



## JANUARY 2010

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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 JANUARY:

- 3 Back to School
- 6 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing Bench Mark  
Beach Club Resumes 3:30-4:30
- 11 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades Math Bench Mark
- 12 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades Reading Bench Mark
- 13 PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.- Corey Cafeteria  
*Early Dismissal*
- 14 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks  
*Early Dismissal*
- 17 *Martin Luther King School Holiday*
- 18 *Student Holiday*
- 21 Report Cards for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades
- 25 Corey Day at CiCi's (Sublett and Cooper)
- 28 Major Saver Fundraiser Kickoff  
Orchestra Party – Boles Jr. High

**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



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



## Principal's Corner



Steve Howell



I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break! The month of January has many activities planned throughout the grade levels. Please check them out by going to our school's website. You can access it at [www.aisd.net](http://www.aisd.net), click on "schools", then click on "elementary", then click on "Corey". I would like to encourage everyone to come and see the many wonderful daily events at Corey.

The first semester of school will end in mid-January. There will be several early dismissal days at the end of the semester to allow teachers to do grading for report cards. We will post a flyer on the entrance doors and the school's marquee to notify everyone of the early dismissal days and the day report cards go home with students.

As the first semester ends, students and teachers are hard at work preparing for the upcoming Spring 2011 TAKS Tests in third - sixth grade. Students in kindergarten - second grade will be assessed using the DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment) and DMA (Developmental Math Assessment). These assessments are given 3 times per year to determine the overall Reading and Math progress of the students. Please encourage your child to always do their best on the various Test Assessments so that we can get an accurate account of their overall knowledge in the different subject areas. We will be using the various assessments to plan for academic instruction to address curriculum for academic growth for each child. With your help and support, we can insure the greatest success for each and every child at Corey Elementary.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2011 as we begin the second semester of school. As we continue to work each day to help each and every child to grow both academically and socially, I look forward to continuing to work with everyone to build a strong partnership between the school and the community.

Sincerely,

Steve Howell



# Orchestra News



Happy New Year to everyone. I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday. First I want to congratulate all the students on a wonderful concert last month. I am so proud of all of them and I know you are too. Parents, thank you for the privilege of working with your children. If any of you took pictures at the concert, I would like a copy of them to put on the wall outside our room.

## Social Event

Our first social event for 2011 is the annual cluster party on Friday, January 28, 7-10 pm at Boles JH. You will receive information about this in the next week or so. We will need lots of volunteers for this (must be AISD approved). If you have not yet filled out a volunteer form, please consider doing so. Please make sure the cluster party reservation form & money are turned in to me by the due date.

## Concert/Performance Events - *be sure these are on your new 2011 calendars*

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Cluster Concert - Saturday, Feb. 19, Martin HS  
(you will receive final information in the next few weeks)
- AISD Solo/Ensemble Festival - Saturday, April 9
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Cluster Concert - Tuesday, April 12
- Pride of Texas Festival (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>) - Thursday, May 12
- Spring Concert (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>) - Thursday, May 19

## Private Lessons

Now that the first semester is behind us, I hope you will consider private lessons for your child. There are some outstanding high school students who are teaching privately & doing a wonderful job with the younger kids. You will be amazed at how much faster your child progresses with one-on-one help. It will also be a great help and encouragement to those students who are still having difficulty with the material covered in the first semester. I have a list of private teachers I recommend. Email me if you are interested.

I look forward to hearing from you any time. My school email address is below.

Lyn Stone

[lynstone@aisd.net](mailto:lynstone@aisd.net)

Corey Orchestra



**Corey Day at CiCi's**  
(Sublett and Cooper)

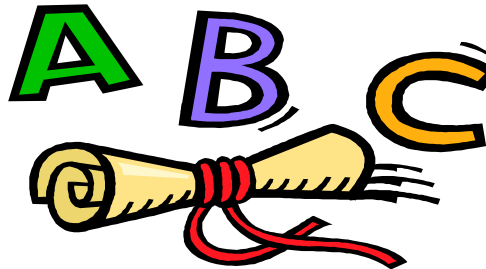


Early Dismissals  
on Jan. 13 & 14  
No School on Jan. 17 & 18

**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.



**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.

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

**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

A graphic consisting of a central orange starburst shape with multiple points extending outwards. The text "Fourth Grade News" is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font across the center of the starburst.

## Fourth Grade News

Happy New Year from 4th Grade! The first semester has been filled with field trips to River Legacy and Bass Hall, Cub Days, and General Store shopping trips. Along with the fun things in math students have earned drinks for mastering multiplication facts, worked larger multiplication/division problems, studied geometry, and used RUBIES to solve up to three-step word problems. In science students have almost become experts about ecosystems, classroom terrariums, and animals, and they have worked in groups on experiments involving weight, buoyancy, mass and matter. (Ask your child why a pumpkin floats!) As in all grades, reading every day in class and at home is essential to improving fluency and comprehension, thus, the required Tic-Tac-Toe. Most students are feeling comfortable accomplishing this task each six weeks. Writing has been another major challenge this semester.

