

# SCHOOL SCOOP

News for Katy area schools



Photos by Shiv Desai

## Daniel Regojo wins Mr. Seven Lakes

Twenty senior Spartans from Seven Lakes High School battled through dance, music, and comedy for the desirable title of "Mr. Seven Lakes 2014." The event raised money for Project Prom, an alcohol- and drug-free lock-in gifted to the graduating seniors. After an amazing beat boxing performance, Daniel Regojo (3rd row, 2nd from the right) was crowned 2014's Mr. Seven Lakes. First runner-up was Zachary Kornblau, and Mr. Congeniality and second runner-up was Guillermo Angeris.



## Spring with Fara Bango Marimba Group

The choir at Griffin Elementary joined forces with Exley Elementary's Fara Bango Marimba Group for their spring concert. Maria Schueler and Morgan Manning, fifth graders from Exley, were the two soloist of the evening. The night featured amazing talent from both elementary schools.



## Future City Competition at Beck Junior High

Students from sixth through eighth grade participated in the 2013 to 2014 Future City Competition: Just Think. Each year, the competition challenges students to get creative and build future cities. With the help of their teacher mentor and parent mentor, Beck Junior High placed third overall at the competition and also won best space based design, most creative use of material, best teacher, best mentor, and best student presenter.



## Beckendorff Junior High School Shows Love For Bus Drivers

The Beckendorff Junior High staff and community joined together to show their gratitude for Katy ISD bus drivers with a weeklong celebration. Drivers were thanked for their excellent care with the students both to and from school. Katy ISD board member Rebecca Fox, Beckendorff Junior High principals Mindy Dickerson and Kelley Kirtla, and PTA volunteer Lourdes Plazas greeted drivers with "thank you" signs and smiling faces.



## Cinco Ranch Junior High National Junior Honor Society Sponsors Pasta for Pennies

Cinco Ranch Junior High's National Junior Honor Society sponsored Pasta for Pennies in order to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In total, the school raised \$5,522.66. The seventh- and eighth-grade cheerleaders took first place, raising \$1,354.54 of the total, which entitled them to a special lunch from Olive Garden.



## Wolfe Elementary Dancers Take Second Place in Parade

The Wolfe Elementary School Star Dancers recently competed in the Katy ISD FFA Livestock and Rodeo Parade. The dancers came in second place for the youth division, giving them much-deserved recognition for their hard work.



## Cinco Ranch Cougars Host Successful Dance Clinic

The Cinco Ranch Cougar Stars Dance Team annually host their summer dance clinic. The clinic allows all girls and boys, ages 4 to 18, to learn more about dance through fun routines, snacks, and crafts. The camp helps local campers gain confidence and learn more about the dance world.



## Beckendorff Junior High Bear Buddies

Beckendorff Junior High Bear Buddies had the opportunity to meet with Rick Guidotti, founder and director of Positive Exposure, a company using photography and videography to alter the way the public perceives people living with genetic, physical, and behavioral differences. Positive Exposure is a global corporation that encourages a more compassionate world where differences are celebrated.

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More news nuggets from Katy schools

## Cinco Ranch High School's Bowling Team Qualifies for State

The varsity bowling team at Cinco Ranch High School are Katy ISD District Champs and Region VIII Champs. The team recently competed in the Texas High School Bowling Club Tournament in San Antonio where they placed seventh during the qualifying round.

## French Students Compete at the Texas French Symposium

Thirteen students from Tompkins High School (OTHS) recently participated in the Texas French Symposium, a state French competition. There were over 800 students registered for the competition and every student from OTHS advanced to the semifinal round or finals. As a group, Tompkins High School placed sixth in the small school division, and several members placed in individual events.

## Phyllis Nawrot is Awarded for Teaching Students to Stand Up Against Prejudice

Phyllis Nawrot, Cardiff Junior High's Texas history teacher and department chair, was one of three selected to receive the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) 2014 Walter Kase Teacher Excellence Award. ADL strives to counteract hatred, prejudice, and bigotry. Nawrot, in correspondence with ADL, teaches students to stand up against prejudice, respect the differences of others, and to value diversity. In addition, her students have taken educational trips to the Holocaust Museum of Houston and the Buffalo Soldier Museum.

## Taylor High School Student Council Supports Cancer Fight

The Taylor High School Student Council recently held a Students Participating in Unselfish Deeds (SPUD) event in support of fellow high school students fighting cancer. Together, SPUD raised over \$3,400 to help senior Nellie McClellan and sophomore Christian Alfonso in their fights against cancer.

### Important Dates for Katy Parents and Students

- ✓ June 17 Summer school begins
- ✓ July 21-25 Katy ISD junior high band camp
- ✓ Aug. 25 First day of school
- ✓ Sept. 1 Labor Day/school holiday

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