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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

### MARCH:

- 1** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing TAKS
- 4** Report Cards PPCD through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 7-11** Texas Public School Week
- 8** Cub Council Meeting 7:40 a.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Grades Math Benchmark
- 9** 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Grades Reading Benchmark
- 10** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Benchmark  
Open House
- 14-18** SPRING BREAK
- 22** CiCi's Day (Sublett and Cooper St.)

**K-Kids**<sup>®</sup>  
Young Leaders Helping Others

Don't miss out! Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30.



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



## Principal's Corner



Steve Howell



It's hard to believe but the 4th six weeks grading period ended on Friday, February 25, 2011.

Report cards will go home with students on Friday, March 4, 2011. We are excited to begin the 5th six weeks at Corey Elementary. Students in 4th grade will be taking the Writing TAKS Test on Tuesday, March 1st. I would like to ask parents to encourage their child to get a good night's rest, eat breakfast either at home or at school and be on time. Our 4th grade students and teachers have been working very hard to prepare to for the TAKS Test. I know that each student will do an outstanding job on the test. Other TAKS Tests will be taken in April for students in grades third - sixth. You can check out our school's web site to get additional information on upcoming test dates. If you would like to obtain materials that you can work with your child at home please either email or call your child's teacher.

As most everyone is aware, our state legislators are in Austin working on the state's significant budget deficit. Many of the proposals involve significant cuts in public education. It is important that everyone voice their concerns as to the possible impact of proposed cuts that would affect schools in Arlington ISD as well as throughout the state. To help keep everyone informed, the Martin Cluster is hosting an Informational Meeting to outline the budget for AISD for 2011-2012.

Mr. McCullough, AISD Superintendent as well as some AISD Board Members will be present to share information on the district's outlook regarding the proposed impact on elementary, junior high, and senior high schools. The meeting will be held **Wednesday, March 2nd from 7:00-8:00 pm at Martin High School**. I would like to encourage everyone to come out and hear about the latest information regarding school funding and the impact on AISD Schools. Information on the impact of state budget cuts to AISD is also available on the district's web page at [www.aisd.net](http://www.aisd.net).

We are looking forward to some exciting events and activities at Corey Elementary for the month of March. The week of March 7 - 11 is Public School Week. Open House will be Thursday, March 10 at Corey. Additional information will be posted on our school's marquee and send home with students regarding activities for Open House. Spring Break will be March 14 - 17.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Corey as we continue to prepare our students to become life-long learners each day at school. It is a joy to help each student grow and learn the many skills needed as they prepare for their grade level. Thanks to our entire community for the wonderful support and commitment that is given each day for our children at Corey Elementary.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please email me at [showell@aisd.net](mailto:showell@aisd.net) or give me a call at [682-867-3900](tel:682-867-3900).

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.



**OPEN HOUSE**  
March 10



**SPRING BREAK**  
March 14-18

## Support Corey Elementary

**CiCi's Day**  
**(Sublett and Cooper)**  
**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**



## **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**

## Hello to All our Corey KINDERGARTEN Parents:

Can you believe that we have been in school for over 100 days? All of the kindergarteners had a great time in celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. We put together a snack with 100 treats, put together puzzles with 100 pieces, counted with 100 manipulatives, and used number tiles to count to 100. We are all truly 100 days smarter!

**As parents we are always looking for ways to help improve our family life. Here are just a few suggestions:**

*\*Spend more time listening.* Ask about everything – from how things are going in school to how your child likes the lunches you are preparing.

*\*Make dinner a special family time.* Resist the temptation to alternate between local fast food establishments each evening. Discourage eating in shifts or in front of the television set and use the time around the table for family discussion.

*\*Use automobile travel time for discussion and planning* instead of listening to the radio.

*\*Take time each day to read to your child.* Whether you are the one reading or having your child read to you, the precious time spent together is so rewarding! Reading is so important; and it is important for your child to see you set an example in reading.

Here are some important dates to remember:

*\*Public School Week – the week of March 7<sup>th</sup> thru March 11<sup>th</sup>*

**\*Come visit your child's classroom on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

## Third Grade News

The year continues to fly by as third grade had our third Math Whiz drawing on Friday, March 4. Remember, everyone needs to continue to practice our multiplication facts for our next Math Whiz drawing. Coming soon will be our Ice Cream Sundae celebration for learning our multiplication facts. We have looked forward to this for a long time. We've started working hard now trying to get ready for Open House. Please come see all that we have done on Thursday, March 10 because we're so proud of our work. Spring Break will be here before we know it. We hope everyone has a fun and safe Spring Break. Hope to see everyone soon!



**\*\* K-Kids Meeting \*\***  
**Wednesday, March 9**  
at 3:30 in the cafeteria

**What is K-Kids?** K-Kids is the youngest and fastest growing service organization for elementary students around the world.

