



FEBRUARY 2011

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<http://coreycubspta.wordpress.com/>

Parents:

On this new site, you will be able to keep up-to-date with everything going on around Corey and with the Corey PTA. You can also view the Corey Paw Prints Newsletter at this site.

CC's Calendar

FEBRUARY:

- 1 Corey **McTeacher Night** 5-8 p.m.
At McDonald's on 5700 Forest Bend
- 8 Corey **DoubleDave's Night** 5-8 p.m.
5005 South Cooper
- 11 2nd Grade Party 2:30
5th Grade Party
- 14 1st Grade Party 2:30
3rd Grade Party 1:30
6th Grade Party 8:30 a.m.
- 15 5th Grade Math Benchmarks
Chic-Fil-A Night 5-8 p.m. (Cooper & Bardin)
- 16 5th Grade Reading Benchmarks
- 19 6th Grade Orchestra Cluster Rehearsal and Concert
9-12:00 Rehearsal
12-1:00 Lunch (provided by Martin Orchestra Booster Club)
1:30 Concert
- 21 SCHOOL HOLIDAY – President's Day
- 25 End of 4th Six Weeks



Don't miss out! Come find out Wednesday, February 16 how you can Make A Difference as a part of this exciting new K-Kids Club at Corey! Bring a friend! (see page 5 for more details)



Please call the school office by **10:15 am** when your student is absent.
682-867-3900



Principal's Corner



Steve Howell



We are all excited about the start of the second semester of the school year. Students in kindergarten - second grade will take their DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment) and DMA (Developmental Math Assessment) for the middle of the year. These assessments are given 3 times a year to determine the students' overall academic progress in reading and math. Teachers use the results to plan for instruction in the classroom. Students in third - sixth grade are working each day to prepare for the upcoming TAKS (Texas Assessment Knowledge Skills) Tests. Along with daily instruction, each grade level provides tutoring for students on a weekly basis. The tutoring focuses on instruction in small groups with the emphasis on specific skills for students to help reinforce various objectives. Each parent can help their child to achieve their highest potential by helping them with their work at home. If anyone would like any materials or ideas for use at home please contact your child's teacher(s).

There are a number of activities and events forthcoming at Corey Elementary. You can check this out by going to our school's web page at www.aisd.net/click on "school"/then click on elementary, and click on Corey. Also, we will post events on our school's marquee, and periodically have "call-outs" through our school's phone system. I hope every parent will take the opportunity to come and be a part of these wonderful events in the next several months.

As most everyone is aware, the news in the state of Texas has focused on the state's deficit. With public education accounting for about 45% of the state's overall budget, it appears that a large part of the proposed "cuts" will target this area. I would encourage every parent/guardian to contact your State Representatives and express your opinions.

Our children at Corey and throughout Arlington Independent Schools deserve our support and dedication. We at Corey are committed to helping each child to do their best each and every day at school. With a strong partnership between the Corey Community and School, we will insure success for our children. I appreciated the continued support from everyone in our community.

I look forward to working with each and everyone to continue the tradition of excellence at Corey Elementary!

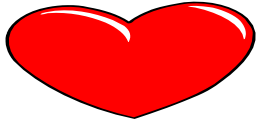
Sincerely,

Steve Howell
Principal, Corey Elementary

Please sign in at the front office when you come for your child's activities. Remember, you must be an approved volunteer to go to your child's end-of-year festivities. You do not need to be an approved volunteer to attend the awards ceremonies.



President's Day
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
February 21



Valentine's Day

Support Corey Elementary

February 1
Corey Mc Teacher Night
(Forest Bend)
5-8 p.m.

February 8
Double Dave's Night
(Cooper St.)
5-8 p.m.

February 15
Chic-Fil-A Night
(Cooper and Bardin)
5-8 p.m.

Corey PTA Spirit Store

The PTA Spirit Store will be open from **3:00 to 3:30 pm** on **Mondays and Wednesdays** by the gym. Please stop by and see what is for sale.

