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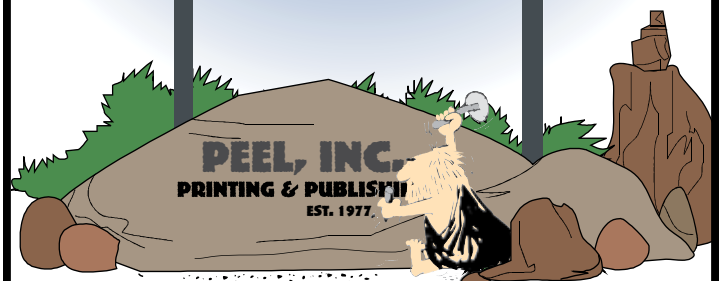
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Price Range	Under 400K	400K to 600K	Totals of All Rentals
Number of Sales	8	9	8
Avg. List Price	\$360,987	\$492,711	\$3,124
*Avg. Sales Price	\$351,916	\$478,246	\$3,074
Avg. Sq. Footage	3386	4091	3403
Avg. Price per Sq.Ft.	\$103.93	\$116.90	\$0.90
Days on Market	78	24	90
SP/LP Ratio	98%	97%	99%

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Custom Window Treatments *From Budget to Big Bucks*

Submitted by Susan Kostelecky

Custom window treatments are a decorative and functional complement to a home, and add color, texture and softness. Custom treatments can range in price from very reasonable to very expensive. If you are considering window treatments for your home, there are a number of factors to consider. Those factors are: style, budget and function.

STYLE

You can accomplish great style in any budget range. You may already have ideas that you like, from model homes or decorating magazines. You may prefer light and airy, or richly luxurious, casual or formal. If you are working with a window treatment specialist or decorator to determine what style treatments will best fit your home, it is important to discuss the budget you have allotted for this project. You may decide to focus on one room at a time, which makes it easier on your wallet and also to make decisions. Knowing your budget helps your consultant present style ideas and fabrics that will keep the project in your price range.

Some treatment styles require considerably more fabric than others, which generally means more lining and more labor. Fabrics with a very large motif (such as a large bouquet of flowers) may require more yardage in order to center or match the motif throughout the project. Treatments with deep folds or pleats require more fabric than a flat treatment. Flat does not mean boring: adding contrasting trim, banding, buttons or tassels adds interest. A flat treatment (like a roman shade, cornice or a straight valance) also lets the fabric print be seen completely. If you have fallen in love with a tulip floral print, a flat treatment showcases the tulips much better than a gathered treatment does.

If there are blinds in place, you have many choices to select from to accent your furnishings. Consider how the room is used: a bedroom might dictate room-darkening draperies to permit sleeping late on the weekends. A west-facing window might require interlining or other linings to prevent light bleed-through, fabric fading and/or rot. Silk may be interlined to add lush body, insulation and to protect the silk from the sun. A kitchen window may only need a fabric accent valance for color and interest. These are options, depending on your goals for your room.

Fabric prices vary greatly. Retail fabric stores offer a good selection, reasonable prices and can generally order fabric for you if they do not have the quantity you require. Outlet stores have very low prices, stock that changes rapidly and cannot be reordered, and may sell "second quality" fabrics that may be flawed. If the price is right, you can purchase additional yardage to offset flaws. The stock changes rapidly, and if you mull over your sample options, the fabric may no longer be available when you go to purchase it. A designer or window treatment consultant has access to the Decorative Center of Houston, which has tens of thousands of fabrics available. The selection of fabric, rods, trimmings, tassels, etc. is far beyond that found in retail locations. This is a huge benefit if you are trying to coordinate with existing fabrics in your furnishings that may be discontinued and no longer available.

Custom window treatments should reflect your taste and lifestyle, and still leave money in the bank! Make your home your personal oasis by choosing a treatment that has style and personality and fits within your budget.



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AGGIE MOMS CLUB

Aggie Moms Gather for the New School Year *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.

