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NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF CYPRESS MILL

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LOCAL BLUEGRASS and OLD TIME MUSIC JAMMING

Bluegrass music jamming in Cypress (Fairfield Subdv.) is growing. We are just about to out-grow our house. We enjoy the Jamming and camaraderie so much that we don't mind being a little crowded. All pickers are invited to get that instrument out of the attic, clear your throat, get some songs you want to play/work-on, and come, join the circle and have fun. If you would like to just listen, we would be happy to see you also.

The typical format for the jam is, after everyone tunes their instrument, each person in the circle, in turn, may either suggest a tune for the group to play or pass to the next person. The person that suggests the tune may either lead the singing or ask someone else to lead the singing if they are not comfortable leading. The lead singer gets to select the musical key for the song. If the tune is an instrumental, then the person that suggests the tune announces the key and starts (kicks-off) the playing. Other instruments take turns playing a portion of the tune (called taking a "break" or a "ride"). Sometimes the tune is ended by all playing the tune together. The signal used by the leader to communicate the approaching end of the song is to kick up one foot. To ensure a good time is had by all, being considerate of each person in the jam is very important. For example, a considerate jammer will try to blend in with the others by keeping the established tempo, not singing or playing too loud, and giving others adequate space and a chance to play.

In our jam, players may bring their song lyrics, chords, and music stands. In some more advanced jams, the players typically know their tunes "by heart" and music sheets aren't used. However, as tunes are repeated over a period of time, many of our jammers have memorized them, and that is a good thing. If you listen close you will hear "that was a good lick," or "boy you nailed that one."

Most of the time our trips are based on when and where Tony can find a Bluegrass Jam or Festival. He manages to find them all. Even our professor son will accompany him when we are in Arizona. I guess that is a little togetherness.

We have added an interesting new venue for our Jammers. The Jam will be at Spring Creek BBQ in Cypress on the 2nd and 4th Monday of April and May at 6:30 to 9: pm and we will meet in Fairfield on the 1st and 3rd Monday, from 7: to 9:30 PM of April and May. We will give you the rest of the dates for 2011 later. For more information please call: 281-373-1777. Come a little early and have some great BBQ with us.



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- 4 eggs 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups plus 2 level Tbsp. flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt

Mix oil, chocolate, & sugar. Blend in one egg at a time until well mixed. Add vanilla. Stir flour, baking powder, and salt into oil mixture. Chill several hours. Drop teaspoon of dough rolled into small balls into powdered sugar. Place 2" apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes at 350 °. Do not overbake!

CRIMSON CADETTE DRILL TEAM DANCE CLINIC

Cypress Woods High School
16925 Spring Cypress Rd.
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The Cy-woods Crimson Cadettes Drill Team will host their 6th annual dance clinic for K-12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on August 10-12. This is a major fund-raiser for the team and enables them to participate in activities throughout the 2011-2012 school year. The fee is \$55 and includes dance technique, specially choreographed routines for each age group, a t-shirt, drinks and snacks each day and a picture for each participant. Showoffs will be held the last day at 11:30 a.m. For more information email goodsonms@comcast.net or check out our website at www.crimsoncadettes.com. On the website, you will find a sign-up form and a link to PayPal for easy payment.


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Event: Cy-Fair Express Network Monthly
Networking Luncheon
When: May 26, 2011
Time: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Where: Houston National Golf Club
16500 Houston National Blvd
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Networking and Professional Enrichment Luncheon

Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN) invites you to their monthly networking luncheon featuring an exciting professional enrichment opportunity from Sandler Training entitled, "No Guts, No Gain!" Admission is \$40 with advance reservations and \$50 at the door (includes lunch). Please make reservations online by May 20 @ www.cyfen.org or call Darlene Hajduk @ 713-939-9730.

CYFEN's mission is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition.



WRAP 2011 planning is underway! WRAP is Cy-Woods High School's parent-driven Project Prom organization. The purpose of WRAP is to provide a drug- and alcohol-free all-night party for the graduating seniors and their guests after their prom. This year WRAP will be held at ITZ on May 27, 2011, as an overnight lock-in party, it is a fun-filled evening of shows, games, activities, food, gifts and prizes!

