

# THE TIMES



## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

### *Bus Buddies Volunteer Program In Cypress-fairbanks Schools*

#### WHAT IS BUS BUDDIES?

Bus Buddies is a partnership between the Cy-Fair community and Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District to provide assistance to elementary students to help them in getting off the bus at the correct location. The program requires one “Bus Buddy” per elementary bus the first three days of school. The approximate time commitment is from 2:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. on August 23, August 24 and August 25. Duties include assisting the bus driver with getting the children off the bus at their correct stops.

#### WHAT IS REQUIRED?

- (1) Attend one of the training sessions, if not previously trained.
- (2) Arrive and sign in at your assigned school where campus staff will assist you.
- (3) Enjoy helping the kids and driver!

Training Sessions will be held at The Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Rd., Cypress, TX. on Monday, Aug.16 (9:30 – 10:30 a.m.), Tuesday, Aug.17 (7:30 – 8:30 a.m.) and Wednesday, Aug.18 (6:30 – 7:30 p.m.).

The Partners in Education (PIE) department is looking for Bus Buddy support similar to the 2009-10 school year when approximately 400 volunteers in the Cy-Fair community rode buses to assist the nearly 9000 riders and their drivers.

Interested volunteers can RSVP and register for a training session by visiting <http://www.cfid.net> and selecting Bus Buddies. For additional information about the program, please contact the CFISD Partners in Education Department at 281-894-3949.



## The Help by Kathryn Stockett

I had heard a lot of buzz around *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett, but it wasn't until a good friend of mine coined the book, “exceptional” that I downloaded it onto my Kindle. Boy, am I glad I did! As with humor, it is rare to be able to communicate through the written word raw tenderness between two people, but Stockett nailed it! The perspective of this book, through the eyes of “the help,” African American women working in white women's houses during the 1960s is spectacular.

It is these strong African American women who very often raised the white children, and they did it with pride, extreme love and tenderness. There are a couple of lines within the book that really highlight this point, “Someone whose eyes simply said, without words, You are fine with me” and “You already up, Baby Girl? Why you didn't holler for me?” and “You a smart girl. You a good girl.” These women build up the children in their care and want to teach them that color isn't important in God's eyes.

I also really enjoyed the different personalities and voices in the book as it really told a dramatic, entertaining, sad and funny story. It was interesting to reflect on the books mention of actual historical events, for example the birth of zip codes and well as the more obvious ones during this time—of Rosa Parks, Dr. Martin Luther King and President Kennedy's assassination.

*The Help* is a beautiful story of love filled with conflict, but ultimately love.

Feel free to comment on this review, your thoughts on the book or suggest a book for me to review on my blog: <http://brittsbuzz.blogspot.com>.

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*A newsletter for Bridgeland residents.*

The Times is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Bridgeland residents. Each newsletter is filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports activity, social group, etc. and would like to submit an article for the newsletter you can do so online at [www.PEELinc.com](http://www.PEELinc.com) or you can email it [articles@peelinc.com](mailto:articles@peelinc.com). Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, special celebrations, birthday announcements and military service are also welcome.

Our goal is to keep you informed!



## TEAM TIARA

Team Tiara, a non-profit foundation dedicated to raising money to fund research and education for breast cancer. Each member of our team is committed to raising \$2300 to walk the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for a Cure. In addition to walking in the 3-Day, we provide direct assistance to men and women whose lives have been touched by breast cancer. To continue our efforts Team Tiara will be hosting Passionately Pink for the Cure, a gala benefiting Team Tiara & Susan G. Komen 3-Day

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**NORTH/WEST HOUSTON MOCHA MOMS**

*Promote Reading Amongst African-American Kids*

*Submitted by Kurchelle Piccolo, Cypress Mill Resident*

On September 18, 2010, the North/West Houston Chapter of Mocha Moms will launch a literacy program, Boys Booked on Barbershops (B-BOB)/ Girls Booked on Beauty-Shops (G-BOB) at “Sassy but Classy” Salon.

