

# The LONGWOOD Letter

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News For The Residents of Longwood

## PEOPLE PROTECTING OUR PARKS *New Fire Safety Campaign for City of Houston Parks*

People Protecting Our Parks calls on all Houstonians to proactively protect the City's parklands during the ongoing drought. The campaign has two main goals: fire prevention education and the protection of public parklands. The first step in this campaign is the issuance of a temporary ban on all barbeque pits in City of Houston Parks.

The temporary ban on barbeque pits will remain in effect until further notice. Signage notifying the public about the ban will be placed in the parks. To allow for a period of public education, warnings will be issued to violators until City Council adopts a permanent enforcement mechanism next week.

*Houston Fire Department recommends the following safety tips during this drought:*

### BARBEQUE SAFETY

- Portable barbecue pits, charcoal grills and other open-flame cooking devices outside of a building should not be operated on combustible balconies or located within 10 feet of combustible walls or roofs or other combustible materials.
- When igniting the barbecue charcoal, use a charcoal lighter, not gasoline. Gasoline can flash violently in and around the pit causing serious injuries to anyone in the area of the flash. A fire extinguisher or charged garden hose should be handy while the fire is burning. Check the pit frequently to ensure that it is okay.
- Hot ash and coals from barbecue pits and charcoal burners should be placed in a non-combustible container until cooled or thoroughly saturated with water, before being disposed.

### OPEN FLAMES

- The City of Houston Fire Code prohibits all open-burning within the Houston city limits at all times.

The burn ban in unincorporated areas of Harris County also prohibits any outdoor open-burning, including the burning of: a bonfire, rubbish fire, campfire, trench fire, or other fire in an outdoor location when not contained.

### VEHICLES, TRAILERS AND TOOLS

- Park vehicles so that the exhaust system does not come in contact with dry grass, leaves, or weeds.
- Adjust the safety chains on trailers to ensure they don't drag and create sparks that can cause roadside starts.
- Keep lawn mowers and agricultural equipment in proper working condition and avoid rocks and other materials which might cause a spark.
- Do not weld or cut without a spotter, a water source and a shovel.
- Notify the electric power company when dead trees or overhanging limbs endanger the electric wires. The wires may touch each other or the ground, causing sparks that start fires.

### CIGARETTES OR OTHER SMOKING MATERIALS (page 8)

- Another cause of accidental fires is carelessly discarded cigarettes or other smoking materials. They can smolder for hours and should be completely doused with water before being discarded in a safe manner, rather than tossed out a window or on the ground.
- Texas' arson law includes felony punishment for anyone whose cigarette recklessly sets fire to a building or injures anyone. Arson is a second-degree felony in Texas, punishable by up to 20 years in prison, but if a person is hurt or killed or if the fire involves a church, arson is a first-degree felony, carrying possible punishment of up to life in prison.

*For more safety tips see [www.houstontx.gov/fire](http://www.houstontx.gov/fire).*

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 Cypress Fairbanks ISD Transportation .....281-897-4380  
 Cypress Fairbanks Senior High.....281-897-4600  
 Goodson Middle School .....281-373-2350  
 Hamilton Elementary.....281-370-0990

### OTHER NUMBERS

Animal Control.....281-999-3191  
 Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center.....281-890-4285  
 Harris County Health Department .....713-439-6260  
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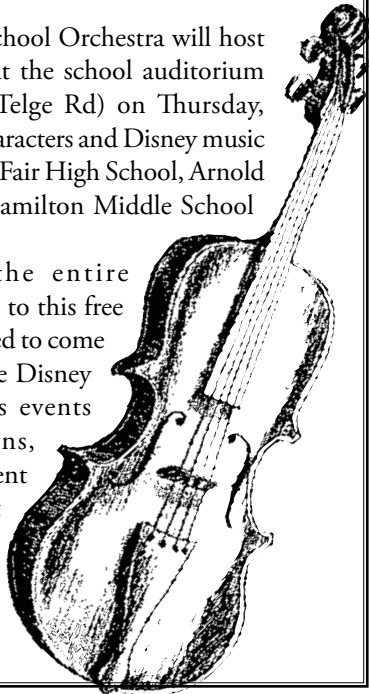
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## Disney Children's Concert

AT CY-FAIR HIGH SCHOOL

The Cy-Fair High School Orchestra will host a Children's Concert at the school auditorium (22602 Hwy 290 at Telge Rd) on Thursday, October 27. Disney characters and Disney music by Orchestras from Cy-Fair High School, Arnold Middle School, and Hamilton Middle School will be featured.

Children from the entire community are invited to this free event and are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite Disney character. Children's events (face painting, clowns, and balloons) and a silent auction will begin at 6pm. The concert will be at 7pm.



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Sundays at  
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10:30 a.m. TV time

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## VOLUNTEER

### Opportunities Available

#### CY-FAIR ISD & COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS - A WINNING TEAM!

The Cy-Fair ISD volunteer theme for this year is "Teamwork is Key" in recognition of the combined effort that it takes to ensure student success. Our school district fully understands and appreciates that it takes district administration, teachers, school staff, parents, community partners and volunteers each doing their part to give our children every possible opportunity to reach their full potential.

We are looking for community members who want to become Global Volunteers in order to be a part of our "team" and make a difference in the lives of children. If you are not the parent, grandparent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in the school at which you volunteer, you would be considered a Global Volunteer.