Students have practiced writing sentences and paragraphs. Also, they have studied and applied the many grammar, punctuation, and spelling rules. Wow! That is a rigorous curriculum. Hang on though, that is the easy portion of the curriculum your child is responsible for mastering this year. We will get into the more rigorous curriculum the second semester!!!!

In January students and parents can look forward to two early dismissal days and two student holidays. Also, be watching for information about a fun day emphasizing the importance of a great vocabulary. We will have Vocabulary Day on January 14th. Put on your thinking caps to come up with a creative way to dress up like a word.

Hopefully, Santa left behind some extra school supplies, but if not, it's important to replace some of those supplies for the second semester that have been used up, especially Kleenex, crayons, lost scissors, and pencils. We look forward to the second semester and all the activities. I'm sure it will fly by as fast as the first semester did. So, take time to enjoy your child and participate in his education.

Your Fourth Grade Team

## Sixth Grade News

Sixth graders have been busy preparing for the holidays and keeping up with their daily classwork. We celebrated the end of the 2nd six weeks with our trip to Cliff Nelson for Clean Slate. Sixth graders participated in "Penny Power" and collected more than \$850.00 to be donated to Mission Arlington. Special congrats to Ms. Davila's class who ended up in 1st place at the end of the week. A special thanks to Mr. Buchhorn, EECU Credit Union, and The Bank on Bowen Road who helped with the counting of the money.

We hope you enjoyed your vacation and have come back ready to WORK! Math Benchmark will be given on January 11, 2011...then it will be the end of the 3rd six weeks...half way to 7th grade!

## Fifth Grade Focus

Happy New Year! We're excited to start 2011 in 5<sup>th</sup> grade!

**Reading**– Reading Logs are due on Jan 19th. Please check your child's reading log. If they need to take an AR test, they are more than welcome to come in at 7:45, or stay after school until 3:45. They can also take an AR test on Friday when they are in reading centers. We are enjoying our brand new reading basal this year. Ask your student to summarize the fiction and non-fiction stories that they are working on each week. Summary is a big part of our TAKS test!

**Writing** – Congratulations to our first Sentence Scoreboard winner – Nick Gardner! It was a close race to the finish for our “complete sentence” winners! We are so proud of how often they add new vocabulary words to daily conversation and writing. We will continue to enhance our writing skills as we unwrap new writing passages this month. Don't forget to answer all questions in complete sentences!

**Science** – We are uncovering Earth science this month as we move from studying planets and the Sun to more specific processes on Earth. Ask your student about the water cycle and how to predict weather patterns. We will be reviewing all concepts learned this year in physical and Earth science for our 2<sup>nd</sup> science benchmark test on Wednesday, January 12. Remember to study your science journal every day!

**Social Studies** - Students are studying the three colonial regions: New England, Middle Atlantic, and the Southern colonies. Groups of students have been assigned one of the colonies and are preparing a billboard presentation to try and persuade us to come settle in their colony. Ask your student to convince you to move to one of these colonies! Don't forget to keep studying your capitals and states!

### **January Dates to Remember**

Wednesday, Jan. 12 – Science Benchmark #2  
 Thursday, Jan. 13 – Early Dismissal 1:45  
 Friday, Jan. 14 – Early Dismissal 1:45, Vocabulary Day  
 Monday, Jan. 17 – MLK Holiday  
 Tuesday, Jan. 18 – Student Holiday  
 Friday, Jan. 28 – Clean Slate

**Thank you for the opportunity to watch your students learn and grow in 5<sup>th</sup> grade!**



It is hard to believe that the Christmas holidays have passed. Wasn't it just Halloween?

We would like to thank all the parents for coming out and supporting our fall aerobics Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. It is always a fun day to see the kids dressed up in their costumes and performing so well for their friends and family.

Jump Rope for Heart has come and gone since November flew by. During our jump rope unit we incorporate the Jump Rope for Heart program sponsored through the American Heart Association. It is a great community service that teaches our students about heart disease such as heart attacks and strokes while raising funds through donations. Corey has done this program for many years and always has great success. This year our school went above and beyond fighting heart disease by raising more than \$9,000. We would like to thank all of our Corey cubs and their donors for having such generous hearts.

We would also like to congratulate all of our November "turkey trot" winners from our annual class turkey trot. Winners in grades 1-3 received a small plush turkey as their prize and the winners in grades 4-6 took home a butterball turkey to enjoy at dinner. Congratulations winners of the 2010 Turkey Trot

We are now starting our basketball unit, which will then lead into the Elks Hoop Shoot contest held every year in January. This is a free throw contest for grades 3-6. Right now we are shooting in class and the winners from our school will advance to the city contest held January 22 at Arlington High School where they will shoot against other winners from other elementary schools here in Arlington. Good luck to all of our students.

Coming up in January, we will begin our two week bowling unit so maybe some family bowling would be a fun activity.

We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and has a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Barnes  
Miss Livingston  
Corey P.E.



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.