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Cy-Ranch High School FFA Booster Club



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2010

Cypress Ranch High School Parking Lot Cooking Begins at 9:00 AM and Judging Begins at 2:05 PM



The Cypress Ranch FFA Booster Club would like to invite the surrounding Cypress communities to come out and enjoy a fun-filled day of GREAT CHILI TASTING, GOOD OLE FASHIONED GAMES and of course, CHILI COOK-OFF JUDGING!

GAMES BEGIN AT 9:00 AM

CHILI TASTING BEGINS AFTER ALL CHILI HAS BEEN TURNED INTO THE JUDGES - 2:05 PM

ENTRANCE FEE

(Includes Chili Tasting) \$5.00 per Person; Children under 10 are Free (All proceeds benefit the Cypress Ranch FFA Booster Club)

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

ATTENTION CFISD Students, Parents, Staff: If you are a CFISD FFA and/or 4-H Member or Parent; a CRHS Student; Parents of a CRHS Student or CRHS Staff Member, you may enter the Chili Cook-off! Please go to the FFA Booster Club website at: Cyranchffa.com for an Entry Form and view the Rules, Requirements & Guidelines.

Please feel free to contact Donna Wilson at pointeofgrace?@aol.com with any questions.

SEEYOU AT THE RANCH!

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Cypress Ranch Mustang Band

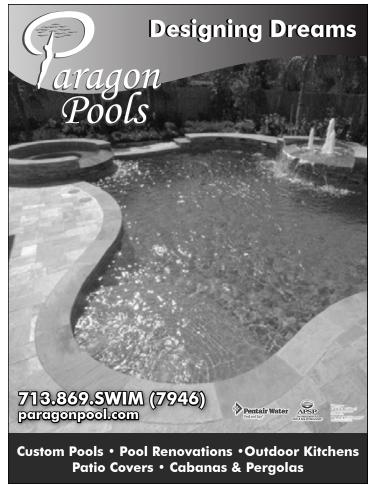
Drive-Thru Dinner

AVOID THE ROAD TRIP! GET YOUR ROADHOUSE DINNER AT THE RANCH! THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2010 4:30 PM TO 6:30 PM

Once again the Cypress Ranch High School Mustang Band will be serving up the famous Texas Roadhouse rib or chicken dinner. Join us for a delicious Drive-Thru Dinner. Texas Roadhouse will provide either a half slab of ribs OR 80z BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans plus those wonderful rolls with cinnamon butter for only \$11! You also get a bag of peanuts with each order and a coupon for a free "Cactus Blossom" appetizer

But wait... it gets BETTER!!

Texas Roadhouse will be in the Cypress Ranch High School parking lot behind the Auditorium in the Band Hall parking lot grilling this dinner for you and your family. Beginning at 4:30 pm, drive thru the parking lot and someone will bring your Texas Roadhouse order directly to your car. It's that simple! So place your order today!!! Order forms due October 14!!!

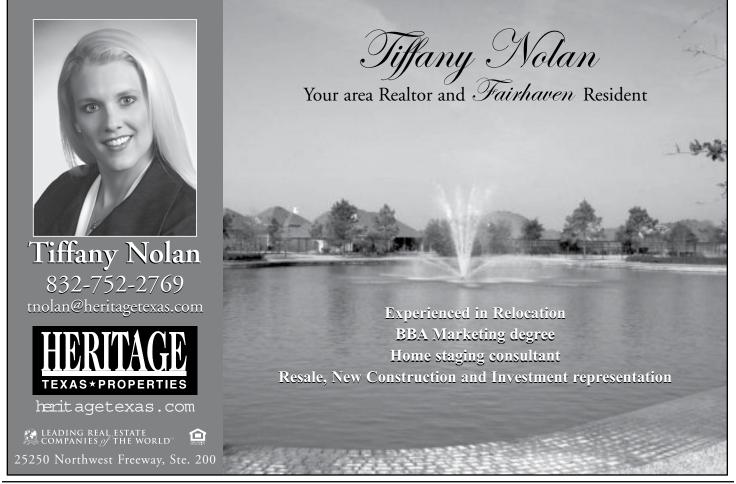




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Cypress Ranch Mustang Band Drive-Thru Dinner Order Form

Name	Student	's Name				
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School is underway and so is the planning for Project Prom 2011! In April 2010, the newly elected Executive Committee was chosen and they quickly began planning what is expected to be one of the best Project Proms ever. Here's the inside skinny for what is about to unfold. Be sure to mark your calendars!