Check our our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms.org for important upcoming events or contact Vickie Hamley at 713-466-4494 for more information. Gig'Em Aggies!



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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.

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Girl Scouts are Recycling & Keeping Houston Beautiful!

What can you recycle?

Lots of things can be recycled. Paper, cans, plastics, and glass can all be recycled. These are just some of the things the City of Houston recycles:

- Newspapers and magazines.
- Aluminum and steel cans.
 - A soda pop can is made of aluminum.
 - A soup can is an example of a can made of steel.
 - Empty aerosol cans are ok, too, because they are made of steel.
- Plastic soft drink and detergent bottles labeled with a 1 or 2.
- Glass jars and bottles.

It's especially important to recycle paper. Cans, plastics and glasses are each less than 10% of household waste. We throw away four times that much paper. Remember to store your recyclables in the garage or in some other safe, dry area. Keep collecting them until it's recycling day at your house - when you set them out for curbside pickup or drop them off at a recycling center.

How do you prepare items for recycling?

Sort materials, rinse containers, and store in a safe, dry place. It's easy. With a little practice, it takes less than five minutes a day. Sort your materials and rinse any leftover contents from containers so your items won't begin to smell bad or attract ants and bees. Here is how the City of

Houston wants you to sort materials and get them ready to recycle.

- Newspapers: place in paper bags, stack and store.
- Cans: empty, rinse and store.
- Plastic containers: empty, rinse, flatten and store.
- Glass containers: empty and rinse. Separate by color - clear, brown, and green. Store unbroken.
- Motor oil: drain and store in a sealed container.

How does Houston recycle?

The City collects all the recyclable materials we've talked about - and many more. The City of Houston offers several recycling opportunities which include:

- Curbside program
- Wood waste recycling
- Yard waste
- Neighborhood depositories
- Household hazardous waste
- Staffed recycling hotline
- Used oil
- Consumer drive-thru facility
- Christmas tree recycling
- Office paper recycling

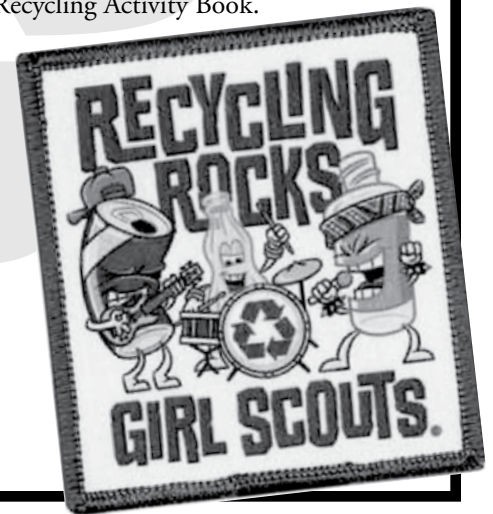
The City of Houston has set up several programs to recycle many different types of materials. But it's people, not programs that make recycling work. We have to change the way we've been throwing things out for years. When we persuade everybody to recycle, and we all work together, recycling

becomes more effective. It's up to each of us to make the effort.

So if you haven't been recycling, get started. And if you already recycle, keep saving things to reuse. Support anything that helps the environment and cuts down waste. Here is a case where everyday actions can have a direct and immediate impact on the world around us.

The answer to our garbage problem begins in our homes and at our curbside. Recycling starts with you. The City staffs a recycling hotline, call to find out what is recyclable, the proper way to dispose of trash, and where to take recyclables. The number is 713-837-0311.

