



# Tiger Talk



## It's About Them...

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### **Tiger Relays Ready to Go**

St. Luke's Episcopal School will be hosting its 3rd Annual Tiger Relay on March 11, 2010. We are in need of adult volunteers. If you would like to be a part, contact Coach Dow. Go Tigers!!

### **Merit Scholarship Deadline Approaching**

Deadline for the completed student file is **March 2, 2010**. Submission of the following is needed to complete the file:

#### **Application Process:**

- Parent letter of intent to apply for scholarship submitted to the Scholarship Committee
- Students not enrolled as SLES students must complete [Application for Admission](#) (application fee is waived)
- Take the ISEE exam and submit scores to SLES. (SLES school code 447597). SLES will administer the ISEE on February 27, 2010. You may register online at [www.iseetest.org](http://www.iseetest.org). Deadline to register for the test at SLES is February 6, 2010.
- [Submit Math Teacher Recommendation](#)
- [Submit English Teacher Recommendation](#)
- Submit official transcript for grades 1 - 4 (first semester of fourth grade). [Transcript Release Form](#)
- Student submits a letter of athletic, artistic, and service interests

### **Make Your Opinions Count...Complete Your 2009-2010 Parent Survey!**

It is time for St. Luke's annual Parent Survey...Your "Report Card" for St. Luke's. We hope to hear from 100% of our current families.

Look for the email from Dr. Reford regarding the 2009-2010 Parent Survey, and simply click on the link provided to complete a survey for your family. Or, if you would prefer to complete the questionnaire on paper and respond by mail, please contact Deborah

Isabelle in the school office. Everyone's thoughts are welcome; please take the time to complete a survey for your family!

### **Latin Students Super Compete**

On February 19th and 20th, St. Luke's Latin students competed in the Texas State Junior Classical League Area B Convention. Students were tested in individual academic areas, and garnered many individual awards. Overall, St. Luke's won 1st place in the Silver Division (6th-8th grade)! Also, the *certamen* team had a 3rd place finish.

The Latin students are continuing to prepare for the Texas State Latin convention, which will take place on March 26-27 at Lake Travis High School in Austin.

### **Archaeologist Parent Shares Expertise**

Last Thursday Mrs. Atherton, Hunter's Atherton's mother, spoke to the fifth grade class about her experiences and research on the Mayan civilization. Mrs. Atherton is an archaeologist who has participated in several excursions to Belize and other areas on the Yucatan Peninsula. Fifth grade just completed a study of the Ancient Civilizations of the Maya, Aztec, and Inca. Thank you to Mrs. Atherton for an informative and interesting conclusion to our study.

### **SLES Student Voice Active in Helping Others**

The Student Voice was happy to collect your change at morning carpool to donate for disaster relief in Haiti. In that short period of time, the generous St. Luke's community collected \$954.13! Along with donations from the 5th grade and the athletic group, we were able to present a check of nearly \$2,000 to the Red Cross! Many thanks for your generosity. The Student Voice also collected 288 books during Random Acts of Kindness Week. Book donations will be given to Boysville.

### **Bluebonnet Books at SLES**

Sixty-five students from 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th grades went to the St. Luke's Annual Bluebonnet Announcement Party on Friday, Feb. 19. All students who voted in this year's Bluebonnet election were invited. In addition to the cake, lemonade, and prizes, the students got a preview of next year's Bluebonnet list. The highlight of the party was, as always, the Bluebonnet count down where the students learn the results of the state election.

### **Congratulations to Laren Spear, Nadia Hibri, and Cole Patterson for reading all twenty books in this year's Bluebonnet List. Good job!**

State election results: The 2010 Texas Bluebonnet Award winner, which also won in the St. Luke's election, is *Help Me, Mr. Mutt!*, by Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel. It won with 31,933 votes. Second place is *Martina the Beautiful Cockroach* with 19,791 votes; third place is *Alvin Ho* with 16,251. 191,090 students

voted – a new state record! The next Bluebonnet event will be the world premiere of the 2010-2011 Bluebonnet video featuring St. Luke's students. This is a must attend event on April 5th at the Alamo Draffthouse off of 410 and San Pedro.

### **A Reminder from Ms. Ritchey**

The Service Club (TSC) volunteers will be meeting in the music room from 3:30 - 4:30pm today to help with costumes. The choristers will be joining in this project.

### **Lost and Found**

Special thanks to Mrs. Padilla for her work in organizing the Lost and Found closet. Lost and found items will be on display Monday, March 1 in the crossing area near Lost and Found. Please retrieve any items that belong to you. After Monday, items will be placed in the uniform exchange or taken to a shelter.

### **Dr. Seuss Celebration**

The purpose of the Dr. Seuss celebration presented by the St. Luke's National Junior Honor Society is to encourage reading in grades PK4-2. The NJHS will celebrate the contributions of Dr. Seuss with a variety of activities from 9:00-10:00am on Friday, February 26 in the Parish Hall. Activities include construction of "Cat in the Hat" hats, reading and decorating bookmarks. There will also be costumed characters from Dr. Seuss books and themed refreshments, and a group photo shoot.

### **Third Grade Happenings**

Third grade will be performing their Greek gods research projects on Monday, March 1 and Tuesday, March 2 in the gym at 8:05 a.m. As a culmination to the unit on astrology, the third grade will be going to the Scobee Planetarium at SACC. Students and teachers will travel by school bus on Thursday, March 4th at 9:00 AM and return by 11:00 AM.

### **Chess Talk**

In class tournament winners are:

#### **Grade 1**

Davis -- David Flores

#### **Grade 2**

Arvin - Milo Lang

Baker - Garrett Greiner

Santagata - 3-way tie: Keegan Booth, Caleb Cannon and Daveen Mazaheri-Campos

#### **Grade 3**

March - Nathaniel Euresti

#### **Grade 4**

Urbanowski - Tie: Landon Urbanowski and Zayd Shamiyeh

#### **Grade 5**

Clark - Maddy Shetler and Trey Lansdale

Grimes - Andrew Watson

**Let's "Get Connected" For: any SLES 3rd grade family**

Saturday, March 6th, 5:30 pm @ Big'Z Burger Joint located at 2303 N. Loop 1604 W., 78248. DUTCH TREAT. Please reply by Friday 3/5 to [heathermr@satx.rr.com](mailto:heathermr@satx.rr.com) if you choose to attend so that a head count can be confirmed for the restaurant.

**The Race is On**

The race is on to see which grade level will be next to reach 100% parent participation. The students of St. Luke's are the true beneficiaries of your generosity – but in this case, the parents are rewarded with a grade-level reception at Dr. Reford's house. That makes this a win-win in our book! Check out the race numbers as of today at noon:

- PK3 – 85.71% (12 of 14 families)
- PK4 – 62.96% (17 of 27 families)
- Kindergarten – 58.06% (18 of 31 families)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 79.06% (34 of 43 families)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 65.78% (25 of 38 families)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 96.29% (26 of 27 families)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 77.77% (21 of 27 families)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 86.84% (33 of 38 families)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 100% (28 of 28 families)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – 94.28% (33 of 35 families)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - 100% (20 of 20 families)

**Looking Ahead:**

- Feb. 26 Round Up 6:30 p.m. Pearl Stable
- March 3 Parent Teacher Conference Day 7:30 - 4:00
- March 5 National Mythology Exam 8:15 am (3rd-8th grade)
- March 6 PSIA District Meet
- March 8-10 Alamo Regional Science Fair
- March 10 National Latin Exam for 7th & 8th grade students
- March 12 Early Dismissal @ 11:45 - No after school care
- March 15 - 19 Spring Break
- March 22 Classes Resume