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PRIMROSE SCHOOLS' CAN-A-THON DONATES 400 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR LOCAL CHARITY ON THANKSGIVING

HUMBLE, TEXAS – This Thanksgiving, 20,000 preschoolers swept the floor, set the table and made their beds to raise money for those in need.

Children ages 3 and up rolled up their sleeves to earn money to purchase a variety of food for Primrose school's annual Can-a-thon. On November 21, 2005, the Primrose School at Summerwood donated 400 pounds of food to HAAM for Thanksgiving meals. Children worked together while teachers integrated important math and nutrition lessons to compliment the charitable drive.

"So often, youngsters 'participate' in food collections by asking their parents for canned goods to bring into school. That's the extent of it," Primrose franchisee Brandi Muse, said. "You can't just clear

out the back of your cupboards for this food drive – the children truly have to be thoughtful and creative in the ways they earn money."

"This was a great way for children to learn, in a hands-on manner, the importance of helping others who are less fortunate. It was so rewarding to witness the children's tireless efforts and hard work. We are grateful to our parents for their support in this project," said Holli Naquin, Director of Primrose School at Summerwood.

The Can-a-thon illustrates one of the many ways Primrose promotes character development among its students. The Primrose Balanced Learning® curriculum combines the two leading philosophies

in early childhood education – teacher-directed and child-initiated learning – with a balance of academics, character development and play. Integrating activities which encourage thoughtfulness and generosity directly supports the Primrose Balanced Learning® curriculum.

"Children who learn these values at an early age develop into caring, generous adults who love their community and respect others," says Jo Kirchner, president and CEO of Primrose. "The Balanced Learning® curriculum assures that children are nurtured socially, emotionally, physically and academically. We have high expectations and goals for the children – which helps prepare them for the next step in their education."



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Animal Control	281-999-3191
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 1—PORT ARTHUR: Winter Odyssey (Began Dec. 11.) 409/985-7822
 1-7—GALVESTON: Moody Gardens Festival of Lights (Began Dec. 1.)
 www.moodygardens.org 800/582-4673
 6—GROVES: First Friday in Groves Celebration Lincoln Avenue. www.grovescofc.com 800/876-3631
 6-8—BAYTOWN: *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* Baytown Little Theater. E-mail: ellenbradj@aol.com 281/424-7617
 6-Feb. 19—VICTORIA: Exhibit: *Apron Strings: Ties to the Past* Nave Museum. www.vrma.viptx.net/museum 361/575-8227
 7—PORT ARTHUR: Krewe of Neptune "12th Night" Mardi Gras Party Kicks off the Mardi Gras season with a parade of all krewe royalty in full costume. Includes dance and contests. Reservations required. Bob Bowers Civic Center. 409/962-9860
 7-8—ROSENBERG: Fort Bend County Antique Fair Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. E-mail: www.cwgs.com 877/840-3829
 12-15—VICTORIA: RV Show Victoria Community Center. 361/729-0031
 13—HOUSTON: Gardere's Martin Luther King Jr. Oratory Competition Annual oratory competition celebrates the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Elementary school-age students present five-minute speeches on a topic relevant to Dr. King's legacy. Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 500 Clay St. www.gardere.com 713/867-3248