Have you filled out your Parent Information Form yet? We need this to get you on our e-mail list!

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What if your world was torn apart when abuse or neglect in your home resulted in you and your siblings being permanently removed from your parents, your neighborhood and your school! What would you have to hold on to? Well, for many children who are subject this kind of life wrenching event, they only have their siblings for stability. If they end up being available for adoption from the foster care system, the last thing they would want is to be separated from their siblings.

Such is the case for the Williams children. This group of four brothers and sisters is full of love and energy, and they want a family that is committed to loving them and giving them a safe home. They have close relationships to one another and they enjoy being together. These children are very protective of their siblings, and they want a family that will keep all of them together. They hope for a family that will love them and make them their "forever children".

Cleo, age 14, is a very quiet youth that likes to play both with his siblings and by himself. Cleo is in 9th grade, and receives special education services through his school. He likes to play sports and play outside with other kids. He is involved in the athletics program through his school.

Cleopatra, age 13, is a reserved child that takes time to warm up to others. She loves all of her siblings very much, but she also likes to argue with them. She prefers to be called "Patra", and she has a fun sense of style.



She is very into fashion and being different from everyone else. Patra does pretty well in school with her grades, but she does have some struggles with accepting criticism. She attends regular classes and doesn't require special education services.

Natasha, age 12, is also a quiet child, but she loves to talk once she feels comfortable with you. She has a beautiful smile, and she loves her siblings very much. She is the most expressive among the siblings with how much she loves them. She is very artsy, and she likes to draw different things. She is hopeful for a

forever family, and she just wants to be loved. She is in regular classes at school and doesn't require special education services.

Isaiah, age 6, is in Kindergarten and doesn't require special education services. He is a very outgoing child that loves to go full force at all times. Being outside and playing with everyone is what he loves to do. He is full of energy and is constantly on the go. He likes to play with his siblings, but he is also happy playing by himself.

These children need a family that can care for and support them and allow them to continue visits with their two younger siblings who have been adopted by relatives. Perhaps your family could be their "Forever Family".

Adopting a child from the foster care system requires little or no cost to the adoptive family and funding may be available to help the adoptive family support the child or sibling group.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Berka, Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter, Adoption Coalition of Texas at 512-450-8750 or email at stephanieberka@adopttexas.org

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Every school should plan to send their VIPS Liaison and incoming VIPS Coordinators to the Spring Workshop. A variety of workshops will be offered covering everything you need to know to kick off a successful volunteer program in 2011-2012. There will be many opportunities to network with other schools and to share ideas on how to make the next school year the best ever at your school. Mark your calendars now to share in this fun-filled and rewarding day! Look for details about workshops in the coming weeks. New and experienced volunteer liaisons, coordinators, chairpersons, officers and all interested volunteer leaders are encouraged to attend. The CFISD VIPS Spring Workshop is being held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Berry Center. To attend this event, please email your name and name of your school to vipsrsvp@cfisd.net. For more information, please contact the Partners in Education Office at 281-894-3950. This is an adult only event.

Volunteer Appreciation

Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District honored its district and state volunteer and business partner award winners during the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 13, 2011. The award winners were nominated by various schools in the district at which the volunteers and business partners donate their time and were anonymously judged by a panel of business partners and community members. These extraordinary men and women were first selected as our district award winners and then competed against others in their categories from large districts at the state level. The state award winners were recognized by the Texas Association of Partners in Education during their annual conference held in Austin at the State Awards Dinner on January 31.