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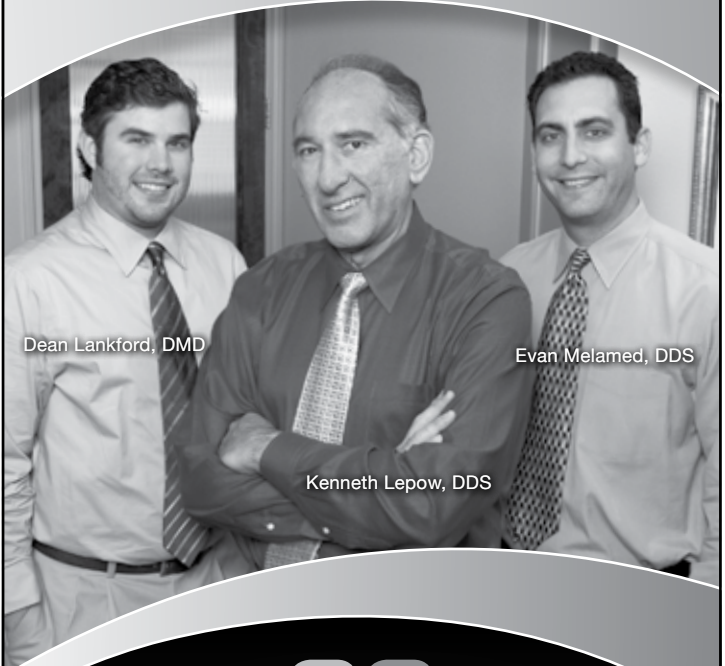
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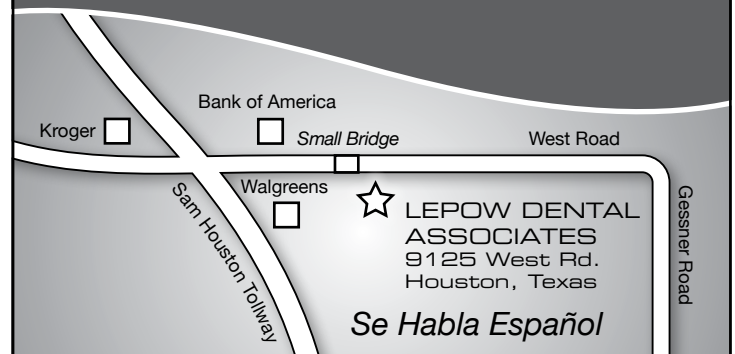
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BACK TO SCHOOL

We all remember the mixture of emotions that going back to school often brings. You're anxious and excited, but disappointed that summer's over all at the same time. Whether the sunny season was jam-packed with activities from start to finish, or filled with complaints that they were bored to tears with nothing to do, many kids of all ages have a hard time making the transition from pool to school.

BATTLING THE BUTTERFLIES

As with any new or potentially unsettling situation - be it starting school for the first time or entering a new grade or a new school - allow your child time to adjust. Remind your child that everyone feels a little nervous about the first day of school - even Mom and Dad and probably even the teacher - and that it will all become an every-day routine in no time. Emphasize the positive things about going back to school, such as hanging out with old friends, meeting new classmates, buying cool school supplies, and showing off the new fall duds (or snazzy accessories if your child has to wear a uniform).

It's also important to talk to kids about what worries them and offer reassurance: Are they afraid they won't make new friends or get along with their teachers? Is the thought of schoolwork stressing them out? Are they worried about the bully from last year?

You may want to consider adjusting your own schedule to make the transition smoother. It's especially beneficial for parents to be home at the end of the school day for the first week. But many working moms and dads just don't have that flexibility. If you can't be there when school lets out, try to arrange your evenings so that you're able to give your child as much time as he or she needs, especially during those first few days.

If your child is starting a new school, contact the school before the first day to arrange a day and time to visit. And ask if your child can be paired up with another student, or "buddy," to help your child get acquainted with the new people and surroundings, suggests the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Some schools may also provide maps that your child can carry around until things become more familiar.

