

School Scoop

NEWS FROM KATY AREA SCHOOLS



**Beckendorff
Junior High**
Wins Choral
Sweepstakes

Under the direction of Janet Menzie, the Beckendorff Junior High seventh- and eighth-grade choirs competed at Region 23 UIL Choral Sweepstakes. Each choir earned a sweepstakes rating, the highest rating possible, from all six judges.



Tompkins High School
Computer Coding Scholarship

Isabella Fons, a ninth-grade student at Tompkins High School, was one of 21 girls selected nationwide for the Kode with Karlie scholarship. They took a two-week class in computer coding over the summer at the Flatiron School in New York.



Beck Junior High
First-Year Orchestra

Beck Junior High students recently entered their first competition at the Ann C. Roberts Orchestra Festival in Atascocita. They won the Excellence Award for their performance of "Long Long Ago," "Song of the Wind," and "Oh, Come Little Children" from the ensemble *Suzuki Literature*.



Cinco Ranch Junior High
Paws 'n Claws Pajama Party

The National Junior Honor Society executed their project, Paws n' Claws, a pajama party benefiting Save Our Strays Fort Bend in which they collected \$1,055. Pictured are NJHS members Madelene Abi-Falah, Sarah Naranjo, Manuela Cortes, Caitlyn Bonjonia, Morgan Orlowsky, and Katherine Ospina.



Katy High School's
Student Council Luncheon

Katy High School student council members assembled a teacher and staff luncheon in honor of Teacher Appreciation Day. Pictured are Christine Snow, Student Council teacher sponsor Krista Luna, Noel Washington, and Colby Anderson Shuping.



Kilpatrick Elementary
Performs Musical

Second-graders at Odessa Kilpatrick Elementary (OKE) performed their musical, *Hats!* The play was written by John Jacobson and John Higgins, and directed by R. Michele Dial and Jessica Dignum, guest musical specialists at OKE. The audience learned that it's great to have your own hat to wear with pride, but what matters is on the inside.



Taylor High School
Hosts Cheer Clinic

The 2015 to 2016 Taylor High School varsity cheerleaders successfully completed their annual cheer clinic. Pictured are the girls posing with the junior varsity cheerleaders and participants.



Seven Lakes High School
Twins Win President's Award

Twins Siddhant and Smriti Ahuja were honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award for the third consecutive year for performing more than 1,000 hours of volunteer service. This award was granted by Arya Samaj of the Greater Houston Area on behalf of President Obama.

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Beck Junior High

National PTA Reflections

This event is held every year for all grades to explore and be involved in the arts. This year, there were 14 entries in film production, literature, photography, and visual arts from sixth through eighth grade. Pictured is Cassandra Kintzele and Beck principal Carra Fleming.

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School Notebook

More News Nuggets from Katy Schools

Taylor High School Student Wins Art Competition

Taylor High School student Amber Wang took first place in this year's Congressional Art Competition hosted by Congressman John Culberson. Wang's oil painting, *Tiny Roper*, will be displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol.

Franz Elementary Cancer Survivors

The school recently honored cancer surviving staff members when one of their Firebirds celebrated her last chemo treatment. Students and staff wore pink and the teachers honored were given pink balloons to represent breast cancer and grey balloons for surviving brain cancer.

Morton Ranch Junior High Theatre

The junior high school recently completed their production of *Guys and Dolls* directed by Andrew Midkiff. This was the biggest production MRJH has ever done. Midkiff has significantly increased the number of productions at the school and also performs with the Houston Grand Opera.

Seven Lakes High School Choir

The choir at Seven Lakes High School recently announced their two Seven Lakes All-State choir members. After a rigorous audition process, Ritvik Bhattacharjee and his sister, Ritika, were selected to perform with the All-State Choirs at the Texas Music Educator's Convention in San Antonio.

Mirus Academy Student Studies Overseas

Alexandra Jaouiche, a sophomore at Mirus Academy, received two different national scholarships to spend a year studying overseas. Alexandra chose to accept the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Abroad Scholarship where she will fly to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to begin her year as a junior ambassador for the U.S.

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Important Dates

For Katy Parents and Students

- August 24 First day of school
- August 24 First grading period begins
- September 7 Labor Day holiday
- October 2 Early dismissal
- October 19 Second grading period begins (elementary)

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