MONTHLY MEETINGS THIS FALL

Join us on September 27th, October 25th and November 29th. All general meetings are held at Cy-Fair HS Cafeteria and begin at 7pm. You'll have a chance to learn about Project Prom Points. Earn Project Prom Points just for attending!

FUNDRAISERS

Project Prom relies solely on the efforts of Senior Parents and the surrounding community for funding and resources. The Executive Committee has decided to continue to use the same methods and events that have proven to be successful in the past. We hope that you will consider joining us in our efforts to raise money for this event. There are a number of

opportunities for parents, seniors, and folks from the community to join in on!

- We will be working an Aramark concessions booth at all the Texans Football games. For more information, contact Brett Bidinger at brett@bidingerdesign.com.
- Homecoming is October 2nd. We will be selling Homecoming Mums & Garters. A limited number will be sold so be sure to submit your order! Order forms can be found at www. cyfairprojectprom.org.
- Casino Night is a fun filled night of fellowship, dancing, and best
 of all gambling! Mark your calendars and save the date for Nov.
 14th You definitely won't want to miss out! This is a major

fundraiser and we are in great need of volunteers to help make this night a success. For more information, contact Karen Geisler at cfprojectprom@yahoo.com.

 The holidays will soon be upon us. We would appreciate your support in our annual Christmas Wreath Fundraiser. For more information, contact Michelle Leech at cfprojectprom@yahoo. com.

S.I.T = STAY IN TOUCH

The best ways to keep up with the fast moving train of CF Project Prom 2011 are to subscribe to our newsletter and by visiting our website. Please complete a Parent Information Form (located on the Forms page) on our website at www.cyfairprojectprom.org or simply send an email with your name, your student's name and your telephone no. to cfprojectprom@yahoo.com.

Project Prom is not financially supported by CFISD. It is a private non-profit event run by concerned parents supported in effort by the staff of Cy-Fair HS. The purpose of Project Prom is to provide a drug and alchohol-free overnight lock-party for the graduating seniors and their guests after their prom. private non-profit event run by concerned parents and supported in effort by the staff of Cy-Fair HS.





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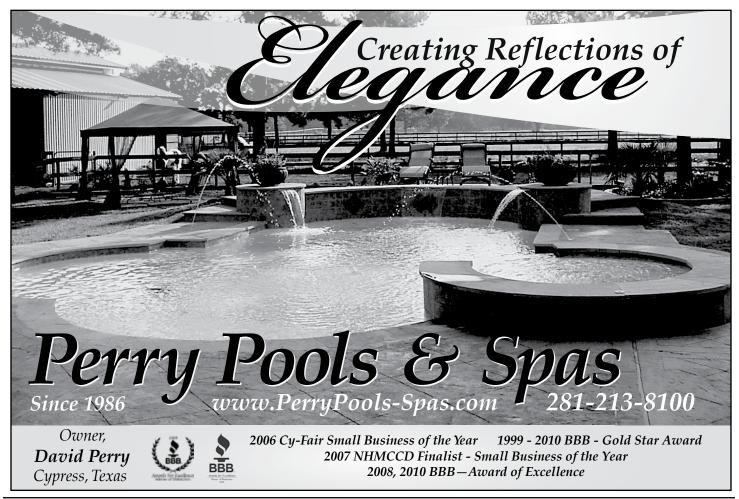
Some have asked, "When the stock market is in a downturn, would it not be a good practice to increase contributions to your investment accounts, thus buying more shares at a lower price? And when the market has provided a high return, would it not make sense to scale back contributions, buying fewer shares at the higher price?"

Yes, and of course this is the essence of what investors wish to do, namely buy low and sell high. But what is an actual practice which will force you to do it? After all, putting money into the market when the market is down can give a person a queasy feeling. Yet it is that very behavior which investors need to cultivate if they are ever to sell high. Enter value averaging (also known as dollar value averaging). VA refines the practice of dollar-cost averaging, which is more widely known. Either technique helps you reduce risk because you are buy shares at a variety of prices throughout the year instead of buying all the shares at a single price. When prices are dear, you buy fewer and when they go on sale you buy more.

VA is good because you start with a goal in mind of how much you can invest and an expected rate of return. Example: You wish to accumulate \$450,000 over the next 20 years. If you figure you can earn an annualized 8 percent, then you would need to put away about \$820

per month. You can then chart your progress month by month towards that goal. Now let's look at the "value" part of value averaging. Assume at the end of the first year, instead of having the \$9,840 you should have to be on track toward your goal, a downturn in the markets leaves you with just \$9,500.