To help keep kids' back-to-school butterflies at bay, try to transition your child into a consistent school-night routine 1 or 2 weeks before school starts. It's also a good idea to make sure kids:

- get enough sleep (establish a reasonable bedtime so that they'll be well-rested and ready to learn in the morning)
- eat a healthy breakfast (kids are more alert and do better in school if they eat a good breakfast every day)
- write down the need-to-know info to help them remember all of the details, such as their locker combination, what time classes and lunch start and end, their homeroom and classroom numbers, teachers' and/or bus driver's names, etc.
- use a wall calendar or personal planner to record when assignments are due, tests will be given, extracurricular practices and rehearsals will be held, etc.



- have them organize and set out what they need for the school day the night before (i.e., homework and books should be put in their backpacks by the front door, and clothes should be laid out in their bedrooms)

Although it's normal to be anxious in any new situation, a few children develop real physical symptoms, such as headaches or stomachaches, associated with the start of school. If you're concerned that your child's worries go beyond the normal back-to-school jitters, speak with your child's doctor, teacher, or school counselor.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL TO-DO'S

It's understandable for parents themselves to be a little nervous about the first day of school, especially if they're seeing their little one off for the first time or if their child will be attending a new school.

To help make going to school a little easier on both of you, the AAP has compiled a handy checklist:

WHAT TO WEAR, BRING, AND EAT:

- Does your child's school have a dress code? Are there certain things he or she can't wear?
- Will your child need a change of clothes for PE or art class?
- Does your child have a safe backpack that's lightweight, with two wide, padded shoulder straps, a waist belt, a padded back, and multiple compartments?
- Does your child know not to overload his or her backpack and to be sure it's stowed safely at home and school?
- Will your child buy lunch at school or bring it from home? If he or she buys a hot lunch, how much will it cost per day or per week? Do you have a weekly or monthly menu of what will be served?
- Have you stocked up on all of the necessary school supplies? (Letting kids pick out a new lunchbox and a set of pens, pencils, binders, etc., helps get them geared up for going back to school.)

MEDICAL ISSUES:

- Has your child received all of the necessary immunizations?
- Have you filled out any forms that the school has sent home, such as emergency contact and health information forms?
- Does the school nurse and your child's teacher know about any medical conditions your child may have, particularly food allergies,

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Quarter 2	27	21	77.7%	27	16	59.2%
Quarter 3	14	10	71.4%	20	9	45.0%
Quarter 4	20	6	30.0%	13	6	46.0%
Total	96	54	Avg: 56.9%	83	35	42.1%

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asthma, diabetes, and any other conditions that may need to be managed?

- Have you made arrangements with the school nurse to administer any medications your child might need on the first day or regularly throughout the school year?
- Does your child's teacher know about any conditions that may affect how your child learns? For example, a child with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) should be seated in the front of the room, and a child with vision problems should sit near the board.

TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY:

- Do you know what time school starts and how your child will get there?
- If your child will be riding the bus, do you know where the bus stop is and what time he or she will be picked up and dropped off?
- Do you know where the school's designated drop-off and pick-up area is?
- Are there any regulations on bicycles or other vehicles, such as scooters?
- Have you gone over traffic safety information, stressing the importance of crossing at the crosswalk (never between parked cars or in front of the school bus), waiting for the bus to stop before approaching it, and understanding traffic signals and signs?
- If your child walks or bikes to school, have you asked a friend or classmate to accompany him or her? Have you mapped out a safe route?
- If your child walks or bikes to school, does he or she understand that it's never OK to accept rides, candy, or any other type of invitation from anyone he or she doesn't know?

BUT WHAT ABOUT AFTER SCHOOL?

Figuring out where your child will go after school's out each day can be a challenge, especially if both parents work. Depending on your child's age and maturity, you may need to arrange for after-school transportation and care.

It's important for younger children and preteens to have some sort of supervision from a responsible adult after school. If you can't be there as soon as school's out, as many parents who work full-time can't, ask a reliable, responsible relative, friend, or neighbor to help out. If your child will be picked up after school, make sure he or she knows where to meet you or another caregiver.