We have many volunteer opportunities available at a school near you. Individuals are needed to perform a full range of activities and we have training available for specific tasks such as vision and hearing screening, tutoring, mentoring, Junior Achievement, and other instructional presentations.

*If you have some free time and would like to learn more about becoming a Global Volunteer, please contact Kim Nash at [krnash1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:krnash1@sbcglobal.net) or call the CFISD Partners in Education Office at 281-894-3950. And remember: "TEAMWORK IS KEY"*



WRAP 2012 planning is underway! 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. Have you filled out your Parent Information Form yet? We need this to get you on our e-mail list!

#### MEETINGS

*Other meeting will be the 2nd TUESDAY of each month is the Cy Woods Commons @ 7:00 pm*

<i>Oct 11th</i>	<i>Feb 14th</i>
<i>Nov 8th</i>	<i>March 20th</i>
<i>Dec 13th</i>	<i>April 10th</i>
<i>Jan 10th</i>	<i>May 8th</i>

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### *Runnin' Wild*

- Date to be determine in early November
- Consider being a sponsor: Gold Sponsorship (\$1,000), Silver Sponsorship (\$500) and Bronze Sponsorship (\$150)
- To find out more about becoming a community sponsor for this wonderful event please email [CyWoodsWRAP@yahoo.com](mailto:CyWoodsWRAP@yahoo.com)



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**2011 THEME: IT'S ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS!**  
**October Focus: Your relationship with the Spirit World.**

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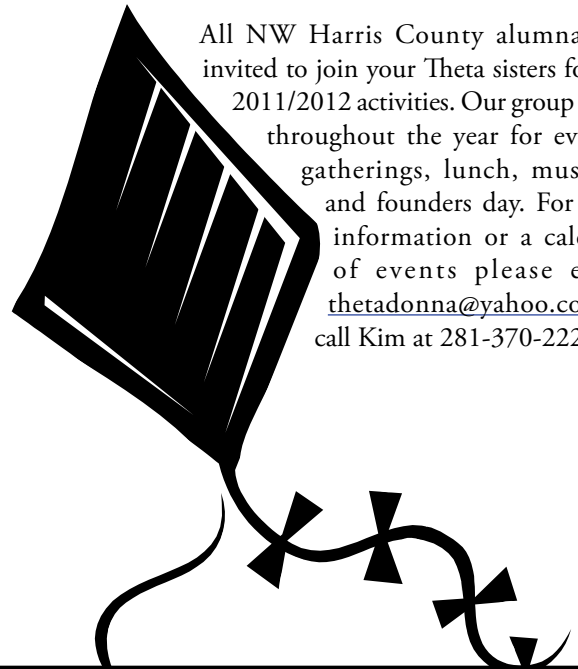
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[cypressranchvips@gmail.com](mailto:cypressranchvips@gmail.com)  
and stay connected with what's going on down at the Ranch.



## **KAPPA ALPHA THETA**

All NW Harris County alumnae are invited to join your Theta sisters for our 2011/2012 activities. Our group meets throughout the year for evening gatherings, lunch, museums and founders day. For more information or a calendar of events please email [thetadonna@yahoo.com](mailto:thetadonna@yahoo.com) or call Kim at 281-370-2224.



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## “TEAMWORK IS KEY” WITH CY-FAIR ISD VOLUNTEERS

*Hey! Grab your keys, unlock your hidden talents and join our Volunteer Team this fall in the Cy-Fair Public Schools!*

The name of the team is “VIPS”(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 are just like you, they give freely of their time and resources; and they have an impact on the academic and personal development of our students. Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is fortunate to be able to draw from a terrific diversity of skills and knowledge in its community.

If you are interested in being a part of an exciting group of volunteers and making a difference in your Cy-Fair Schools, or would like more information, please feel free to contact Pam Scott, Partners in Education Director at 281-894-3950.

### CY-FAIR ISD VOLUNTEER OCTOBER 2011 EVENTS “Teamwork is Key”

**OCTOBER 11.....PIE Mentor Training**  
**9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Berry Center**  
Training for individuals committed to serve as a

role model and friend to CFISD students.

**OCTOBER 14..... VIPS Fall Conference**  
**8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Berry Center**

A day of informative workshops is offered to volunteers, staff, parents and community members designed to support the work of volunteers in all district schools. Registration forms are available in schools and in the PIE dept.

**OCTOBER 19.....Hearing Certification Training**  
**9:30 a.m. to 1:30 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 14.

**OCTOBER 20.....Vision Certification Training**  
**9:30 a.m. to 1:30 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 14.

**OCTOBER 25..... Junior Achievement Volunteer Training**  
**9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Berry Center.**

The purpose of Junior Achievement is to educate and  
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### **OCTOBER 26.....Multicultural Meeting**

**9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Berry Center**

Open to all CFISD school staff, volunteers, parents and community members. The purpose of the CFISD Multicultural Committee is to raise the level of cultural understanding and respect by sharing information with the CFISD community to encourage cultural sensitivity and parental involvement to strengthen student success.

### **October 27 ..... Virtual Volunteer Training**

**9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., ISC West**

Training for Volunteer Coordinators to learn how to effectively and efficiently manage their campus Virtual Volunteer account.

#### **HOW TO REGISTER FOR TRAINING:**

With the exception of Hearing and Vision Certification, register for training by emailing the PIE office at [vipsrsvp@cfisd.net](mailto:vipsrsvp@cfisd.net). Provide your name and the name and date of the training you wish to attend. Registration is required to guarantee a seat and training materials.

*Adults only please.*

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