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NORTH/WEST HOUSTON MOCHA MOMS

*Promote Reading Amongst
African-American Kids*

Submitted by Kurchelle Piccolo, Cypress Mill Resident

On September 18, 2010, the North/West Houston Chapter of Mocha Moms will launch a literacy program, Boys Booked on Barbershops (B-BOB)/ Girls Booked on Beauty-Shops (G-BOB) at "Sassy but Classy" Salon.

B-BOB/G-BOB is a program designed to promote literacy and the importance of reading to young, African-American children. The chapter will set up and stock a reading nook at Sassy's with age-appropriate books for children to read during their regular visits to the barbershop. These naturally-occurring encounters create a great opportunity for children to read and learn while making use of their wait time. The nook will feature books by and about African-Americans, with an emphasis on topics that interest the shop's clientele.

The program aligns with the Mocha Moms' national community service initiative, "Closing the Gap on Minority Prosperity, Health and Achievement." The North/West Houston chapter has collected over 55 donated books for the event and Scholastic, which has teamed with Mocha Moms on a national level, will provide additional books. The Mocha Moms will also be on hand to discuss ways parents can support the development of reading and other literacy skills at home.

Hesma Stephens, President of the North/West Houston Chapter commented, "Painful reports have shown that despite some parent's level of education, African-American children have fewer resources available than other non-ethnic families. We are reinforcing our commitment to community by providing reading resources in social settings for boys and girls in an attempt to close the literacy gap".

The Mocha Moms anticipate over 30 families will attend the program's launch at Sassy's. The chapter plans to set up reading nooks at nine more locations at local barber and beauty-shops before year's end. Sassy's is located at South Barker Cypress Rd. (FM 1464) and Westheimer. The program will start at 11:00 a.m.

LOCAL BLUEGRASS AND OLD TIME MUSIC JAMMING

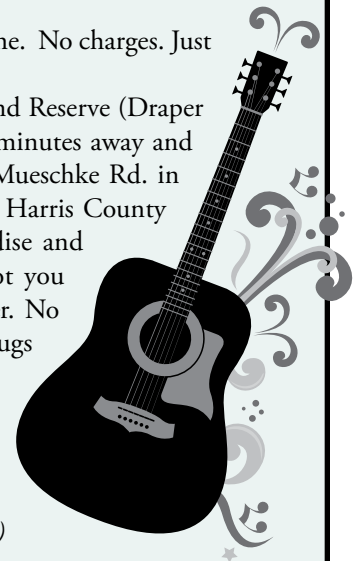
The Fairfield Bluegrass Jammers are sponsoring Bluegrass music jamming at Kleb Woods Nature Center and Preserve where the fun begins on the 4th Saturday of each month at 12 noon and where everyone is invited to pick, sing, listen, fellowship, or walk the trails and watch the beautiful birds. You will find folks with their guitars, banjos, fiddles, mandolins, bases and dobros warming up to do a little picking and singing. When the music and singing begins so does the foot tapping and fun.

The musicians from beginner to pro are having a great ole time playing this old-time music of Bill Monroe and Ralph Stanley. There are 3 types of music played – Bluegrass, Gospel, and old-time country. The listeners are so captivated by the joyful energetic music and musicians they are hearing that they also cannot help but do a little toe tapping and clapping themselves. When 4 PM arrives you find the musicians just as enthusiastic and reluctant to leave as at the beginning. The energy comes from the deep love that everyone has for the music.

Pickers and listener are welcome. No charges. Just fun Jammin or listening.

Kleb Woods Nature Center and Reserve (Draper Rd.) is located about 15 to 20 minutes away and is located on Draper Rd., off Mueschke Rd. in Tomball area. The Reserve is a Harris County Park and a bird watchers paradise and museum. From the parking lot you will walk about 200ft to the center. No selling, soliciting, alcohol, or drugs permitted. Check out Kleb Woods web-site at: www.pct3.hctx.net/parks/klebwoodsnaturepres.aspx.

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Local Bluegrass - (Continued from Cover Page)

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Questions? Email Casey Buckley at billyandcasey@yahoo.com

CYPRESS CHRISTIAN

School's New Principal



Cypress Christian School welcomes Mr. Robert White and his family as he joins the school's Senior Administration Team and serves as Elementary Principal

Mr. Robert White holds ACSI certifications as both a superintendent and as a principal,

and he has served as an elementary principal, high school principal, and head of school for a multi-campus Christian school district of over 670 students. His strong experience at every level of Christian school administration enables him to effectively lead and to help organizations achieve excellence in their mission. Mr. White's degrees include a Bachelor of Arts in Bible, a Master of Science in Educational Administration, and a Master of Ministry. Mr. White and his wife, Meredith, have three school age children: Joshua, Allison, and Benjamin. He has served in various ministry roles including Sunday School Teacher, VBS Leader, and Awana Director.

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Ambassador Council

The Ambassador Council provides leadership opportunities for the students of Cypress Christian School. This important group of students supports the school in various roles throughout the school year. Leadership workshops are held during the school year and over the summer. Admissions Director Angie Ramirez commented about the ambassadors, "Our focus is on and will continue to be on the greatest servant-leader of all time, Jesus Christ. I really enjoy working alongside the students! Thanks to the following ambassadors for excellent service!"