B-BOB/G-BOB is a program designed to promote literacy and the importance of reading to young, African-American children. The chapter will set up and stock a reading nook at Sassy’s with age-appropriate books for children to read during their regular visits to the barbershop. These naturally-occurring encounters create a great opportunity for children to read and learn while making use of their wait time. The nook will feature books by and about African-Americans, with an emphasis on topics that interest the shop’s clientele.

The program aligns with the Mocha Moms’ national community service initiative, “Closing the Gap on Minority Prosperity, Health and Achievement.” The North/West Houston chapter has collected

over 55 donated books for the event and Scholastic, which has teamed with Mocha Moms on a national level, will provide additional books. The Mocha Moms will also be on hand to discuss ways parents can support the development of reading and other literacy skills at home.

Hesma Stephens, President of the North/West Houston Chapter commented, “Painful reports have shown that despite some parent’s level of education, African-American children have fewer resources available than other non-ethnic families. We are reinforcing our commitment to community by providing reading resources in social settings for boys and girls in an attempt to close the literacy gap”.

The Mocha Moms anticipate over 30 families will attend the program’s launch at Sassy’s. The chapter plans to set up reading nooks at nine more locations at local barber and beauty-shops before year’s end. Sassy’s is located at South Barker Cypress Rd. (FM 1464) and Westheimer. The program will start at 11:00 a.m.



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## Aggie Moms Gather for the New School Year *Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Come join all the Aggie Moms in the Northwest Harris County area for a fun filled night at our "Howdy Party"! The August meeting includes an interactive evening in which you learn more about life at Aggieland, how we support our Aggie students, and also meet lots of great Aggie Moms. A wonderful group of former yell leaders will be there to help us learn more about the Aggie traditions and whoop it up!

The NW Harris County Aggie Moms supports our Aggie students through scholarships and donations to campus organizations that enrich the Texas A&M experience. We also support each other through shared experiences with our students at Texas A&M University and develop wonderful friendships.

The August meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10th at 7 pm at the Houston Distributing Company conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of 7100 High Life Drive and Cutten Road. Please check our website at [www.nwhcaggiemoms.org](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.org) for more information or contact Vickie Hamley at 713-466-4494. We look forward to meeting all our Aggie Moms!

## Fall Aggie Mom's Meeting *Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

All Aggie Moms, new, current, and former, are invited to attend our September meeting for the Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms Club. Our organization is designed to support our Aggie students through scholarships and donations to the many campus organizations. Aggie Moms support each other by sharing the joys and trials of parenting Aggie students through this important time in their lives.

You won't want to miss our first fall meeting with speaker, Jacob Robinson, the current Texas A&M University student body president. He is currently getting a degree in Public Relations and plans to graduate in 2011. His goal as president is to elevate the Aggie experience and preserve the traditions that define what it means to be an Aggie.

Please come and join us for refreshments and learn more about what Aggie students will experience at Texas A&M University. The meeting will be held at 7 pm at the Houston Distributing Company conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of 7100 High Life Drive and Cutten Road.

Check our our website at [www.nwhcaggiemoms.org](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.org) for important upcoming events or contact Vickie Hamley at 713-466-4494 for more information. Gig'Em Aggies!



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Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>  
Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>

Cy-Fair Cafeteria – 7pm

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April 29, 2011  
Dave 'n Busters

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Casino Night**  
>Nov.14<sup>th</sup>
- **Christmas Wreaths**  
>Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> – Oct 25<sup>th</sup>
- **Homecoming Mums**  
>Sept. 23rd
- **Texan Football Concessions**  
>TBD
- **Denim & Diamonds**  
>TBD
- **Golf Tournament**  
>TBD



[www.cyfairprojectprom.org](http://www.cyfairprojectprom.org)

**SEASONAL SALADS**

**Asparagus Crab Salad & Preserve Lemon Vinaigrette...9**  
toasted almonds, shaved parmesan, baby greens

**Grilled Blackened Chicken Salad & Balsamic Vinaigrette...7**  
baby greens, cilantro, tomatoes, walnuts, avocado, shaved red onions

**Tuscan Tomato Mozzarella Salad & Balsamic Vinaigrette...7**  
extra virgin olive oil, fresh basil, garlic wheat croutons