2010-11 COREY T-shirts	\$10.00
ADD \$2.00 FOR 2XL-3XL	
Previous COREY T-shirts	\$7.00
New Cub Window Decals	\$6.00
Corey Lanyards	\$3.00
Stretchy Bookcovers	\$3.00
Twist Sharpeners w/ eraser	\$1.00
Decorative Pencils	\$0.25
Mechanical Pencils	\$0.75
Fun Erasers	\$0.05-\$0.50
Stick Erasers	\$0.75
Backpacks	\$8.00
Water Bottles	\$4.00

Don't forget... to Clip and Save!



Please clip and save all of your Box Tops for Education and your Campbell's Labels!

Corey is still participating in the Campbell's Labels for Education and Box Tops for Education programs to earn merchandise for our school. Please clip the UPC code with points from your favorite participating products and turn them in to the Workroom.

To find Labels for Education, look for UPC code points on these participating products:

Campbell's Products
Franco-American Participating Products
Pepperidge Farm Participating Products
SpaghettiOs Participating Products
Pop Secret Products

Swanson Broth's
Prego Italian Sauces
V8 Participating Products
Bic Products

Hello to All our Corey KINDERGARTEN Parents:

It's hard to believe that our school year is half over. All of our kindergartners have learned and accomplished so much; but there is still a lot to learn.

The kindergarten teachers will be doing some testing and assessing, so here are a few suggestions to be sure that your child will be able to do their best:

- *eat a well balanced dinner
- *go to bed early and get enough rest
- *eat a well balanced breakfast

Continue working with your kindergartner on recognizing letters and their sounds. Also, be sure to work with your child in learning their sight words. These words are very important to learn so that your child will become a fluent reader. Don't forget to read with your child every night with either their take home reader or library book.

Remember that children who are read to by their parents have bigger vocabularies, are able to sit still for longer periods and have fewer problems learning to read than children who don't. Also, don't forget to work on recognizing and sequencing numbers to 20.

Happy learning!

Third Grade News

Happy New Year! This year is already off to a fast start! Our hallway is decorated with penguins, snowmen, snow globes, mittens, and snowflakes. If you have a chance, please come see it. The students worked really hard getting our "snow" hall ready. Please be sure your child is dressed warmly for recess. Third graders go outside unless the temperature is below 40 degrees. We are still working hard to memorize our multiplication facts. We had our second Math Whiz drawing right before our Winter Break. Congratulations to those winners! We will have another Math Whiz drawing at the end of this six weeks. Keep practicing those facts! National Hat Day was on Friday, January 21. We had all types of hats worn in our hall. Third graders have been working really hard learning test taking skills to help them pass the benchmarks and the TAKS test. **The TAKS Tests will be on Tuesday, April 26 and Wednesday April 27.** Everyone needs to keep reading and practicing multiplication facts! We're looking forward to February when our **Valentine party will be on Monday, February 14.** Parents, thanks for all of your help and support this year!



Are you M.A.D.?

Let's Make A Difference at Corey Elementary!

What: K-Kids Community Service Club – First Meeting
When: Wednesday, February 16 at 3:30-4:15
Where: Corey cafeteria
Who: All Corey students and parents

Everyone Made A Difference at Corey and in our community during the SLANT 45 challenge this fall. Why quit now? We are excited to announce the start of K-Kids Club, a community service organization for elementary students and parents.

K-Kids is the elementary version of Key Club. Did you know Martin High School has the largest Key Club in the world? The good news is that we, students and families, can get involved now through K-Kids, the youngest and fastest growing service organization for elementary students worldwide. K-Kids is a "student-led" community-service organization, which operates under school regulations and draws its members from the student body. For more information, check out:
<http://slp.kiwanis.org/KKids/about/aboutk.aspx>

The K-Kids' pledge:

"As a K-Kid, I promise to serve my neighborhood and my school; I will show respect toward my environment; and I will try to make the world a better place in which to live."

