



Tiger Talk

It's About Them...

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In The New Year

In the New Year,
we wish you the best year you've ever had,
and that each New Year
will be better than the last.

May you realize your fondest dreams
and take time to recognize and enjoy
each and every blessing.

Happy New Year,
And many more!

By Joanna Fuchs

SLES Celebrates Martin Luther King Day

Mrs. Coretta Scott King has provided a vision for how the holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King should be observed. Mrs. King says, "The holiday must be substantive as well as symbolic."

In accordance with the vision of Mrs. King, SLES students and staff in grades 1-8 will be teaming with the children and staff of the Good Samaritan Community Center in the spirit of community outreach to celebrate Martin Luther King Day. Student groups will be shuttled via school buses to the Center located at 1600 Saltillo Street following KPAW announcements on Monday, January 18. Students will participate in a variety of sports, team building and art activities, participate in Chapel (lead by Chip Prehn), eat lunch, and then begin the trip back to school. Parents are heartily invited to join us at the Center, but will need to make their own transportation arrangements. Our students have raised money and collected food for this extraordinary Episcopal institution in the past, and our wish is to enable our students to forge a bond with the children served by the Community Center, so that their service work can be as meaningful as possible for them.

Students in PK3-Kindergarten will remain on the campus for the school day. The shuttling of students to the Good Samaritan Center has been scheduled so that middle school, elementary, and preschool classes can be paired together to complete various community service activities together. A complete schedule and description of all activities for Martin Luther King Day will be sent home next week.

From the Office of Admission:

Current families and alumni are very important to St. Luke's, and we want to make sure we have a place for younger siblings for the 2010-2011 school year. However, we have received a number of applications from new families for next year, and they anxiously want to become a member of our SLES family.

Please remember if you have a student presently enrolled at SLES and you wish to enroll a sibling, you are required to submit an application for admission. As we want to keep the class sizes small, there are a limited number of spaces available. We are reviewing files for admission and contracts are being sent. Contact Margaret Ann Casseb, Director of Admission at 826-0664, Ext. 236 or e-mail at admission@sles-sa.org if you have any questions.

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Dance

Friday, January 15th at 7-10:00pm McNab Gym. Please RSVP to the following email: slesdance@sles-sa.org

Science of Sound Students Land a Gig!

Science of Sound is a middle school elective funded by a Toyota Tapestry Grant. Nine students have spent the Fall Semester studying electronics and building their own one-string electric guitars. Next Friday will be their first gig! The Science of Sound students will accompany the processional song during chapel. Come hear Amazing Grace played by Ann E, David, Steele, Chris, Jake, Matt, Brandon, Macky, and Sterling during the Chapel Service January 15th at 9:00 a.m.

Attention all PK - 8th Grade students: Let's Go to the Ball Park!

Registration is being held for St. Luke's School Baseball and Softball teams. There will be two days to register, Thursday, January 7th at 4:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturday January 9th, at 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. in the middle school lobby by Mrs. Margay's office.

Everyone interested must register on these dates. This is the inaugural season for baseball and softball at St. Luke's. Come and be a part of the fun. Go Tigers!!

Following registration, SLES will be seeking moms and dads to coach softball or baseball for students if grades PK4-5th.

St. Luke's Athletic Spirit Shirts are available (second order). Margay is stocked and ready to go with new sizes for sale or exchange! Adult shirts are \$15 and youth are \$10. All SLES staff and faculty shirts are only \$10.

Dance Foot Notes

Our spring semester dance classes began Monday, January 04, 2010. Spring dance tuitions are due by the 15th of January. **For spring dance enrollment forms and all other dance program forms go to the SLES Home Page – Academics - Dance drop down.**

There are openings for talented male dancers' 1st - 5th grade in our 'Boys be Cool' Hip Hop class taught by Tino Valles on Wednesdays' from 3:30-4:30 pm. The boys dance class enhances athleticism by building flexibility and strength. The boys will also be showcased in the May dance performance.

If a student's costume/recital fees have not been paid it is imperative that they are paid this week. All costume orders are submitted in early January.

I wish to thank dance students for the thoughtful gifts and delicious Christmas treats I received before the holiday break. I am very grateful.

Paula Gorman, Dance Director

Chess Matters

SLES plans to send a team to the chess tournament at Harmony Hills Elementary (Saturday, Jan. 23). Mr. Anderson will need to know by the end of THIS WEEK who is playing. Please put a note in his box (or slide it under the door), with your name, grade and \$6 entry fee. See attached flier for information.

From The Library

On Friday, Jan. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m., there will be a Texas Library Association (TLA) committee meeting of local librarians in the school library. The librarians are planning the annual TLA conference which will be in San Antonio in April. St. Luke's will have an active role in this conference. Mrs. Milligan is the co-chair for Registration. She is also presiding over a pre-conference workshop on reader's theater, featuring several award winning authors as well as St. Luke's students. Mrs. Milligan will also be presenting, with other independent school librarians around the state, on the best practices in independent school libraries. In addition, the St. Luke's library will be one of the hosts for the independent school librarians progressive dinner. It will be an exciting conference with much planning involved. Thank you to Mrs. Milligan for being a remarkable ambassador for SLES.

M.A.M Shines in Chapel

Students in Mrs. Meghan Barker's Music and Movement class have been learning how vibration and size of the instruments affects the sounds they produce. Beginning this week, students will be learning how to play six different kinds of rhythm instruments. At chapel on Wednesday, select students in grades PK3- Kindergarten were chosen to accompany Mrs. Barker (on piano) with maracas in order to help teach a new song to the rest of the group. It was neat to see the students take what they have been learning in the classroom and apply it to a real-life situation!

R.E.A.D. All About It

After completion of the first 26 Spalding phonograms, Pre-K 4 is being introduced to double letter phonograms. Corresponding literature is being used to reinforce these phonograms. The students love the riddle reviews at the end of the books that have them apply the sounds that have been learned. This also serves as a nice vocabulary building lesson. Phonograms introduced are: /sh/, /ee/, /ow/, /ou/, and /th/.

Kindergartners are continuing to make wonderful progress in reading. All students are taking home books and are very excited. The reading room has supplied us with wonderful and fun stories that provide all students the needed reading practice at their specific reading levels.

I love teaching all of your children! If you ever have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

Kim Hinojosa

Fourth Grade Enters Fraction Zone

It is currently fraction time in fourth grade! The fourth grade students have been busy factoring numbers, finding greatest common factors, reducing fractions, forming equivalent fractions, and using algorithms to add and subtract fractions. The students have been using the language of the discipline as they journal, complete activities using the SmartBoard, and work collaboratively in small groups. Through interactive games and real-world applications, the students have entered the "FRACTION ZONE"!

***Save the Date: St. Luke's Episcopal School Annual Auction Party-February 26, 2010.**

Reminders:

Friday, January 15, 6th, 7th and 8th grade Dance, 710pm in the McNab Gym

Monday, January 18, 2010-Community Service Day. (This will be school day for all students) After school care will be available.

Wednesday, January 20, 2010-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

Learning the Art of Life