That would mean that the next month, instead of investing your usual \$820, you would invest an additional \$340 to bring your portfolio's value to where it should have been to remain on track toward your goal. In fact, you would go through this process each month. In months where you fall behind, you would add to the amount you invest each month. And in months where your returns are higher than expected and your portfolio's value gets beyond where it needs to be, you would scale back your monthly investment, or even possibly end up selling some shares and removing money. The VA discipline forces you to buy when low and buy less (or sell) when high. While it's not perfect the approach makes sense for many families. The biggest benefit to VA is that it provides a reason and a discipline for saving. Most families are not saving enough to cover their future needs. Source: Michael Edleson, Harvard Business School; CNN; The Intelligent Asset Allocator by William Bernstein. - Submitted by Rich Keith



CY-FAIR ISD & VOLUNTEERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS (VIPS):

"¿Volunteer"

"iVolunteer"! Do you? Or a better question would be "Do you want to volunteer?" And if the answer is "yes" or even "maybe", here's the perfect group for you. VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools) in Cy-Fair ISD center the attention of their service on supporting students and staff and making a significant contribution to the education of children. These dedicated individuals, who give freely of their time and resources, impact the academic and personal development of Cy-Fair ISD students. Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is fortunate to be able to draw from a diversity of skills and knowledge in its community.

The district VIPS Executive Board spearheads the business of the VIPS. This board is comprised of volunteers elected to take on specific responsibilities offering support, guidance, and training to all volunteers in the district. The VIPS Executive Board meets monthly to evaluate and address the needs of the district and distribute information relating to volunteer and community activities and strengthen parental involvement in education.

If you are interested in being involved at Cy-Fair schools as a volunteer and making a difference, or would like more information, please contact Pam Scott, Partners in Education Director at 281-894-3950.

The VIPS Executive Board invites all volunteers, PTO & booster club members, parents, mentors, VIPS Coordinators & Liaisons, staff and community members to join us for our 20th Annual VIPS Fall Conference.

Download Tuesday, October 19, 2010 to your calendar and make plans to join us at The Berry Center from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to attend a variety of informative sessions and network with volunteers, staff and community members from across the area.

Newly added Fall Conference "apps" include:

How To Deal With Prickly People, Lone Star College Library Services for Secondary Students, Adopt-a-School Partnerships, Preparing Fast & Delicious Meals - Menu, Shopping to Table, Teen Dilemmas, Multicultural Programs, CyFair Magazine Sharing Professional Communication Tips, and more! There will be something for everyone. We have a fantastic keynote speaker scheduled to conclude the day you won't want to miss!

Registrations will be available in the schools and in the Partners in Education department. The minimal registration fee of \$10 will cover breakfast, a full hot lunch and all workshop materials. Reservations will be required. This is an adult only conference.

October 2010 Upcoming Events

October 8: Multicultural Meeting – 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Berry Center

Open to all CFISD school staff, volunteers, parents and community members. The purpose of the CFISD Multicultural Committee is to raise the level of cultural understanding and respect by sharing information with the CFISD community to encourage cultural sensitivity and parental involvement to strengthen student success.

October 19: Fall Conference – 8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., Berry Center

A day of informative workshops is offered to volunteers, staff, parents and community members designed to support the work of volunteers in all district schools. Registration forms are available in schools and in the PIE dept.

October 20:Vision Certification Training 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Berry Center

Become a State certified trained volunteer to assist your CFISD school in vision testing for the students. Please RSVP to your school nurse by October 15.

October 21: Hearing Certification Training - 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Berry Center

Become a State certified trained volunteer to assist your CFISD school in hearing testing for the students. Please RSVP to your school nurse by October 15.

October 26: Junior Achievement Volunteer Training – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Berry Center

The purpose of Junior Achievement is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, understand business and economics, and be workforce ready.

How to register for training

With the exception of Hearing and Vision Certification, register for training by emailing the PIE office at vipsrsvp@cfisd. net. Provide your name and the name and date of the training you wish to attend. Registration is required to guarantee a seat and training materials. Adults only please.

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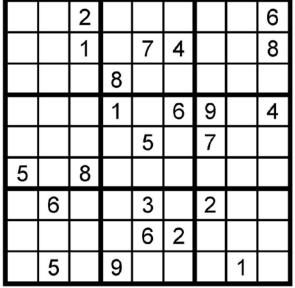
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Sudoku

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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	Crossword Puzzle												
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