The K-Kids' motto is "We Build," and its objectives are:

- To provide opportunities for working together in service to school and community.
- To develop leadership potential.
- To foster and development of strong moral character.
- To encourage loyalty to school, community, and nation.

Don't miss out! Come find out Wednesday, February 16 how you can Make A Difference as a part of this exciting new K-Kids Club at Corey! Bring a friend!

Sixth Grade News

My goodness, the year is flying by. The Boles JH counselors will be visiting with us on Monday, February 7th. We will celebrate **Valentine's Day with a party on the 14th**. Be ready to use your estimating skills for the guessing jars. The lucky winners will take home the candy-filled jar. Remember, to stay organized and check your planner each night. Students that have gone on to Boles tell us that organization is the key to success! Moving closer to 7th grade every day.....

AISD Privacy Policies

Due to AISD's privacy policies, Corey's PTA *Paw Prints* newsletter will not publish the names of students posted in the Hall of Fame, on the Honor Roll, or Perfect Attendance.

The Corey Hall of Fame is updated each six weeks. Please take a moment to stroll the Hall of Fame, which is located in the hall off the front office.



Fourth Grade News

We have two important dates to remind you about; February 14 and March 1

The Valentine's party is Monday, February 14 at 2:15 pm. Each student will need to bring a decorated container with their name on the outside of it and an opening large enough for Valentine cards to pass through. Containers and Valentine cards for other students can be brought to school the week before, February 7 - 11.

Fourth graders are digging into each of their subjects like miners searching for gold. At this time of year students are applying the skills already taught while learning new skills in every subject. In addition, they are preparing for their first TAKS TEST. The fourth six weeks can be the most challenging time of the year. In a few weeks, **March 1, fourth graders will take their first TAKS WRITING TEST**. It will be divided into two parts. The multiple choice section will test grammar, spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and sentence structure. On the same day, they will write a composition. Students are working hard every day preparing to show off their amazing creative writing skills.

Thank you for making Vocabulary Day a success. The word costumes were original, educational, and fun. Remember to help your student stay organized by checking homework, notes sent home, and reading daily for their tic-tac-toe.

Corey Parents:

Please make sure your email address is on file so that you will continue to receive the **Corey Paw Prints Newsletter** each month.

We no longer print every issue. If you are not receiving the newsletter via email you can send an email to coreypawprints@gmail.com with ADD ME in the subject line. You will also be able to view the monthly newsletter on the Corey website at:

<http://www.aisd.net/corey/coreypta/pawprints/pawprints2.html>

Fifth Grade Focus

Check out what's happening this month in 5th grade! Be sure to stop by and read some of our New Year's Resolutions on the wall about the many changes we pledge to make in 2011.

Reading – Students have been diligently working on dual passages. Ask your child to compare and contrast two different things, and then use this information to make a graph. Students are reading a Newberry Award book this month. A minimum of 3 books are required for their reading log for this 6-weeks period. The reading log is due on Feb. 23. Thank you for encouraging your child to read every day!

Writing – We continue to build our vocabulary and grammar skills each week in our writing activities. Here are some things you can try at home to help your student be successful. Ask your student to identify parts of speech for specific words in your conversations. Quiz your student on the main idea and details of narratives or magazine articles at home. Name an adjective, a noun, an adverb, and a verb to build sentences at meal times.

Science – We are learning about the Earth's surface as we investigate the slow changes to landforms through weathering, erosion and deposition. As you drive around, please ask your child to identify areas that have been weathered by one of the main forces of water, wind, ice, temperature change or plant root growth. This is an important concept as we continue to learn about the Earth's surface and how it changes. We will soon be investigating how these 3 processes affect the formation of sedimentary rocks, fossils, and fossil fuels this month.