Although it might seem like children who are approaching adolescence are becoming mature enough to start watching themselves after school, even kids as old as 11 or 12 may not be ready to be left alone. And many mature teens can be left alone in the afternoons, but it's important for parents to establish clear rules:

- Set a time when your teen is expected to arrive home from school.
- Have your teen check in with you or a neighbor as soon as he or she gets home.
- Specify who, if anyone at all, is allowed in your home when you're not there.

- Make sure your teen knows to never open the door for strangers.
- Make sure your teen knows what to do in an emergency.

To ensure that kids, both young and old, are safe and entertained after the closing bell rings, look into sending your child to an after-school program. You can choose from one with a general child-care setting to one with very specific, activity-oriented programs that will enrich, educate, and entertain your child (options range from athletic to academic to artistic). Look into the after-school choices in your area - some are run by private businesses, others are organized by the schools themselves, churches, synagogues, mosques, police athletic leagues, YMCAs, community and youth centers, and parks and recreation departments.

GETTING INVOLVED IN AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- offers kids a productive alternative to watching TV or playing video games
- provides some adult supervision when parents aren't able to be around when school lets out
- helps develop kids' interests and talents
- introduces kids to new people and helps them develop their social skills
- gives children a feeling of involvement
- keeps kids out of trouble (when unsupervised after school, children are at greater risk of being involved in crime; abusing alcohol, drugs, and tobacco; and engaging in risky sexual activity)

Be sure to look into the child-staff ratio at any after-school program (in other words, make sure that there are enough adults per child) and that the facilities are safe, indoors and out. And kids going to an after-school program should know when and who will pick them up when school lets out and when the after-school program ends.

Also, make sure after-school commitments allow your child enough time to complete school assignments. Keep an eye on your child's schedule to make sure he or she has enough time for both schoolwork and home life.

HONING IN ON HOMEWORK

Love it or hate it, homework is a very important part of the daily grind of going back to school.

To help your child get back into the scholastic swing of things:

- Make sure there's a quiet place that's free of distractions to do homework.
- Don't let your child watch TV when doing homework or studying. Set rules for when homework and studying need to be done, and when the TV can be turned on and should be turned off. The less TV, the better, especially on school nights.
- Never do your child's homework or projects yourself. Instead, make it clear that you're always available to help or answer any questions, says the AAP.
- Review your child's homework nightly, not necessarily to check up on

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Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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him or her, but to make sure your child understands everything OK.

ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO:

- develop good work habits from the get-go, like taking notes, writing down assignments, and turning in homework on time
- take his or her time with school work
- ask the teacher if he or she doesn't understand something

To ensure your child is getting the most out of school that he or she can, maintain an open channel of communication with your child's teachers by meeting with them as the school year progresses to discuss your child's academic strengths, as well as weaknesses.

Most of all, whether it's the first day of school or the last, make sure your child knows you're there to listen to his or her feelings and concerns, share in all achievements, and that you don't expect perfection - only that your child tries his or her best.

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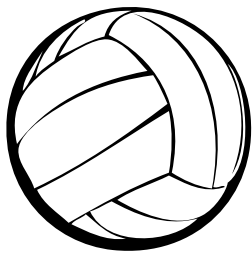


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Wildcat Band and Color Guard Casino Night and Silent Auction

On Saturday, September 25th from 7:00-11:00 p.m. the Cy-Woods Band will be hosting their fifth annual Casino Night at Cypress Woods High School. This annual event is not only to raise funds for the band and color guard, but also to have fun with friends and family. Ages 12 and up can participate. Play to win a great prize in our Texas Hold'em Tournament! You don't want to miss the fabulous Silent Auction and grand prize drawings! Come join the fun and help support the Wildcat Band and Color Guard. For more information visit the band website at www.cywoodsband.org.



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VolleyBall Tryouts will be held the first week of August.

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Cy-Woods Crimson Cadettes Drill Team

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9TH GRADE: Saturday, August 14, 2010, 8:00A-11A
(9th Grade Meeting at 8:00A in the Auditorium)

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WHAT IS BUS BUDDIES?