**What will we do?** We will do fun community service projects that will help make our school and community an even better place!

**Who can join?** All students, faculty and parents can join.

**How often will K-Kids meet?** We will meet once a month.

## Sixth Grade News

WOW! Hard to believe we have just completed the 4th-6 weeks, and will celebrate with our trip to Cliff Nelson on Friday, March 11th. The counselors from Boles Junior High visited with the 6th graders to discuss schedules, athletics and junior high expectations. It is an exciting time for our students as they begin to make the transition to junior high school. We encourage everyone to stay organized and to write in their planners.

## 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

It is time for you and your child to be thinking about their music elective choice for next year (orchestra or general music). The orchestra program begins in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and continues through high school. In order to learn more about this program, you and your child will want to attend a meeting on Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 pm at Boles Jr. High. Mrs. Stone, our orchestra teacher, will answer your questions about violin/viola/cello/string bass, then the Boles Symphony will have a short presentation. Your child will have the opportunity to try out different instruments and ask lots of questions. Make plans now to attend this very important meeting so you can become a member of our great Corey Orchestra. On Open House Night (Thursday, March 10) check your child's desk for a letter from Mrs. Stone regarding the orchestra meeting. Plan also to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Cluster Concert (Corey, Moore & Wood) on Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 pm at Boles. Come hear what these young students have accomplished in their first year of orchestra. Music enrollment forms will be sent home later this spring. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Stone at Corey or email her at [lynstone@aisd.net](mailto:lynstone@aisd.net).

### 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](mailto: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

Spring is in the air in fifth grade! Here's what we're learning.

**Reading** – Students are busily preparing some amazing reading projects for Open House. Please come by and view your child's fantastic work on Thursday, March 10th.

Here are some tips to help with the TAKS Reading Test:

1. Cut out a comic strip in the Sunday paper. Cut out one section of the comic. Have your child predict and draw what probably happened in the section that is missing.
2. Read a fiction novel with your child. Be aware of characters, how the setting affects the character, the problem, and how the problem was solved. Ask your child to show you how to set up the fiction novel on a story form chart. Keep a record of the main character's feeling and personality traits.
3. Read non-fiction reports with your child. If you go to <http://gardenofpraise.com/leaders.html> you can read some great biographies. Ask your child questions about the biographies.
4. Have your child summarize events. Encourage them to use the BME method. Beginning - Middle - End - Remind them to throw out the details when you are summarizing. We appreciate all your help in making your child's 5th grade year successful.

**Writing** – We continue to build vocabulary and grammar skills each week in our writing activities. Student are writing original stories in both writing and science to reinforce parts of speech, main idea and context cues to determine details of narratives. They have enjoyed acting out their writing samples in our Reader's Theater. Ask your student to write a story for you using their new vocabulary packet!

**Science** – We will end the 4th 6-week period by reviewing weathering, erosion, and deposition using pictures, games, power point presentations, and vocabulary cards. They will also review sedimentary rocks, fossils, fossil fuels, and natural resources which will be tested on their March 10th Science Benchmark Test. Please review your child's science notebook daily by asking questions and admiring their artwork!! Take time to observe the world around you!

**Social Studies** – Students just completed a "Walking Tour" of Colonial Williamsburg! Ask your child about the differences between school today and school during the Colonial times. They will be happy to let you know that they prefer the schools of today!

**Math** – 5th grade math students recently completed the 3rd Math Benchmark test. This is the final test, prior to the actual TAKS test. Please continue to review all of the math concepts that your child has learned throughout the year. The first administration of the math TAKS test will be Monday, April 4th!

### **March Dates to Remember**

- Friday, March 4 – Report cards go home
- Thursday, March 10 – Science Benchmark #3
- Thursday, March 10 – Open House
- Friday, March 11 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Clean Slate
- March 14 – 18 – Spring Break
- \*\*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 5<sup>th</sup> grade!

# Orchestra News



I want to begin by saying the 6<sup>th</sup> grade cluster concert at Martin was *terrific*. All the directors involved were really excited about bringing all the schools in the Martin cluster together for this event. We were all really impressed with how well behaved the students were and how well the groups performed. I am so proud of what my 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have accomplished this year. 6<sup>th</sup> graders—*please* think seriously about your elective choice for next year. You have invested your time and talent for 2 years and I hope you will all continue in our orchestra program at Boles!!

**Fund Raiser** products will be delivered *after* spring break. I will send a note home with the students as soon as I know the exact delivery day. If you can help organize the products the day of delivery, please let me know by note or email.

**AISD Solo & Ensemble Festival** is Saturday, April 9. Everyone should have received information about the Festival. Entry forms & fees are due to me by the date indicated on the forms. If your child signs up to participate, they will receive their music as soon as we return from spring break. I will then begin working with students after school.

