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Stork Report

Gary and Tracey Wargo would like to announce the birth of their daughter, **Delaney Lynn Wargo**, on February 15, 2005. Delaney weighed 7lbs 6oz and was 18½" long. She is welcomed home by her big sister Bailey.

Doug and Amanda Wylie are happy to announce the birth of their first child. Their son, **Hayden Edward Wylie**, was born on February 28, 2005. Hayden weighed 6lbs 7oz and was 19½" long.

Call Kara at 281-376-3658 if you have a birth announcement.



Earth Day is April 22nd

Celebrate by being creative!

Here are some ideas:

Egg Cartons:

- Cut the egg carton sections apart and make cute insect crafts such as ladybugs, caterpillars and butterflies.
- Make a seedling planter by using the paper type of egg carton. Fill each section with potting soil and plant with flower, vegetable or herb seeds. After the seeds have sprouted plant directly in the soil.



Milk cartons:

- Pencil holders can be made by cutting the tops off small cartons and covering them with colored paper. They can be decorated any way kids choose.
- Make a bird feeder by cutting an opening in one side of a milk carton. Insert a Popsicle stick for a perch and fill with birdseed. Attach a string to the top and hang in a tree.

Paper Rolls:

- Make napkin rings from 2" sections of a toilet paper roll. The rings can be decorated by painting, coloring or even wrapping them with yarn.
- Make a musical kazoo by placing a square of wax paper over the end of the roll and secure with a rubber band. Decorate the roll and blow through the open end to play the kazoo.

West Creek Elementary

Big Congratulations to Haley Dorsey

who was named citizen of the month at Willow Creek elementary school!

Carnival at the Creek

The Carnival at the Creek is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2005 from 3:00 to 7:00. There will be lots of great food, fun games and prizes. There will be an awesome auction with chances to bid on everything from themed baskets to Hilary Duff autographed memorabilia.

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Northpointe Intermediate School (NIS) is currently in its second year educating 5th and 6th grade students. NIS opened its doors in August of 2003 with an enrollment of 585 students and currently has grown to 677 students.

The school has many parent volunteers and one of the largest groups is the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) a non-profit group. The PTO is managed by a Board made up of approximately 16 volunteers, each with a responsibility for a specific aspect of supporting the school. PTO meets the second Thursday morning of each month. The goal of the PTO is to help further the education and school life of our children. This is done by raising money for the school to purchase items not funded by the school district and help coordinate different volunteer programs. The operating budget is currently \$65,000 plus. All money raised goes directly back to the school.

How is the money raised? There is a membership drive/t-shirt/school directory sale at the beginning of the school year and an additional two fund-raisers per school year are allowed by the district. This school year a catalog sale was held in the fall and on April 8, 2005 a "Family Fun Night" is planned with Del Pueblo Mexican Restaurant catering the dinner and students will be performing either in the Talent Show, Choir or Wax Museum. There will also be a Silent Auction.

How will the money be spent this school year? The PTO funds money to different areas of the school such as Field Day, Inflatable Day, 6th grade Step-up Day, Red Ribbon Week, supports after school clubs and the Accelerated Reader Store for the library. In addition, the back playground area has received soccer goals, fun ball poles and park benches. Soon to be built are the highly anticipated basketball and four square courts with a sidewalk leading to the courts. The 6th grade recently took a field trip to a Houston Aeros game and 5th grade will take a trip to Burroughs Park in the spring. PTO donations were also made to the Art, Music and Special Needs classrooms and DVD/VCR combinations were purchased for all classrooms. Lastly, a marquee will be built in front of the school to help notify the parents of upcoming school events.

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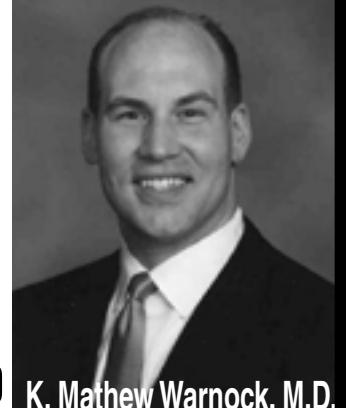
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The PTO would like to thank the parents, teachers and surrounding businesses for their continued support, because with out their help none of the above could take place for our children.

Meet your NIS PTO Board

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Kids' Craft

Grass Heads

Making grass heads is fun and very easy!

Materials needed:

Styrofoam cup
Markers, paint (optional)
Grass seed
Water



Decorate your cup with markers and/or paint.

These look really great when decorated as a face. When the grass grows in it looks like hair.

After decorating add potting soil and grass seeds.

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After the grass grows you can even give it a hair cut!



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FROM THE WOMEN'S CLUB

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Kid's Health Briefs

Toddler is the boss at potty time

HOUSTON – Persistent parents do more harm than good when it comes to toilet training.

“Children should have complete control during toilet training,” said Dr. Teri Turner, assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. “Problems can arise when parents forget who’s in charge.”

Toilet training can begin when the child is able to stay dry for several hours and can communicate the need to use the toilet. At this point, the child will be looking for independence and will want to please.

“The most common reason for resisting toilet training is that the child has been lectured or reminded too much,” she said. “To the child, the reminders are pressure.”

Turner, also an attending physician at Texas Children’s Hospital, offered these suggestions for successful toilet training:

- * Teach a boy to sit to urinate before standing.
- * Keep the child in loose, easy-to-remove clothing.
- * Read age-appropriate books with your child about toilet training.
- * Don’t punish or criticize for accidents.

“Parents should not be overly concerned about when a child is able to use the potty and should not expect perfection,” Turner said. “Setbacks are to be expected.”

No prescription needed:

Many ear infections clear up without antibiotics

HOUSTON – Children with ear infections are now being sent home from the doctor’s office without a prescription for antibiotics.

“Antibiotics are not necessarily the answer to ear infections,” said Dr. Ellen Friedman, professor of otorhinolaryngology and pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. “In many cases, the infection clears up on its own.”

Because overexposure can cause resistance, less exposure to antibiotics is better.

“Studies have shown that many ear infections improve without any treatment and with no complications,” said Friedman, also chief of pediatric otolaryngology at Texas Children’s Hospital. “We’re finding that a pain reliever to control fever and discomfort is all that’s needed.”

Although ear infections are a common problem in infants and young children, they generally stop occurring as a child gets older.

According to Friedman, fluid left after an ear infection can cause the most problems. To prevent complications, she recommends that a child who has been diagnosed with an ear infection be seen again by a doctor six to eight weeks after the diagnosis to determine that all the fluid is gone.

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