

The LONGWOOD Letter

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News For The Residents of Longwood

Cypress Christian School Students Win Chemistry Challenge

The Chemical Education Foundation (CEF) seeks to promote the science of chemistry, the benefits of chemicals, and the important of chemical safety awareness. The *You Be the Chemist Challenge* is an academic competition that engages students in learning and helps promote this message in a fun and innovative medium. The Challenge offers new and different ways to:

- engage students in science
- encourage parental support and participation
- appeal to community and organizations, and
- provide tools that can help develop strong relations with communities.

Congratulations to Cypress Christian middle school students who recently participated in the *You Be the Chemist* Qualifying Test. Expo Chemical Company, Inc. sponsors this competition and awarded prizes and trophies to the top winners. This year's winners include:

First Place - David Hurst, grade 8

Second Place - Raine Hasskew, grade 7

Third Place - Alan Norman, grade 8

David and Raine will go on to represent Cypress Christian School at the Regional Competition to be held here in Houston in February. Alan will serve as the alternate if either David or Raine are unable to attend. CCS students qualifying will advance to the national competition later in the year.

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Combine cream of Mushroom soup and sour cream. Pour over chicken breasts and bake for 1 hour at 325°.

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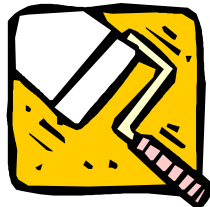
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Green Thumb

Submitted by Phil Richards

February is prime time for getting the yard back into good shape and ready for a new growing season. At the time of writing we've seen only one or two light frosts that may have damaged a few patio plants but no sign of a hard freeze so far during this winter season. The relatively warm weather makes it difficult to take care of the pruning because early pruning encourages new growth in mild conditions and the tender new shoots can then be damaged by a possible freeze in the first part of this month. But we should be safe by mid-February, so now is the time to complete the winter pruning of trees, evergreens and summer-flowering shrubs. Don't prune the spring-flowering shrubs - you'll be cutting off potential blooms. Try to plant (or move) trees and shrubs before they start their springtime growth spurt. This is also a favorable month to set cuttings of hardwood shrubs and also to divide, separate and transplant perennials.

Valentine's day is the traditional deadline for rose pruning; cut back to about three or four good canes, knee-high (except climbing varieties). Climbing roses will bloom on last year's growth and you need to maintain lateral canes on a trellis, fence or wall to promote flowering. Select and plant new bare-root roses now (container-grown plants can go in later, if you wish), but don't feed newly planted bushes until after first bloom.

Feed trees by using a stake or a length of pipe to drive a series

of holes a foot deep and a foot or so apart around the drip line, and apply a small handful of general-purpose fertilizer (such as 12-24-12) in each hole. A good rule of thumb is to apply a total of about one and a half pounds for each inch of trunk diameter. If your pine trees have very pale green or yellowish needles, that's a sign that the soil is too alkaline, and the cure is to include a soil acidifier with the fertilizer (an iron supplement such as "Ironite" serves the purpose very well). Magnolias also need acid soil conditions, so use special azalea/camellia fertilizer or add a soil acidifier.

Hold off feeding the grass until it starts to green-up, and don't feed azaleas until after they bloom, but do go ahead and fertilize evergreen shrubs. In general, wait until March to feed the ornamental shrubs - feeding too early will encourage tender new growth that may be nipped if we are unlucky enough to get a very late frost. Pansies have a hearty appetite and need a balanced fertilizer (13-13-13) every few weeks; remove faded blossoms to encourage new blooms.

In the vegetable garden, set out plants of the cool-weather varieties (broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower) and plant seeds for beets, rutabaga, carrots and potatoes. If you are also thinking of raising a second potato crop in the fall, plan ahead by getting extra seed potatoes now and storing them in the refrigerator. It's usually impossible to buy them in late summer, and regular potatoes from the grocery store may not sprout because they are usually treated with a growth inhibitor.

THIS MONTH'S TIP:

While you're busy pruning those trees and shrubs, remember the rule-of-thumb about not cutting off more than one third of the foliage at any one time (except for crape myrtles, which can tolerate being cut back to almost nothing).

