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The Beacon

News For The Residents at Lakes of Fairhaven

Swenke Elementary News

Submitted by Rose Jackson

Things are gearing up as we get ready for our very first year at Swenke! Our theme for the 2009-2010 year is Believe.

IMPORTANT DATES:

New student registration: August 11, 13, 14 (Not on 10th or 12th) 8:00-11:00 or 1:00-3:00

Swenke Sneak A Peek & Ice Cream Social:
August 4, 2009 - 1:00-6:00

Meet the Teacher: Friday, August 21, 2009
PPCD, Life Skills, Pre-K, 1st-5th Grades:
9:00-9:45

Kindergarten Orientation: 10:00-10:45

First Day of School: Monday, August 24, 2009 – 8:50-3:50

Curriculum Night: September 14, 2009

PTO Meeting: 6:00-6:15

PPCD, Pre-K, Life Skills, Grades K-2:
6:15-7:00

Grades 3rd-5th: 7:00-7:45

For all the latest news go to Swenke's website at <http://schools.cfsd.net/swenke/index.stm>

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For more information on meetings in Fairfield, please contact Renate Wheeler at renateqw@yahoo.com. They will meet on the second and fourth Fridays during the school year.

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New Club Charter Granted to Cypress Ranch Key Club



Picture of Bob Presnell, Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club President, and Aliah Kelly, Cypress Ranch Key Club President

Cypress, Texas – July 2, 2009 – A new Key Club has been chartered by Kiwanis International at one of Cy-Fair’s newest high schools, Cypress Ranch. The new school club of 238 members has been meeting since the school’s opening in August 2008 and made formal application for a charter in January 2009. The official Club Charter was presented to Key Club President Aliah Kelly at the club’s first annual banquet held on May 21. The charter presentation was made by Bob Presnell, President of the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club, and Peggy Presnell, who serves as Kiwanis Sponsor for the new Key Club.

Members attending the banquet were presented with membership items including their membership cards and pins. New officers for the 2009-10 school year were installed by Madhumita Govindu, a Cy-Fair High School student who serves as Lt. Governor of Division 3N of Key Club. Miss Govindu oversees the Katy and CFISD Key Clubs for the Texas-Oklahoma District of Key Club.

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Cypress Ranch Key Club



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Commander William "Bill" Shaffer of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2427 and its Ladies Auxiliary announces the kick-off of the years "Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Essay Competition." These competitions are designed to give local students the opportunity to earn Scholarships and savings bonds toward their education. Students from public, private, and parochial schools are encouraged to participate, as well as students in home study programs.

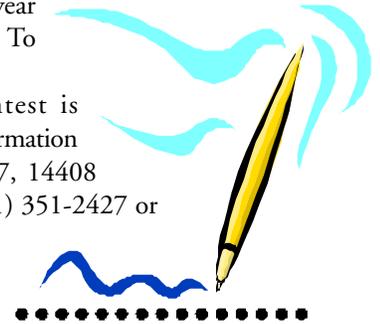
Students begin competing at the local Post level, Post winners advance to the District level, District winners then compete in the State competition. The State winners compete for more than 2.5 million in scholarships and savings bonds.

The Voice of Democracy contest is open to Students in grades 9 – 12 who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school, and those in a home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or in an overseas U.S. Military/civilian dependent school. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over and

previous Voice of Democracy first place winners are ineligible. The theme for the year is, "Does American Still Have Heroes?"

The Patriot's Pen Contest is opened to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students enrolled in public, private or parochial schools in the US, its territories or its possessions. Home-schooled students are also eligible. Dependents of U.S. of military or civilian personnel in overseas schools can participate too. Foreign exchange students and former winners that placed in the National finals are excluded from the contest. The theme for this year is, "When Is The Right Time To Honor Our Military Heroes?"

The deadline for this contest is November 1, 2009. For more information please contact V.F.W. Post 2427, 14408 Alice Road. Tomball, Texas (281) 351-2427 or go online at www.vfw.org.



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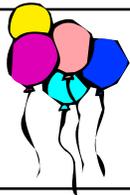
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Attention Cy-Woods 2010 Senior Parents! WRAP is Cy-Woods High School's parent-driven Project Prom organization. The purpose of WRAP is to provide a drug and alcohol free all-night party for the graduating seniors and their guests after their prom.

Please join us on Thursday, August 20th @ 7:00 pm in the Commons area at Cy-Woods High School for our 1st 2009-2010 WRAP General Board meeting. For more information on WRAP, please visit our website at cywoodswrap.org or contact us via email at cywoodswrap@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing you on August 20th.



Do You Have Reason to Celebrate?

We want to hear from you! Email articles@PEELinc.com to let the community know!



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9 am Registration - 10am 3K Walk begins

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Most children die who are submerged for as little as 6-10 minutes.

