

THE *School* SCOOP

News from Katy area schools



Fielder Elementary Fun Run

The Boosterthon Fun Run encouraged Fielder spirit, while teaching the Falcons about the importance of fitness, leadership, and character.



Homecoming Queen

Amber Easley was voted the 2013 homecoming queen for Katy High School. Easley has been very involved in her school and community as a member of the KHS choir for four years, part of Best Buddies for four years, involved in theatre arts for two years, and in FFA for two years. She is also a black belt in karate and won two silver medals at the state-level Special Olympics in October.



Cinco Ranch Cheer

Cinco Ranch High School varsity cheerleaders attended NCA Camp in Moody Gardens. The team received superior ratings and special recognition for outstanding stunts and motions, as well as the spirit award. Pictured are Kory Luna, Chloe Rasch, captain Maddie Cook, Jenna Johnson, Bri Wallace, coach Angie Eller, Kayleigh Fisher, co-captain Jordan Peterson, co-captain Taylor Morrison, Kalyn Jackson, Erika Brown, Makenzie Kramer, and Nikki Aubuchon.



Tompkins Track

The Obra D. Tompkins track team competed against 10 other teams in the fourth annual Run the Ridge XC meet and placed first. Elise Odegard led the way with a second overall finish. The team is coached by Amy Pitzel. Pictured are Rachel Warman, Julieta Verdejo-Parada, Elise Odegard, Madi Olson, Michelle Senterfit, McKenzie Brunner, and Mikylin York.

Important Dates for Katy Students & Parents

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| Dec. 16 - 20: Fall semester exams | Jan. 24 - 26: James E. Taylor theatre's <i>High School Musical</i> , 7:30 p.m. at the performing arts center |
| Dec. 17: Hayes Elementary Soaring Singers' winter concert, 6 p.m. in the school's gym | Jan. 30 - Feb. 1: Morton Ranch High School theatre's <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> , 7 p.m. at the performing arts center |
| Dec. 23 - Jan. 3: Winter break | Feb. 6 - 8: Tompkins High School theatre's <i>You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown</i> , 7 p.m. at the performing arts center |
| Jan. 10: Elementary second grading period report cards | Feb. 17: President's Day, school holiday |
| Jan. 10: Secondary third grading period report cards | Feb. 28: Secondary fourth grading period report cards |
| Jan. 16 - 18: Katy High School theatre's winter musical, 7 p.m. in the performing arts center | March 4: McMeans Junior High orchestra's medieval concert, 6:30 p.m. at the school |
| Jan. 20: MLK Day, school holiday | March 10 - 14: Spring break |
| Jan. 23 - 25: Morton Ranch High School theatre's <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> , 7 p.m. at the performing arts center | |

School News to Share?

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Tompkins High School Receives Donation

The Cardiff Ranch Home Owners' Association generously donated \$1,700 to Tompkins High School, which was used to purchase floor mats for the new school's facility. Pictured are Rick Lauterbach, Gwen Farley, Jennifer Rivera, principal Mark Grisdale, school namesake O.D. Tompkins, and associate principal Ryan Labay.



Beck Junior High Open House

PTA volunteers welcomed returning parents to Beck Junior High at their annual open house with tables for PTA registration, school supplies, school t-shirts, and special spirit items like hair bows and mugs. Pictured are student Rachel Regner, Beth Fortier, and student Claire Fortier.



Bengal Brigade Tradition

The Katy Bengal Brigade and cheerleaders celebrate their theme for the year, "something old and something new, Katy tradition tried and true," in their newly remodeled gym. The center flooring of the old Katy High School gym is now hanging in the newly remodeled one to remind them of their heritage and traditions.



Beckendorff Hosts Eighth-grade Games

Twenty-four teams of eighth-graders from Beckendorff Jr. High rotated through various character- and team-building challenges during the first annual eighth-grade games. Tasks included solving a mystery with teammates, navigating a low ropes course, taking on an academic challenge, and attending a digital safety seminar.



Fitness Fundraiser

The Boosterthon Fun Run team visited Katy ISD and introduced their Camp High Five fitness fundraiser. Pictured is Margo Faulkner's fifth-grade homeroom class which collectively completed 35 laps. Also pictured are Boosterthon's Samantha Langlois and Kacie Rogers, Creech instructional coordinator Jennifer Liu, principal Elena Thrun, and vice principal Sally Guppton, along with Boosterthon's Max Zinser and Nate Thiry.



Katy ISD KEYS

Keep Encouraging Youth toward Success (KEYS) invites you to build relationships, play games, and mentor students during the school year. Volunteers commit to make a difference in a child's life by spending one hour per week with them throughout one school year. For more details, contact Martha Brown of Katy ISD Partners in Education at marthabrown@katyisd.org.

Men Who Mentor Breakfast

Education Support Complex, #1200
6301 S. Stadium Lane
January 14
7:30 - 9 a.m.

School NOTEBOOK

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS AROUND KATY

Cinco Ranch High School

CRHS's ice hockey team beat The Woodlands 5-3. It was The Woodland's first loss of the season.

Mayde Creek High School

MCHS alumni Jerry A. Tristan completed basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio.

Taylor High School

THS recently unveiled a mobile app. Search "Taylor High School" on your smart phone and download the free app for push notifications about upcoming events, news, and more.

Tompkins High School

OTHS's dedication ceremony was held October 14. Nearly 60 of Obra D. Tompkins' family members were in attendance.

Did You Know?

Katy ISD graduating seniors earned more than \$21 million in scholarships.

Katy ISD students outperform both the state and nation on SAT and ACT tests.

Forty-one students were named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

During the 2012-2013 school year, nearly 16,000 volunteers donated almost 782,000 hours, the equivalent of 376 full-time staff members.

For the third year in a row, Katy ISD received the GOLD Leadership Circle Award from the Texas State Comptroller for financial transparency.

Student enrollment in the 2009-2010 school year was 58,444. Last school year, the enrollment increased to 64,562.

Source: Figures were based on Katy ISD 2012-13 annual report.

Ways to Volunteer With Katy ISD

- Junior Achievement - bring real-life lessons on money management and career preparation
- Keep Encouraging Youth toward Success (KEYS) - build relationships, play games, and mentor students
- Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) - work alongside Katy ISD faculty and staff to make a difference



Creech Elementary's New Theme

Creech Elementary announced its theme for the new school year, "Creech rocks," and let the fun begin from the first day of class. The PTA hosted a Tears and Cheers event with principal Elena Thrun welcoming students. Pictured are third-grader Mia Moderski and her teacher, Amanda Olson.



New Principal at Krause Campus

Trinity Charter Schools recently named Daniel Smith principal of the school's Krause Campus. This campus is the education source for children at Krause's Children Center, a residential treatment center in Katy for children ages 12 through 17. Smith has a long history of working with at-risk children and Title 1 schools as well as entrepreneurial and technological experience.

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