Fifth Grade: Olivia Crozier, Korey Cyr, Matthew Garcia, Mason Lebane, Chris Shadle, Shelby Wiley; Sixth Grade: Jacob Cyr, Emily Fredrickson, Karylina Parodi, Travis Parr, Kallie Rhea; Seventh Grade: Avery Barbisch, Kristin Beach, Ashlyn Boone, Jordan Crowhurst, Julian Logan, Andrew Rincon; Eighth Grade: Michael Boyd, Cody Callahan, Jade Harper, Amanda Swanton, Hunter Vick; Freshmen: Dillon Barbisch, Alyssa Beach, Dan Crozier, Shannen Longridge; Sophomores: Jase Clark, Lizzie Hilton; Juniors: Allison Mayo, Daniel Rodriguez; Seniors: Brian Fredrich, Alyssa Wynans



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Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Come join all the Aggie Moms in the Northwest Harris County area for a fun filled night at our "Howdy Party"! The August meeting includes an interactive evening in which you learn more about life at Aggieland, how we support our Aggie students, and also meet lots of great Aggie Moms. A wonderful group of former yell leaders will be there to help us learn more about the Aggie traditions and whoop it up!

The NW Harris County Aggie Moms supports our Aggie students through scholarships and donations to campus organizations that enrich the Texas A&M experience. We also support each other through shared experiences with our students at Texas A&M University and develop wonderful friendships.

The August meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10th at 7 pm at the Houston Distributing Company conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of 7100 High Life Drive and Cutten Road. Please check our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms.org for more information or contact Vickie Hamley at 713-466-4494. We look forward to meeting all our Aggie Moms!

Fall Aggie Mom's Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

All Aggie Moms, new, current, and former, are invited to attend our September meeting for the Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms Club. Our organization is designed to support our Aggie students through scholarships and donations to the many campus organizations. Aggie Moms support each other by sharing the joys and trials of parenting Aggie students through this important time in their lives.

You won't want to miss our first fall meeting with speaker, Jacob Robinson, the current Texas A&M University student body president. He is currently getting a degree in Public Relations and plans to graduate in 2011. His goal as president is to elevate the Aggie experience and preserve the traditions that define what it means to be an Aggie.

Please come and join us for refreshments and learn more about what Aggie students will experience at Texas A&M University. The meeting will be held at 7 pm at the Houston Distributing Company conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of 7100 High Life Drive and Cutten Road.

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Developing Healthy Eating Habits in Young Children

By Therese Thompson

Bread and Jam for Frances, written by Russell Hoban and illustrated by Lillian Hoban, is a story that resonates with parents who struggle with their children at mealtime. It's a tale about Francis, an adorable character who will only eat jam and bread. Out of desperation, Francis' mom decided to feed Frances only jam and bread at every meal. It doesn't take long for Francis to discover that mealtimes are much more delicious and interesting with various foods other than bread and jam.

As parents of a young child, mealtime can be frustrating and overwhelming – just as it was for Francis' mom. It may be tempting to add fruits and vegetables to the child's meal to trick them into eating healthier, but is not at all advisable. This behavior perpetuates a cycle of unhealthy control. When children are tricked, they can become distrustful of their parents by being deceived. As well, they won't have the opportunity to try and appreciate nutrition and enjoy healthful eating.

Fortunately, children can be taught to be healthy eaters. According to the American Dietetic Association, partnering with a child rather than critiquing will help them on the right track. By giving children choices and control over what they eat will empower them to make

better decisions. By involving children in the food selection and cooking process, they become excited and proud of what they've created.

Start early and teach by example. It's no secret that children learn by watching and copying what they see. Parents' food preferences and food-intake patterns are a big influence on what children eat. By setting an example of nutritious eating habits and providing children with repeated opportunities to sample new foods, at least some of them will be accepted.

Gardening is another way to encourage children to make good food choices. Not only is it rewarding for children and parents, it helps children make a connection with the earth. Peas, strawberries, tomatoes, zucchini and beans are simple to plant and grow, and are easy for children to harvest. These fruit and vegetable choices can also be eaten raw directly from the garden.

It's important to remember that nutrition is an essential building block for children. Healthy, active and well-nourished children are better prepared for school and are more motivated to learn. By having fun with food, children will have fun with it also.



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- Flexible commission plans

Cypress Mill Year-to-Date Sales Report

	Feb '10	Mar '10	Apr '10	May '10	Jun '10	Jul '10	Aug '10	Sep '10	Oct '10	Nov '10
\$500,000 and above	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
\$176,000--\$200,000	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$151,00--\$175,000	2	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
\$141,000--\$150,000	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$121,000--\$140,000	3	3	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	0
\$101,000--\$120,000	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$100,000 and below	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	7	5	11	6	0	0	0	0	0
Highest \$/sq ft	\$70.57	\$77.72	\$75.74	\$77.09	\$84.71	-	-	-	-	-

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