third Thursday of every month at 7 pm at the Coles Crossing subdivision clubhouse (13050 Barker Cypress in Cypress). NWHMOM assists mothers of multiple birth children by lending them support, sharing information and relating experiences raising multiples. Welcoming all expectant, newly delivered and seasoned (veteran) multiple mothers. Details: www.nwhmom.org

Is your Lake news missing???

WE NEED YOUR INFO!!

If you have some news or fun activities going on at your Lake, please let us hear from you! We'd like to share the news in our future newsletters. Any parties, birthdays, graduations, anniversaries or any other celebrations that may take place would be great shared with your other Windermere Lakes neighbors!

PLEASE SEND YOUR INFO TO US FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER TO: newsletter@windmerelakes.net

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prepared to slam it closed again if there are flames.

Practice what to do if you become trapped. Since doors hold back smoke and firefighters are adept at rescue, the chances of survival are excellent. Close doors between you and the smoke. Stuff the cracks and cover vents to keep smoke out. If there's a phone, call in your exact location to the fire department even if they are on the scene. Wait at the window and signal with a sheet or flashlight or something visible.

Establish a Safe Meeting Place

A special meeting place should be established a safe distance from the house. It could be a mailbox, the neighbor's driveway or a tree in the yard. Whatever it is, it must be something that is stationary and can't be moved. This is where everyone meets in the event of a fire. It also prevents family members from wandering around the neighborhood looking for one another, or worse, being tempted to re-enter the house for one thought to be trapped inside.

Once outside at the special meeting place, a person can be sent to the neighbor's to call 9-1-1. If anyone is missing, give this information to the fire department immediately, and tell them where the probable location of the missing person could be. Under no circumstances should anyone re-enter the burning home.

Provide for Those Requiring Additional Help

Special provisions may be required for infants, young children,

disabled or the elderly who may need additional help when escaping. These provisions should be included in the home fire escape plan and discussed with family members.

When afraid, children commonly seek sheltered places such as a closet or under the bed. Encourage them to exit outside. Do not allow them to hide. Make sure children can operate the windows, descend a ladder, or lower themselves to the ground through a window. (Slide out on the stomach, feet first. Hang on with both hands. Bend the knees when landing.) Lower children to the ground before you exit from the window. They may panic and not follow if an adult goes first. Have children practice saying the fire department number, the family name, and street address into the phone. Homeowners may want to investigate a collapsible ladder stored outside to reach upstairs infant or children's rooms from the outside of the home.

Practice Your Fire Escape Plan

A good way to practice the effectiveness of a home fire escape plan is to position each family member in his or her bed, turn all the lights off, and activate the smoke detector by depressing the test switch. Each family member should help "awaken" the others by yelling the alert. Family members should exit their rooms according to the plan, crawl low under smoke, practice feeling doors for heat, and meet in the designated location outside the home.

Exit Safely From a Structure

Jumping from upper floors of a building should be avoided.

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Cypress Christian School Welcomes New Principal

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:

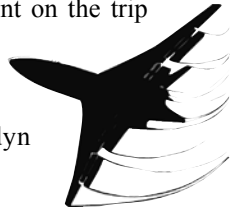
- Bachelor of Science in Education from University of Arkansas
- Master's Degree in Learning Disabilities from University of Tulsa
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- Texas Certification: Elementary Education, Learning Disabilities, Gifted and Talented and Mid-Management
- More than 28 years of experience in curriculum development and classroom instruction

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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Again, Plan Ahead

Remember, the first step toward escaping a fire is to plan ahead. Practice a home fire escape plan throughout the year and be sure that if anything should change around the home, make sure it is included in the home fire escape plan.

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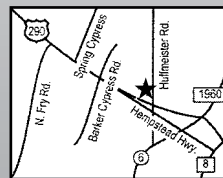


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Our next meeting is Monday, October 20, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cy-Fair H.S. cafeteria. Take this opportunity to be involved in your senior's BIG NIGHT. There are many ways parents can help, and no job or donation is too small. A list of fundraising 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 during Project Prom.

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 Bidingier at 281-304-8888 or by email, brett@bidingierdesign.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 Bidingier 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.

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