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High School Musical

February 7th - 10th

7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 7th marks the beginning of the 4-day run of the Langham Creek Choir's presentation of the popular High School Musical

The Langham Creek High School Main Stage will be the venue for this popular, high-energy musical. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. A Sunday matinee performance will be held at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets will be available to Choir Patrons only in the Choir Room on January 14th from 6 – 8 p.m. Ticket prices for this advance sale are \$10 for reserved and \$7 for general admission. After this date, all reserved seats are \$12 and general admission is \$7. You may order your reserved (\$12) and general admission (\$7) tickets by calling 281-463-5426. Tickets will also be available to purchase before each performance, but the general admission ticket price will increase to \$10.

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Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 6th and ends on Holy Saturday.

The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter.

Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. The First Sunday describes Jesus' temptation by Satan; and the Sixth Sunday (Palm Sunday) – Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent passion and death.



Cypress United Methodist Church is preparing for Easter and would like to welcome you to church during the Lenten Season. We are planning special Bible studies, worship services and events that will lead you to the cross. Visit our website, today, for our Lenten Season schedule at www.Cypress-UMC.org.

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 am – Traditional in Sanctuary

9:30 am – Contemporary Worship Center

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MAKING THE CASE FOR GEN Y: WHY THEY SHOULD CHOOSE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Generation Y is the marketing term for children of the electronic age, born from 1981-1995. Media stories abound about ways in which they are reshaping the workforce, how they view life differently and the brashness they exhibit. Making the Aggie message relevant to Generation Y and attracting them to Aggieland is just one of the challenges facing Texas A&M University Chief Marketing Officer and Vice President for Communications Steven B. Moore. Moore will share his plans with Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms on Tuesday, February 12. He will also discuss what is on the horizon for communications at A&M.

Moore assumed the newly created position at his alma mater on August 1, 2005 with a charge to provide campus-wide oversight for marketing, media relations, internal and external communications, brand architecture and content for top-level Web site communications, along with market research and positioning and branding efforts. That daunting job description comprises much of the electronic world that is the core of Generation Y.

Having earned both a BBA in marketing in 1979 and an MBA in 1986 at Texas A&M, Moore understands the university's traditions and values. His experience in the corporate world includes a stint as

Senior Vice President at IMG, the world's largest sports marketing company and he served as Vice President of Worldwide Sports for the Coca-Cola Company. Moore's other experience includes corporate consulting regarding the role of sports in corporate development and he served as Vice President of International Marketing for Outback Steakhouse.

The February meeting is open to all Aggie Moms and will be held at the Houston Distributing Company, Inc., 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, TX 77066. Refreshments and a casual social time begin at 7 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

NWHC Aggie Moms will host a "Fabulous Fifties" Dinner and Auction Fundraiser at Wyndhaven Terrace, 12716 Cutten Road on Friday, February 29, 2008. Proceeds from this event fund scholarships and support Texas A&M organizations. The Aggie Moms will also host the Texas A&M Singing Cadets Concert at Foundry United Methodist Church on Friday March 28th. Come join us for these events!

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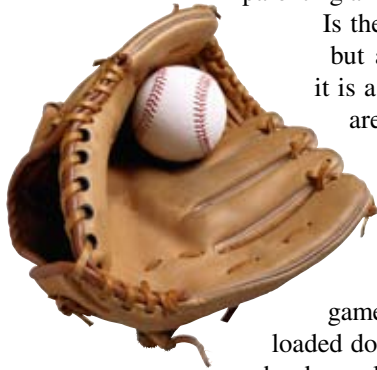
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What is the Main Goal in Little League Baseball?

Submitted by Robin Cox

What should your main objective be in coaching, teaching or parenting a Little Leaguer?



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A game may be won by the opponent on a bad hop, a ball lost in the sun or lights or even by an umpires supposed "bad" call. A game may be lost when a batter with bases loaded does everything right and hits the ball hard on a line drive but right at the left fielder

that doesn't have to make a move to catch the ball.

Yes, in baseball, we may do everything right but still lose.