**Fifth grade cluster concert** is the next event on the orchestra calendar. All 5<sup>th</sup> graders are required to attend this concert on **Tuesday, April 12** in order to have the privilege to participate in the Alley Cats Competition (see next paragraph). They will receive information about the concert after spring break.

**Alley Cats Orchestra Competition.** Both 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity (it is not a requirement) to participate in this year's festival at Alley Cats in Arlington. This involves performing for a judging panel and then enjoying the activities at Alley Cats. Both groups are scheduled to play on Thursday, May 12. The entry fee per student is \$24. The group entry fee and the bus expenses will come out of the orchestra activity fund. I will begin collecting fees soon so be looking for paperwork to be sent home. Three prerequisites for the Alley Cats festival:

- (1) we must have an adequate number of parent chaperones
- (2) students must attend their respective cluster concert
- (3) **students must be able to play their music completely & correctly** if they expect the privilege of being off-campus during a school day—**PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!!**

We have already begun working on some of the festival music since we will play some of the pieces from our cluster concerts. Students should be practicing **daily**—I will be checking practice cards. This is our 11<sup>th</sup> year to participate at Alley Cats & I assure you the kids have a terrific time!!

## **CALENDAR CHECK:**

- AISD Solo & Ensemble - April 9
- 5<sup>th</sup> Cluster Concert - April 12
- Pride of Texas Festival - May 12
- Spring Concert - Thursday, May 19, 7:00 pm at Boles JH
- UTA Summer Orchestra Camp - July 17-22 at UTA  
(as soon as I receive camp applications I will send them home)

Have a great spring break! - Lyn Stone (lynstone@aisd.net)

## Noteworthy News



Put a little CHOIR in your heart!!!!

**Cub Chorus** is starting.....**Cub Chorus** is starting.....**Cub Chorus** is starting.....

- The after-school choir is open to 4th, 5th, and 6th grade General Music students and 6th grade Band students. [Sorry 5th and 6th grade Orchestra students!! Your Spring Concert is the same evening as Cub Chorus's concert in conjunction with the Boles Choir concert at the Levitt Pavilion.]
- The first rehearsal will be Wed., March 2nd from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Music Room. Beginning Thursday, March 10th and continuing through May 19th, all other rehearsals will be held on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30. If your child is participating, please make arrangements for transportation home at 4:30.
- Please note: Siblings, carpool riders, friends, neighbors, etc. of choir members are not allowed to wait around the school during choir rehearsals. All adults associated with the choir are busy assisting with rehearsal and are not available to supervise non-choir members.
- Please mark your calendars for the Cub Chorus concert on Thursday, May 19th, 7:00-9:00 pm at the Levitt Pavilion in downtown Arlington. The concert will feature the Boles choirs and singers from Corey, Mary Moore, and Wood Elementaries.

## Get on board the CHOIR train!



### Noteworthy News from my Music classes:

I am VERY proud of the 1st graders who continue to amaze me with their music literacy skills! They can read melodies and rhythms. The 2nd graders have been learning important terms like *time signature*, *bar line*, *double bar line*, and *measure*. We found MANY examples of songs with those new symbols in our textbook. Imagine that! 3rd graders have been playing accompaniments on the xylophones and metallophones including one with a whole note from our 3rd grade textbook! The 4th graders are learning new pitches and an accompaniment to "When Winter Comes" inspired by the book by Nancy Van Laan. 5th and 6th graders have begun their recorder units and Recorder Karate. They will have the opportunity to add nine multi-color "belts" to their recorders between now and the end of the year. Students, don't forget to bring your recorder to class on your Music day.

See you at Open House!

Sing-cerely,  
Miss Malone, Corey Music Teacher  
[smalone1@aisd.net](mailto:smalone1@aisd.net)



With spring just around the corner we are already looking towards field days and 6<sup>th</sup> grade cluster track meet. Information for parent helpers for field days will be going home soon so be on the look-out for a “hot” pink paper with dates and times concerning field days in May. **Please remember that you must be on the AISD approved volunteer list to help out on the field with us. You still have time to get this paper work filled out and turned in.**

The **sixth grade cluster track meet** will be held at Martin high school track on May 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a friendly track competition between Corey, Wood and Mary Moore students. It is a fun day. No awards will be given. Under the UIL rules, each student must be passing their classes at the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> six weeks and have acceptable behavior to participate in this activity.

State fitness testing will begin in the gym starting March 1<sup>st</sup> for grades 3-6. Tennis shoes are once again needed on P.E. days especially during this time, as we want our students doing the best they can on all parts of their fitness test.

\*\*\*\*we could also use old belts, boys and men sizes in the gym



**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.