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**Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast 4oz, 6oz, 8oz.....8, 12, 15**  
sauteed asparagus & whipped potatoes

**ITALIAN CLASSICS**

**Chicken Parmesan...14**

angel hair pasta, fresh mozzarella, tomatoes, extra virgin olive oil, fresh basil, garlic parmesan croutons & angel hair pasta

**Fettuccini Alfredo & Chicken...15**

light creamy alfredo, diced tomatoes, fresh basil, garlic bread

**MEXICAN FAVORITES**

**Beef & Chicken Fajitas Platter...14**  
spanish rice, charro beans, salsa, tortillas

**Chicken & Cheese Enchiladas Platter...11**  
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**10TH GRADE:** Friday, August 13, 2010, 8:00A-10:00A

**12TH GRADE:** Friday, August 13, 2010, 12:00P-2:00P

(Parking stickers available for 11th & 12th graders only – forms available at [schools.cfsd.net/cyranch/index.htm](http://schools.cfsd.net/cyranch/index.htm))

**9TH GRADE:** Saturday, August 14, 2010, 8:00A-11A

(9th Grade Meeting at 8:00A in the Auditorium)

**11TH GRADE:** Saturday, August 14, 2010, 12:00P-2:00P

While you're at the Coral, be sure and visit your Cy-Ranch Athletic Booster Club table for Membership & Spirit Items!

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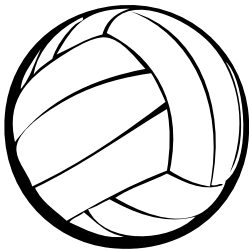
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On Saturday, September 25th from 7:00-11:00 p.m. the Cy-Woods Band will be hosting their fifth annual Casino Night at Cypress Woods High School. This annual event is not only to raise funds for the band and color guard, but also to have fun with friends and family. Ages 12 and up can participate. Play to win a great prize in our Texas Hold'em Tournament! You don't want to miss the fabulous Silent Auction and grand prize drawings! Come join the fun and help support the Wildcat Band and Color Guard. For more information visit the band website at [www.cywoodsband.org](http://www.cywoodsband.org).



## Cy-Ranch Volleyball Try Outs

VolleyBall Tryouts will be held the first week of August.

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## Cy-Woods Crimson Cadettes Drill Team

The Cy-Woods Crimson Cadettes Drill Team will host their 5th annual dance clinic for K-12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on August 11-13, 2010. This is a major fund-raiser for the team and enables them to participate in activities throughout the 2010 - 2011 school year. The fee is \$55 and includes dance technique, specially choreographed routines for each age group, t-shirt, drinks and snacks each day and a picture for each participant. Showoffs will held the last day at 11:30am. For more information email [pjbassine@aol.com](mailto:pjbassine@aol.com) or check out our website at [www.crimsoncadettes.com](http://www.crimsoncadettes.com). On the website, you will find a sign-up form and a link to PayPal for payment.



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# CUSTOM WINDOW TREATMENTS

*From Budget to Big Bucks*

*Submitted by Susan Kostecky*



Custom window treatments are a decorative and functional complement to a home, and add color, texture and softness. Custom treatments can range in price from very reasonable to very expensive. If you are considering window treatments for your home, there are a number of factors to consider. Those factors are: style, budget and function.

## STYLE

You can accomplish great style in any budget range. You may already have ideas that you like, from model homes or decorating magazines. You may prefer light and airy, or richly luxurious, casual or formal. If you are working with a window treatment specialist or decorator to determine what style treatments will best fit your home, it

is important to discuss the budget you have allotted for this project. You may decide to focus on one room at a time, which makes it easier on your wallet and also to make decisions. Knowing your budget helps your consultant present style ideas and fabrics that will keep the project in your price range.

Some treatment styles require considerably more fabric than others, which generally means more lining and more labor. Fabrics with a very large motif (such as a large bouquet of flowers) may require more yardage in order to center or match the motif throughout the project. Treatments with deep folds or pleats require more fabric than a flat treatment. Flat does not mean boring: adding contrasting trim, banding, buttons or tassels adds interest. A flat treatment (like a roman shade, cornice

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**Custom Window Treatments - (Continued from Page 10)**

or a straight valance) also lets the fabric print be seen completely. If you have fallen in love with a tulip floral print, a flat treatment showcases the tulips much better than a gathered treatment does.

