

SCHOOL SCOOP

News from Katy area schools

Bear Buddies Host Dance Party and Spread Halloween Fun



Beckendorff Jr. High

Beckendorff Jr. High Bear Buddies is a program developed to introduce and engage typically developing students with their peers who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. This year, the Bear Buddies celebrated by hosting a meet and greet and dance party. Buddies and 'cubs' were treated to a snack, music, and dancing - which even included a conga line! A great time was had by all who attended this event.

Morton Ranch Football Player Receives Award



Morton Ranch

Morton Ranch High School running back Deion Williams was named as the Built Ford Tough Texas HS Football Player of the Week. This is one of the most sought after awards in high school football. Congratulations to Deion, his coaches, and Morton Ranch for achieving this distinguished honor. Deion has been nominated for the Gridiron Legends Player of the Week award. He is one of ten nominees for the weekly statewide award, which is decided by fan voting.

Seven Lakes High School Advances to State Marching Contest



Seven Lakes

The Seven Lakes High School Band recently represented Katy ISD in the State Marching Contest in San Antonio, Texas. They competed against other marching bands from across the state for top honors. This is quite an achievement and a testament to the hard work and dedication of the directors, band, and color guard members. At the Area Marching Contest, a total of 22 bands competed, with 10 advancing to Finals and only 4 advancing to compete at the State Marching Contest.

Taylor Students Deliver Cheer to Sick Children



Taylor

Taylor High School Student Council traveled to Memorial Hermann Hospital to deliver toys to the sick children. Their student council members held a toy drive and were able to deliver over 100 toys! The students also went on a tour of the pediatric unit. Student Council members enjoyed seeing the smiling faces of children as they delivered the toys and learned about the hospital.

Morton Ranch Raises Scholarship Funds



Morton Ranch

Morton Ranch High school held its 8th Annual Latin Fest. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, students and community members performed Spanish dancing and singing, taught about different Hispanic cultures, and a little bit of hip hop. Proceeds from the event went to the Annual MRHS Latinos Unidos Scholarship Fund, which students who participate in the show can apply for during their 12th grade year.

Choir Salutes Veterans



Morton Ranch Elem.

The Morton Ranch Elementary Choir performed a Veterans Tribute under the direction of music teacher Alyssa A. Plumb. They honored Veterans by having them stand as they sang the song representing their branch of the military. There was a performance for the school to celebrate Veterans Day and honor Veterans, as well as an evening show for the community and Maverick families. The 5th grade students sang "A Star Spangled Tribute" to honor the Veterans in song.

Beckendorff Junior High Girls 7C Team Wins District



Beckendorff Jr. High

The Beckendorff JH Girls 7C volleyball team clenched the #1 spot in the District Tournament. They entered the tournament as the number three seed and beat the number one seeded team, McMeans JH, in an exciting three-game battle. The girls started by winning a two-game match against Memorial Parkway JH and went on to beat Katy JH. The girls confidently went into the championship game ready to win the tournament. BDJH brought the season to a close with a nail-biting win over an equally matched McMeans Junior High.

Griffin Elementary Choir Receives Honor

Griffin
Elementary



The Griffin Fifth Grade Choir has been invited to perform at the Texas Music Educators Conference in San Antonio. The choir is honored to be one of only six invited elementary choirs across the state of Texas. Over the past seven years the choir has performed a wide variety of music involving different styles and languages. The choir has had many opportunities to perform locally as well as having performed in San Antonio and at the Kemah Boardwalk.

Taylor Students Launch Weather Balloon

Taylor



The Taylor High School Computer Science 2/3 class launched a weather balloon from just west of LaGrange Texas. The balloon journeyed a distance of 61 miles and reached a maximum altitude of 103,000 feet. Teacher, Don Adams asked them to work as a team and send a camera to 100,000 feet to take pictures, using up to 66 satellites for triangulation. The coldest temperature recorded by the temperature sensors was -67 degrees Fahrenheit.

Creech Elementary Students Honor Legacy

Creech
Elementary



Creech Elementary celebrates Sue Creech Day every year on October 15, in honor of its namesake, the late Betty Sue Creech. Mrs. Creech was a teacher at Katy Junior High for 28 years until her death in 1995. Mrs. Creech's daughter Susan Stormer joined the staff and students this year on her Mother's special day to help induct the 2012-2013 Student Council. The induction program included a video profile of Mrs. Creech's life, community service, and values.

Vice Admiral Visits MCHS

Mayde
Creek



The Mayde Creek High School NJROTC program received a visit from Navy Vice Admiral Mark Skinner. Skinner spent the morning visiting with current NJROTC students and Mayde Creek staff members. Vice Adm. Skinner is currently serving as the Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy. Skinner's awards include Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and other unit deployment citations and ribbons.

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