



# Tiger Talk

## It's About Them...

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### **Alkek Finalists**

The Alkek Scholarships at TMI are the most prestigious and lucrative scholarships offered to high school students in San Antonio (along with the Campbell Scholarships at St. Mary's Hall, which are chosen later in the admissions cycle). They offer the winning students free tuition for all four years of high school. It is an extremely demanding process of application: the academic standards and breadth and depth of extra-curricular activities expected of the students, as one would expect for such an important prize, are very high indeed. Last year one St. Luke's student won an Alkek Scholarship and another won a Campbell Scholarship. No other school in the entire city can match that record!

8 Finalists are chosen each year, and it is with great pride in our students and the caring, challenging labor of our teachers over the years, that I can announce that this year, of the 8 Finalists, 3 of them have been chosen from St. Luke's Middle School. Nothing speaks so clearly of the excellence of a St. Luke's education than this. Every school claims to stand for extraordinary educational excellence: such a result proves that St. Luke's educates our exceptional students to compete against the strongest students in the city - and beat them!

We wish our students lots of luck!

### **Haiti Relief and SLES Basketball**

The proceeds from Wednesday and Thursday basketball games will go to Haiti Relief. Come show your Tiger Spirit and know that 100% of admissions and concessions from all games Wed and Thurs go to benefit Haiti Relief. Games on both days are at 4:30, 5:30, and 6:30 pm. This is 6 games worth of income! Go Tigers!

### **Haiti Relief Fundraiser**

Student voice will be doing a "bucket parade" during carpool Wed. January 27th to add to the funds collected by the athletic council. Students will also have a bake sale during the afternoon carpool.

### **The 8th Graders are the Bee's Knees!**

The 8th graders are stepping back in time to the Roaring 20's and recording a radio show to celebrate the keen culture of this rah-rah decade. Flappers and Sheiks will hoof it on the dance floor while "talkies" take over silent films. The Tin-Lizzie is popular and the new place to see and be seen is the drive-in. Ask those grand cats and shebas about the swell, ricky tick ragtime music and jazz they've been listening to and the divine poetry and art they've been looking at. Don't be a wet blanket! Keep your eyes open next week for the link to their hotsie-totsie show. And How!

### **From the School Library:**

It is now time for all 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students participating in the Texas Bluebonnet Award program to register to vote for their favorite Bluebonnet book. Voting at St. Luke's will begin January 26 in the school library. Participating students must read a minimum of five books from the current master list before they may vote for their favorite title. Once they have read 5 books, then students may register to vote. Read 5, then decide.

Miss Anastasia and her special friend, the Very Hungry Caterpillar, will visit the St. Luke's Newman Library on Jan. 21st for two storytelling sessions. The first session will begin at 9:05 for Erfurth, Macha, and Marshall students; the second session will begin at 9:40 for Haden and McGehee students. Parents are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Milligan in the school library.

### **Mythology Club for Third and Fourth Grade Students**

Want to brush up on your Greek mythology to prepare for the National Mythology Exam on March 5, 2010? Beginning Tuesday, January 26 and Wednesday January 27 the Mythology Club will meet in the Science Lab from 3:15 until 4:00 p.m. **Last class is February 24.**

You may chose which day you want to attend: Tuesday or Wednesday.

To sign up for this club, just email Mrs. Hyslop at [chyslop@sles-sa.org](mailto:chyslop@sles-sa.org) before Friday, January 22. There is no cost for this club, but space is limited so sign up today!

Don't Forget students in **5th and 6th grade can sign up for the Mythology Club** with Mr. Flexsenhar at [mflexsenhar@sles-sa.org](mailto:mflexsenhar@sles-sa.org)

### **Fifth Grade Play**

The 5th grade play will take place on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 10:00, 2:00 and an encore performance at 6:30pm. The play will be videotaped by Video Wave. Individual DVD's will be available for sale for \$15.00. Order forms will be available Thursday in the office and the Parish Hall. We are looking forward to this fantastic play and look forward to seeing you there.

**Kindergarten and Friends Freshen-Up Chapel Materials:**

Kindergarten devoted the community service day to handmaking props to be used for our Children's Chapel. Many thanks to the parents that helped. It was "creative chaos" at times. Just wait until you see them in use during our chapel services.

**Light Bulbs Go On in First Grade:**

First Grade has just completed a unit on electricity. Students learned facts about static electricity that would make your "hair stand on end". Then they learned about electrical currents, complete circuits, and safety rules that go along with that kind electricity. Groups of students were then given all the necessary parts to make a complete circuit. It was fun to put into reality what was learned in theory. We are happy to say all groups figured out on their own how to complete the circuit. We have never been so excited to see a light bulb come on and shine.

**New Books Ready to Go:**

Thanks to the generosity of SLES parents, friends, and staff, the Book Fair in October was a huge success. Many new titles were purchased and or now inventoried and ready for teachers to check out. Books added to the shelves include biographies, science books, Reader's Theater, math books, and social studies books. Thank you to all the donors who made these additions possible.

**Dance Footnotes**

All spring Dance Program fees must be paid by Friday January 22nd for classes to continue. Please turn fees in to the school office or to Paula Gorman, Dance Director.

**Reminders:**

Wednesday, January 20, 2010 5:00pm - Report cards go live on TigerNet.

Thursday, January 21, 2010-Fifth Grade play performances of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*:

10:00 a.m. for grades K-3

2:00 p.m. for grades 4-8

6:30 p.m. for Encore performance (All play performances will be in Parish Hall.)

Friday, January 22, 2010-SLES Step-Up Day for grades K-8-9:30-10:15 a.m.

Friday, January 22, 2010-Spring Sports Pep Rally 2:45 p.m. in McNab gym

Tuesday, January 26, 2010-Crossing Over to Middle School 4th Grade Parents, 8:05am

Wednesday, January 27, 2010 - Admission Open House 9-11 am in the Parish Hall