Social Studies – Students have been studying the similarities and differences among the New England, Middle, and Southern Colonies. They have created a billboard to promote favorable aspects of their colony. Moving into Unit 8, student will learn about slavery from the perspective of West Africans facing difficult dilemmas as European slave traders take them farther and farther from their homeland. They will look into their travel across the Middle Passage and their arrival in North America. Unit 9 will lead our students in to a walking tour of Life in Colonial Williamsburg. Continue to study your states and capitals list!

Math - Fifth graders are working hard on several math concepts, many of which are new to them this year:

1. Measurement conversion
2. Elapsed time
3. Probability and Statistics
4. Perimeter, Area, and Volume
5. Graphs
6. Coordinate Grids
7. Geometry

Please continue to work on these concepts with your child at home. Any way that you can incorporate math into your activities at home will be tremendously helpful. Talk about math when you are cooking, cleaning, organizing, scheduling, doing home projects, or playing games. Continue practicing with multiplication facts. Students tend to forget these facts if they are not practiced regularly. Please mark the Benchmark and TAKS dates on your calendar below so that you can help your child to be prepared for them, both physically, as well as mentally.

February Dates to Remember

Friday, Feb. 11 – Valentine's Party
 Tuesday, Feb. 15 – Math Benchmark #3
 Wednesday, Feb. 16 – Reading Benchmark #3
 Monday, Feb. 21 – President's Day Holiday
 Friday, Feb. 25 – End of 4th 6-week Period
 **3/10 – Science Benchmark #3
 **4/4 – TAKS Math Test
 **4/5 – TAKS Reading Test
 **4/28 – TAKS Science Test

Thank you for the opportunity to watch your students learn and grow in 5th grade!

Orchestra News



Performances

The 6th grade cluster concert is Saturday, February 19, 1:30 pm in the Martin HS auditorium. This promises to be an exciting concert with students participating from seven elementary schools. In addition, the Boles & Young symphonies will combine and the Martin Symphony will also perform on the program. Rehearsal begins at 9:00 am and all students are expected to be at the rehearsal and concert in order to attend the Alley Cats Festival in May. Students should wear their orchestra t-shirt if they have one. I have extras for sale (\$10).

Fifth graders have begun preparing for their cluster concert (April 12). Since they will have several pieces of sheet music to keep up, they ***MUST*** have a thin 3-ring notebook. You may also choose to get some plastic page covers so their music will stay in better condition.

The AISD Solo & Ensemble Festival is Saturday, April 9. Participation is optional but I encourage all 5th & 6th grade orchestra students to participate if they are willing to make the commitment to practice. I will be sending home information soon.

Fund Raiser

Our annual fund raiser will begin soon. The proceeds from this will help to pay bus expenses and the group entry fee for both 5th and 6th grade. In the past, I have also tried to pay a small portion of each child's individual entry fee and will try to do so again this year, depending on the success of our fund raiser.

Practice, Practice, Practice

Practice Prize winners for the 3rd six weeks were Joshua Hong (6th) and Courtney Schultz (5th). Both of these students received a \$10 gift card to Molly's Burgers. We draw for two winners every six weeks so keep turning in those practice cards.

Future concerts:

- 6th grade cluster concert - Saturday, February 19
- 5th grade cluster - Tuesday, April 12
- 5th & 6th grade to Alley Cats Festival - Thursday, May 12
- Spring concert - Wednesday, May 25

I welcome hearing from you so please call or email me anytime.

Lyn Stone
lynstone@aisd.net

P.S. I still need pictures from our December concert for our wall. I would also like a 6th grade parent to take pictures of our cluster concert.

FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT:

Here's a quick update of what's going on with PTA. First, please make sure and check your child's folder for a PTA board membership form. If you're interested in being on the PTA executive board, please fill it out so we can have it for our nominating committee. We will also be looking to fill out the remainder of the board soon. Remember, you have to be a PTA member to get involved. Also, we are having a Double Dave's Night Feb. 8 at the Double Dave's on Cooper. It runs from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Look for more information soon. And start saving stuff you want to get rid of. We are planning on the first Corey Garage Sale in April. It will be our final fundraiser, and if it's a success, your days of being hit up to sell cookie dough will be officially over. Also, make sure and congratulate our latest PTA life members - Tracy Bohannon, Wendy Casas and our own fifth grade teacher - Ms. McDonald.