Children who drown do not **scream, splash, or struggle**. They silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.

The Science of Grocery Shopping

Submitted by Kelly Bruneman, Certified Nutrition Specialist

The grocery store can be a scary place! All those aisles filled with grocery goodness! What is healthy and what isn't? How do you know where to start and what to buy? Follow these simple rules to ensure that you get the most out of your grocery shopping experience:

• STAY TO THE OUTSIDE

- Most everything you need is on the perimeter of the store. Your produce, meats, and dairy cases are all on the outside. The aisles are where the boxed and processed foods reside.

• ORGANIC...IS IT WORTH IT?

- Not all things are necessary to buy organic. The following produce list is often referred to as the "Dirty Dozen" because they contain the highest levels of pesticides.
 - THE DIRTY DOZEN: Peaches, Apples, Sweet Bell Peppers, Celery, Nectarines, Strawberries, Cherries, Pears, Grapes (Imported), Spinach, Lettuce, Potatoes.
 - THE LEAST CONTAMINATED: Onions, Avocado, Sweet Corn (Frozen), Pineapples, Mango, Asparagus, Sweet Peas (Frozen), Kiwi Fruit, Bananas, Cabbage, Broccoli, Papaya.

- Beef, Poultry, and Dairy are also worth the organic price because they are produced without growth hormones and antibiotics.
- Currently the USDA has not developed organic certification standards for seafood.
- REMEMBER: buying organic foods that aren't good for you doesn't make them healthy!!

• BUY FROZEN

- Frozen fruits and vegetables are often flash frozen locking in nutrients better than canned foods.
- Frozen fish and chicken is also flash frozen at the source locking in nutrients and making them convenient alternatives to store in your freezer.

• DON'T BE AN IMPULSE BUYER

- Make a list according to how your grocery store is laid out and STICK TO IT! If ice cream isn't on your list, don't go down the ice cream aisle.
- Don't go to the grocery store when you are tired, hungry or irritable. This almost always leads to impulse buys.

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- If possible, don't take the kids! Grocery stores target impulse buyers and almost all kids are impulse buyers!
- Don't get distracted at the checkout line. As you are waiting to check out grocery stores stock the racks with tempting candy bars and sodas. Don't be fooled! If you think you might give in bring in water with you and pop a piece of sugar free gum! Or flip through the latest gossip magazine until it is your turn to pay.
- If you don't buy the junk food, you won't have it in the house!

• CHECK OUT THE LABEL

- THE FDA requires that all ingredients be listed in descending order of predominance by weight. Try to pick foods that have a short ingredient list that don't have many artificial ingredients.
- Look for foods that have ingredients that you can pronounce
- Choose foods that are "real". Examples are 100% fruit juice or 100% whole-grain items with as little processing and as few additives as possible. If you want more salt or sugar, add it yourself.

Finally, just take a deep breath and go for it! You are in control and remember if you don't buy it; it won't find its way into your house!

Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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Take a tour, learn about campus programs, meet with an advisor, choose a schedule and register for fall classes at LSC-CyFair's free new student orientations this summer. Three orientation sessions,