Many times we stress the "results" when instead we should be emphasizing what produces the results. When we teach to do the "little things" right we are putting our players in a position to win. Note: This often means doing repetitive drills which can be boring. A bored player is not learning. One thing that kids love is to make a game or competition out of the drills.

In Little League there can be a wide variance of skills among players on the same team.

But there is one common denominator that all players need in increasing measure. (including High School, College and Majors) Can you guess?

That one thing is Confidence. As the saying goes, Confidence is everything!

But confidence in what? Their arm, their bat, their glove? Given that all of those can and will fail what they need is increased confidence in who they are.

Many teams give out stars for the players caps after a game for winning. But I suggest giving out stars or rewards at practice for doing the little things right. Especially putting an emphases on "hustle" when making the extra effort for trying to stop a ball (whether they made the play or not) or as a batter hanging tough with a pitcher by fouling off many pitches (even though he may eventually strike out) or showing great attitude or encouragement toward a fellow teammate. What does this do? It builds confidence in themselves. They should be instantly rewarded for doing and being their best.

Lastly, as their confidence increases, you as a coach, teacher and parent are looking for one thing. It is called a "breakout." A breakout can occur in practice or in a game. It may be a breakout "at bat" when a batter gets a hit after a long slump. It might occur on a play he has never been able to accomplish until now with his increased hustle. It is that moment when he realizes, yes I can do this! It is that memorable point when he comes off the field smiling so big, it makes the whole season worth it whether your team is 10-0 or 0-10.

But remember, a "breakout" in confidence is not limited to sports and little leaguers.

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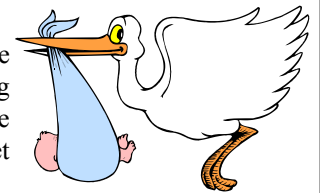
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Cy-Fair College Perspective

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Check out Courses for Ages 50 and Better - The Academy for Lifelong Learning (A.L.L.) at Cy-Fair College offers adults, 50 years and older, leisure classes, lectures and informal activities. The spring session will include classes on basic drawing, "23 things you want to know how to do on the Internet," acting for seniors, Quigong, Bible Study, The Louvre, a variety of health and fitness classes, cooking, day trips and much more. An A.L.L. annual membership fee of \$10 entitles members to free or discounted classes. Register early as classes will fill up quickly. For more information, call Janet Taber at 281-290-5991 or Twana York at 281-290-5246.

Art Exhibition Gives Voice to "I Have a Dream" Speech - Umoja, an African American student organization, and the Bosque Gallery present an art exhibition focusing on work that gives a contemporary voice to Dr. Martin Luther King's "I have a Dream" speech. This

exhibition, on display through Feb. 21, will feature community members' art as well as that of guest artist and lecturer Henry Earl Price, Art Supervisor for the Caddo Parish School Board in Louisiana. The Bosque Gallery is located in the Center for the Arts Building on the Barker Cypress campus. For gallery hours and information go to www.cy-faircollege.com/bosquegallery.

L.I.F.E. Lessons in February - The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Cy-Fair College Branch Library (Room 131.) In February, learn to play the harmonica Feb. 6, take a look at hearts and chocolate Feb. 13, find out what your handwriting reveals Feb. 20 and hear about how Hollywood depicts the American West Feb. 27. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or check the library web page online at <http://cfclibrary.nhmccd.edu>.

Spring Film Series Under Way - The Cy-Fair College Spring Film Series is a continuing education course called Film Appreciation. The series is presented at no charge. A professor or student organization at the college hosts each film and an in-depth discussion after the movie. February films include Jet Li's "Fearless" Feb. 6, "To Kill a Mockingbird" Feb. 14 and "Possibilities" Feb. 20. Registration is available at all the film events. All films are shown at the Barker Cypress campus in ART 102. For the spring schedule or information, call 281-290-3966 or go online to www.cy-faircollege.com/filmseries.

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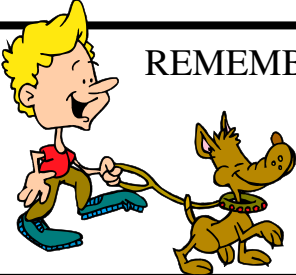
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