13-14—HOUSTON: Cynthia Hopkins' *Accidental Nostalgia* This operetta explores the pros and cons of memory loss. Performance contains brief female nudity. Begins at 8 p.m. Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. www.spahouston.org 713/227-4SPA
 13-15—PORT NECHES: Trade Days on the Avenue 409/722-4023
 14—WEST COLUMBIA: Brazoria County Bluegrass Concert Begins at 7 p.m. American Legion Hall, 213 N. 14th St. www.westcolumbia.org 979/265-4757
 15-Mar. 19—PORT ARTHUR: Pat Kyser Quilt Exhibition Museum of the Gulf Coast. www.museumofthegulfcoast.org 409/982-7000
 16—PORT ARTHUR: MLK Brunch Bob Bowers Civic Center. 409/722-5314
 17-29—HOUSTON: *Doctor Dolittle* The animals sing during this new musical based on the 1967 film. Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. www.tuts.com 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882
 19—BRIDGE CITY: Taste of Bridge City B.C. Middle School, 300 Bower. E-mail: chamber@exp.net • www.cityofbridgecity.org 409/735-5671
 20—VICTORIA: Country Opry Hours are 7:30 to 10 p.m. Victoria Community Center Annex. 361/552-9347
 21—HOUSTON: Marc Andre Hamelin Hamelin is known for performing rarely played music of "neglected" composers such as Alkan, Busoni, Medtner and Szymanowski. Begins at 8 p.m. Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. www.spahouston.org 713/227-4SPA

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Beginning January 23rd 2006, 10 SEER air conditioning equipment will no longer be manufactured. Once the existing supply of 10 SEER equipment is depleted, only the new 13 SEER equipment will be available for replacement units. Unfortunately, the new 13 SEER air conditioner needs to be compatible with all the other components in the HVAC system. Here are some of the potential challenges:

- If a condenser is replaced, the evaporative coil and air handler may need to be upgraded to 13 SEER.
- If the Freon lines are too small to handle a 13 SEER system, they must be replaced.
- The 13 SEER evaporative coils can be up to 3-4 inches taller, meaning sheet metal modifications may be needed to fit the new system in the old space. If the space is too small, there will be costs to rebuild the area or relocate the system.
- The system, as a whole may be larger and heavier, which may require the use of an additional technician to complete the installation.
- The system requires about 40% more Freon to operate.
- The system may require a larger cement pad or larger roof stand than the previous unit which may require additional modifications and costs.

One way to help offset the cost of replacing or repairing your AC system is to invest in a home warranty Plan. Although the home warranty will not cover code upgrades or modifications, without a home warranty the entire cost of replacement and upgrades/modifications would be your responsibility. If you are purchasing a home, be sure that a home warranty plan is included in your transaction.

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21—ORANGE: Sing, Sing, Sing Lutchter Theater. www.lutchter.org 409/745-5535 or 800/828-5535

21—PORT ARTHUR: 19th Annual Janis Joplin Birthday Bash Features a blues concert honoring Joplin's birthday. Includes the induction ceremony into the Gulf Coast Music Hall of Fame. Bob Bowers Civic Center. E-mail: triangleconcert@webtv.net 409/722-3699 or 409/985-5583

21, 24, 27, 29—HOUSTON: Donizetti's Don Pasquale Houston Grand Opera performs. Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372

28—HOUSTON: Asian Festival Ring in the Year of the Dog with traditional lion and peacock dances, Chinese folk music, origami and martial arts demonstrations. Learn more about the Asian animal species that live at the zoo, including Siberian tigers, red-crowned cranes, Chinese alligators and more. Houston Zoo. www.houstonzoo.org 713/533-6500

28—HOUSTON: Marvin Hamlisch & Monica Mancini The remarkable pianist/conductor/composer Hamlisch and Grammy-nominated vocalist Mancini perform. Begins at 8 p.m. Jones Hall. www.spahouston.org 713/227-4SPA

28—VICTORIA: Victoria Symphony Presents The Bellamy Brothers Begins at 8 p.m. Victoria College Auditorium. www.victoriasymphony.com 361/576-4500

28, 31—HOUSTON: Puccini's Manon Lescaut Houston Grand Opera performs. Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372

29—CLEAR LAKE AREA: Epicurean Evening Join in a "Taste of Space" at Space Center Houston and sample cuisine from dozens of area restaurants and clubs. 281/488-7676

29—ORANGE: Tap Dogs Rebooted Lutchter Theater. www.lutchter.org 409/745-5535 or 800/828-5535

29—VICTORIA: St. Joseph High School Festival Victoria Community Center. 361/575-3456

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