Bus Buddies is a partnership between the Cy-Fair community and Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District to provide assistance to elementary students to help them in getting off the bus at the correct location. The program requires one "Bus Buddy" per elementary bus the first three days of school. The approximate time commitment is from 2:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. on August 23, August 24 and August 25. Duties include assisting the bus driver with getting the children off the bus at their correct stops.

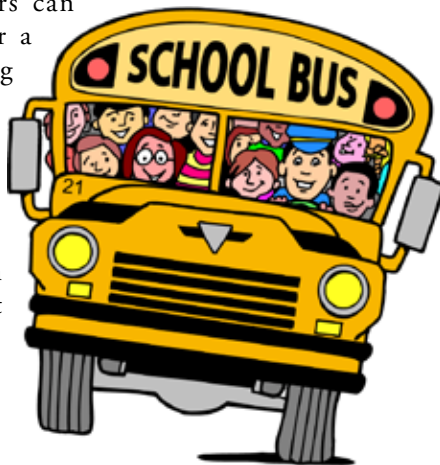
WHAT IS REQUIRED?

- (1) Attend one of the training sessions, if not previously trained.
- (2) Arrive and sign in at your assigned school where campus staff will assist you.
- (3) Enjoy helping the kids and driver!

Training Sessions will be held at The Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Rd., Cypress, TX. on Monday, Aug. 16 (9:30 – 10:30 a.m.), Tuesday, Aug. 17 (7:30 – 8:30 a.m.) and Wednesday, Aug. 18 (6:30 – 7:30 p.m.).

The Partners in Education (PIE) department is looking for Bus Buddy support similar to the 2009-10 school year when approximately 400 volunteers in the Cy-Fair community rode buses to assist the nearly 9000 riders and their drivers.

Interested volunteers can RSVP and register for a training session by visiting <http://www.cfisd.net> and selecting Bus Buddies. For additional information about the program, please contact the CFISD Partners in Education Department at 281-894-3949.



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Are you ready for a road trip? People in the United States will take millions of trips this year — many of them traveling by car. The most popular treks are trips to the beach, visits to friends and family, and scenic drives. A scenic drive means there's something to see while you're driving, like an ocean, mountains, or a beautiful valley.

But sometimes when you're on the road, there isn't a whole lot to look at. For those times, you'll need to keep yourself busy. Here are some ideas:

- Bring a small map or road atlas. Use stickers to track your family's progress.
- Create a trip box that includes stickers, pipe cleaners, pens, paper, and anything else you want to have on hand.
- Draw. You can draw what's outside your window or make a game out of it by drawing a picture of someone that you know and making everyone guess who it is.
- Start writing in a trip journal and keep track of what you do each day on your vacation. Add photos later.
- Read aloud — a scary story or a mystery are great choices.

- Make up your own story and draw the illustrations to go with it.
- Listen to a book on tape or CD.
- Listen to music.
- Sing silly songs that you might be too old for, like "Old MacDonald," "B-I-N-G-O," and "She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain" — or even Christmas songs if you're in the mood. For added fun, make up your own silly songs with your family's help.
- Snooze.
- Play "I Spy."
- Play the license plate game by trying to spot as many different states as you can.
- Play "20 Questions."
- Play travel games, such as checkers, that have magnetic pieces that won't slip off the board.
- Play the "My Favorite" game by picking your top five songs, books, ice cream flavors, sports heroes, etc.
- Have a spelling bee or trivia contest. Bring index cards to write down words or questions.
- Don't fight with your brother or sister!