The Award Winners Were As Follows:

- **Community Partnership, Academic Impact District Award** – Hemmenway Helpers – Sampson Elementary Volunteers.
- **Event District Award** – Lowery Elementary School Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Carnival

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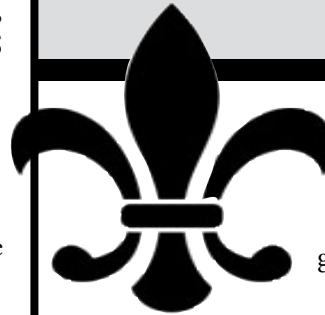
- **Business Partnership, Academic Impact District Award** – Caterpillar Global Petroleum – Holbrook Elementary School Partner
- **Individual Partnership, Role Model District and State Gold Award** – Leah Peroutek – Adam Elementary School Volunteer
- **Individual Partnership, Wisdom District and State Gold Award** – Don Bradford – Lamkin Elementary School Volunteer
- **Business Partnership, Career Education District and State Gold Award** – Mustang Engineering, L.P. – Watkins Middle School Partner
- **Community Partnership, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) District and State Crystal Award** – VIPS TAG (Target Achievement Globally) Team

The district congratulates these distinguished individuals and businesses for their awards and accomplishments and thanks them for their devoted service to the students who attend our schools. And to every volunteer in our district, we celebrate each of you for the service you provide our students and staff all throughout the year.

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Of course, taken to the extreme, the financial challenges of some state and local governments could conceivably affect their ability to fulfill the payment obligations on their municipal bonds. But investment-grade quality municipal bond default rates historically have been very low, especially when compared to those of corporate bonds. And municipalities are cutting spending, eliminating nonessential programs and, in some cases, raising taxes or fees. In short, they are taking steps that, while potentially painful to residents, are likely to help them continue making timely payments of interest and principal on their municipal bond obligations. Furthermore,



municipalities must still fund various projects, and even one bond payment default could impact their future ability to borrow money in the form of new municipal bonds.

So are munis right for you? The answer depends on your situation — your goals, need for investment income, current investment mix, risk tolerance and so on. But if you want to receive interest payments that are exempt from federal taxes, you may well be interested

in exploring municipal bonds. Keep in mind, though, that municipal bonds may be subject to state and local taxes and the alternative minimum tax (AMT).

In addition, you'll want to be familiar with "taxable-equivalent yield." Typically, municipal bonds pay an interest rate that's lower than those paid by taxable bonds. Since this interest is free from federal taxes, however, the rate may not be as low as it appears. The taxable-equivalent yield measures the rate you'd have to earn on a taxable bond to match the income from a tax-exempt municipal

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bond. And the higher your tax bracket, the higher your taxable-equivalent yield.

Suppose that you're in the 35% marginal tax bracket, and you are considering a tax-exempt municipal bond with a 3.33% yield. You simply divide 3.33% (0.0333 in decimal form) by 1 minus 0.35 (your tax bracket), which would give you 0.0512, or 5.12%. In this tax bracket, a muni with a 3.33% yield is equivalent to a taxable bond with a 5.12% yield. (This example is for illustration purposes only.)

Keep in mind that, before investing in bonds, you should understand the risks involved, including interest rate risk, credit risk and market risk. Bond investments are subject to interest rate risk such that when interest rates rise, the prices of bonds can decrease, and you can lose principal value if the investment is sold prior to maturity. So it's best to discuss municipal bonds with your financial and tax advisors.

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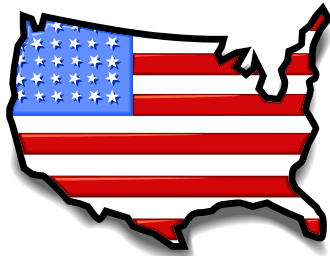
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	Jun '10	Jul '10	Aug '10	Sep '10	Oct '10	Nov '10	Dec '10	Jan '11	Feb '11	Mar '11
\$500,000 and above	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$176,000--\$200,999	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$151,000--\$175,999	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
\$141,000--\$150,999	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0
\$121,000--\$140,999	4	1	1	2	3	3	4	0	1	2
\$101,000--\$120,999	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
\$100,999 and below	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	4	5	2	4	3	4	3	3	4
Highest \$/sq ft	\$84.71	\$73.16	\$68.41	\$70.66	\$74.85	\$70.77	\$69.66	\$66.00	\$53.97	\$51.00

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