If there are blinds in place, you have many choices to select from to accent your furnishings. Consider how the room is used: a bedroom might dictate room-darkening draperies to permit sleeping late on the weekends. A west-facing window might require interlining or other linings to prevent light bleed-through, fabric fading and/or rot. Silk may be interlined to add lush body, insulation and to protect the silk from the sun. A kitchen window may only need a fabric accent valance for color and interest. These are options, depending on your goals for your room.

Fabric prices vary greatly. Retail fabric stores offer a good selection, reasonable prices and can generally order fabric for you if they do not have the quantity you require.

Outlet stores have very low prices, stock that changes rapidly and cannot be reordered, and may sell "second quality" fabrics that may be flawed. If the price is right, you can purchase additional yardage to offset flaws. The stock changes rapidly, and if you mull over your sample options, the fabric may no longer be available when you go to purchase it. A designer or window treatment consultant has access to the Decorative Center of Houston, which has tens of thousands of fabrics available. The selection of fabric, rods, trimmings, tassels, etc. is far beyond that found in retail locations. This is a huge benefit if you are trying to coordinate with existing fabrics in your furnishings that may be discontinued and no longer available.

Custom window treatments should reflect your taste and lifestyle, and still leave money in the bank! Make your home your personal oasis by choosing a treatment that has style and personality and fits within your budget.

**GIRL SCOUT  
Registration Rally**

**Tuesday, September 7, 2010  
7:00 - 8:00 Pm**

**Goodson Middle School Cafeteria  
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Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character; who make the world a better place. Come discover the fun and friendship of Girl Scouts at the Compass Rose Service Unit Registration Rally. From kindergarten through high school, there is a place for every girl in Girl Scouts.

The Compass Rose Service Unit, which includes Sampson, Black and Farney Elementary Schools, will begin registering new Girl Scouts on September 7, 2010, at Goodson Middle School, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Parent or Guardian must attend, and girls are welcome but need not be present to be registered. Questions may be addressed to Registrar Mary Chen at [Mary.Chen@comcast.net](mailto:Mary.Chen@comcast.net).

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**EVENT:** Cy-Fair Express Network Monthly Networking Luncheon

**WHEN:** August 26, 2010

**TIME:** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

**WHERE:** Houston National Golf Club  
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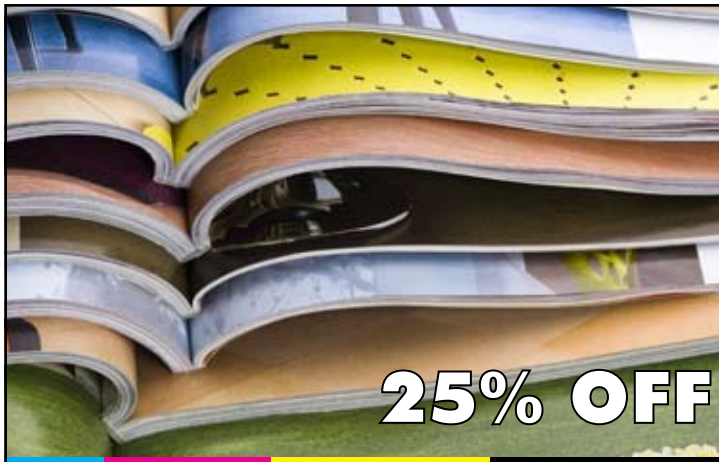
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\$451,000--\$499,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
\$351,00--\$450,000	5	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	3	9
\$276,000--\$350,000	1	1	3	7	2	2	1	2	2	3
\$231,000--\$275,000	2	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	4	2
\$201,000--\$230,000	3	0	0	5	1	1	1	2	1	5
\$200,000 and below	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>
Highest \$/sq ft	\$118.25	\$115.21	\$105.82	\$130.21	\$132.45	\$132.45	\$114.10	\$104.36	\$109.38	\$127.54

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