Thanks,
 Anthony Andro
 Corey PTA President



**THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT WENT TO THE
 SLANT 45 BIG BOWL BASH AT THE AMERICAN AIRLINES CENTER!**

Corey faculty, administrators, and students wish to say thank you to all the volunteers that chaperoned the SLANT 45 Big Bowl Bash Celebration at the American Airlines Center last month. This event was possible because you took time out of your busy schedule to go with us. Thanks so much for all that you do for us at Corey!

Carmen Doskocil
 SLANT 45 Coordinator



Fuel Up to Play 60.com

Congratulations to two P.E. students for accepting the Fuel Up to Play 60 Challenge #2 and turning in pictures showing the difference between healthy and unhealthy eating habits. Each student received a signed certificate of participation from Dallas Cowboys player, Bradie James!

Challenge #3 is up and running on the FuelUptoPlay60.com website! All students are encouraged to play!

Elks Hoop Shoot Contest

Congratulations to the students that participated in the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest during the city meet. Our students at Corey did an excellent job shooting free throws and representing our school.

Field Day Schedule

Please mark your calendars:

Tuesday - May 3	6th grade AM	9:00AM-11:00AM
	2nd grade PM	1:00PM – 3:00PM
Wednesday- May 4	5th grade AM	9:00AM-11:00AM
	3rd grade PM	1:00PM – 3:00PM
Thursday - May 5	4th grade AM	9:00AM-11:00AM
	1st grade PM	1:00PM – 3:00PM
Friday - May 6	Kindergarten	9:00AM-11:00AM
	Pre K PM	1:00PM -1:30PM in the gym
Monday - May 9	Pre K AM	8:30AM-9:00AM in the gym

Alley Cats Bowling

All grade levels have been bowling in the gym. Thanks to Alley Cats for lending us carpet lanes for the students to bowl on and get the feel of a real lane!

6th Grade Cluster Track Meet

6th grade will participate in a friendly competition track meet against Moore and Wood Elementary at Martin High School. The meet is held during the day from approximately 10:00AM – 1:00PM. Come out and join in the fun and support our 6th grade students!

Friday, May 13th Cluster Track Meet at Martin High School Track
Friday, May 20th – if it rains out on the 13th, we will try again on the 20th!



**JOIN Corey PTA
2010 – 2011
It's a Whole New Ball Game!**



Joining PTA means your yearly membership dues help support children's programs at Corey. It gives you a vote and a voice to say what happens in our schools. Joining PTA does not mean you must be a member of the Board. You may be a parent, grandparent, other relative or friend!

Although we hope you will join, **joining PTA does not mean you must volunteer.** It does mean that you will support your child's educational process! There are many other resources available to PTA Members as well!

Join 2010-2011 Corey PTA
Yearly Membership dues: **\$6.00** per adult

PTA Member's Name(s) _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail Address _____

Student: _____ Grade/Homeroom _____

Student: _____ Grade/Homeroom _____

Student: _____ Grade/Homeroom _____

Student: _____ Grade/Homeroom _____

Amount Attached: _____ Are you a Texas Life Member? _____

Please complete one form per family with all students listed. We will credit each class with your memberships in Corey PTA. Please make checks payable to **Corey PTA.**



VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS

Please remember to fill out a Volunteer Application if you plan on visiting with your student or participating in school sponsored activities. This includes eating lunch with your student.

A copy of the Volunteer Application can be picked up in the school office. Please fill out the application with all pertinent information and return it to the school office with a copy of your driver's license. Your application will not be processed unless a copy of your driver's license is provided. Volunteer forms must be re-submitted each school year.

It takes approximately 6 to 8 weeks for a background check to be performed and for your application to be processed. Please return your volunteer application as soon as possible to the school office so that you will not miss participating in your students school activities.