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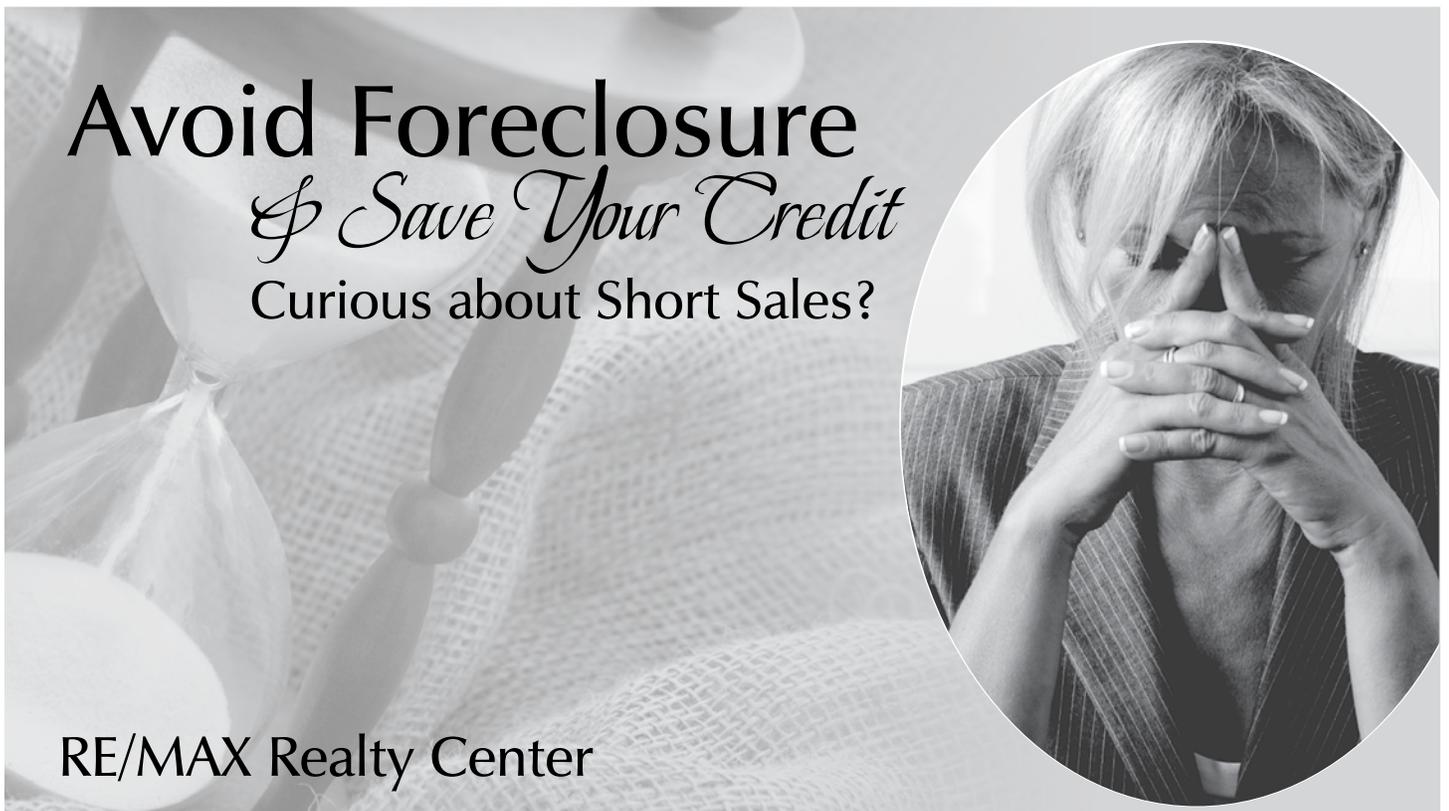
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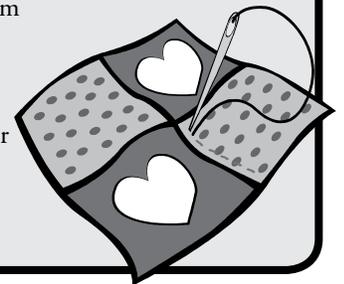
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The Road of Uncertainty

By Mindy Ferguson

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Uneasy, I pulled over onto the side of the road, took a deep breath, reviewed my map and prayed. I studied the map and located a road that I remembered passing a few miles earlier. I estimated my location and eased back onto the road, following the map with my finger as I drove. Needless to say, I was grateful to discover a sign with the retreat center's logo and an arrow, indicating the turn was ahead.

Thinking back on my experience, it occurred to me that our journey through life often presents us with circumstances that make us feel as disoriented and uneasy as I felt that day when I was lost on an unfamiliar country road without cell service. It also occurred to me that our response to life's uncertainties should be the same as mine was that day on the road —Pause, Ponder, Pray, and then Proceed.

Pause

When faced with uncertainty, we need to take some time to quiet ourselves before the Lord. Psalm 46 assures us, God is our refuge

and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Be still and know that I am God (vs. 1,10a NIV).

Regardless how lost or helpless we may feel, God is our refuge and our strength and He is always available to help us. We can rest in the truth that He knows every detail of our circumstances and He is never disoriented. It's important to "be still" in order to hear His voice and sense His presence.

Ponder

Next, we need to take the time to gather information, reflect, and regroup. When conflict arose in the early church between Jewish and Gentile believers, the apostles took time to ponder the issues before deciding how to proceed. Acts 15:6 says, the apostles and elders met to consider this question (NIV). When we are unsure how to proceed, we need to gather information and ponder the facts.

Pray

Prayer is crucial. Through prayer, we can come before the Lord with the facts of a situation and earnestly seek His guidance. James 1:5 assures us, If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him (NIV). We can count on God to listen and to grant us the

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wisdom that we need to move forward in His will.

Proceed

Finally, after we have patiently paused, diligently pondered and earnestly prayed, it is time to act. You may step out cautiously, just as I did that day on the unfamiliar country road, but we can count on the truth of Exodus 15:13, which says, In your unfaithful love you will lead the people you have redeemed (NIV). God loves us abundantly and although our circumstances can be frightening, we can trust that our God will lead us as He works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will (Ephesians 1:11 NIV).

Are you facing uncertainty on an unfamiliar road? Pause... Ponder... Pray... and then Proceed. Our God faithfully leads the people He has redeemed!

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\$451,000--\$499,999	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$351,00--\$450,000	0	0	2	4	0	1	2	0	0	3
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