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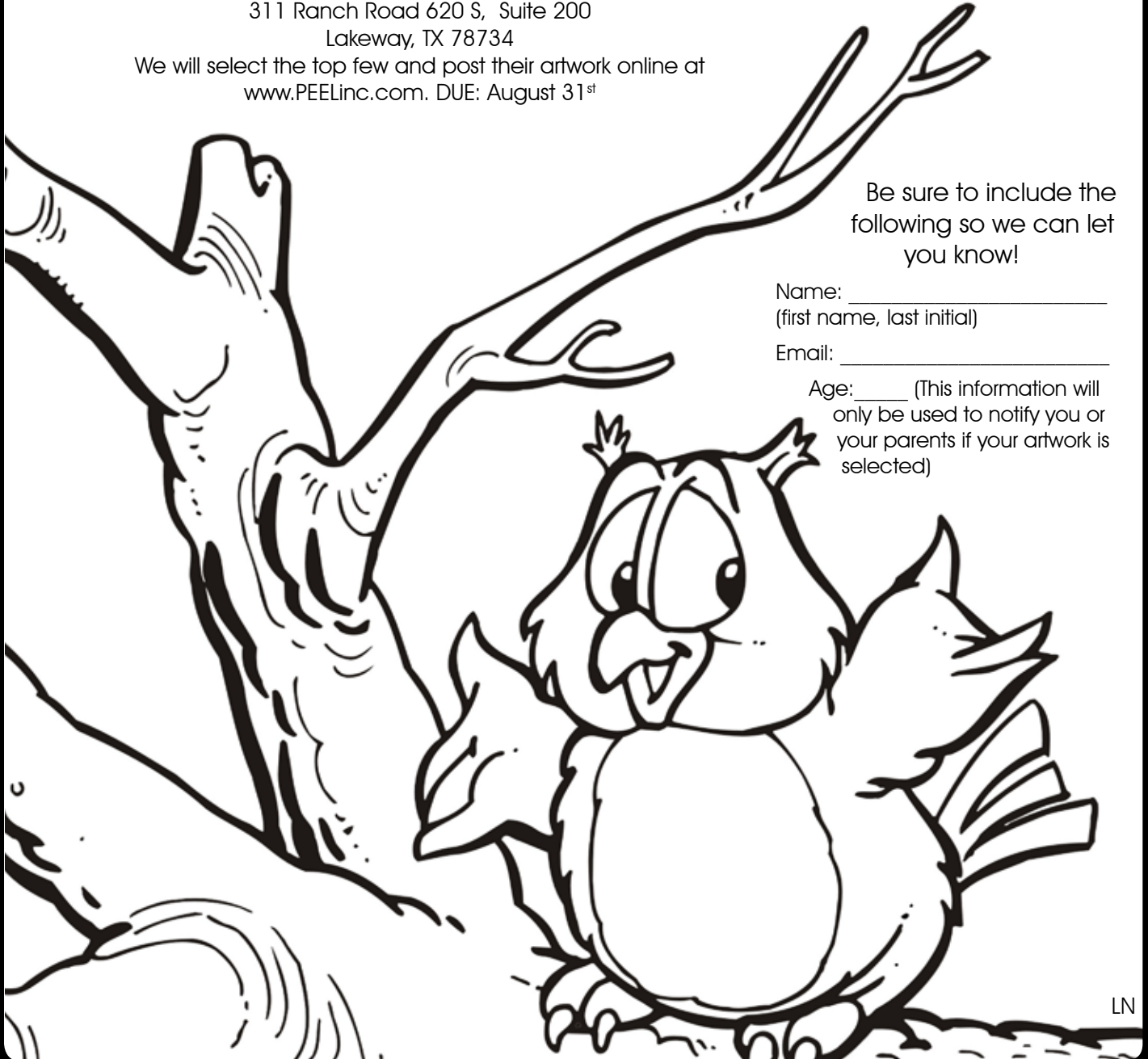
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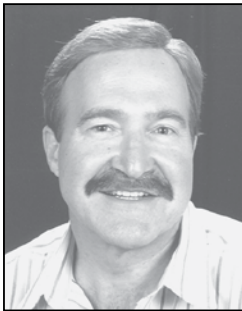
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