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It's All About the Students! *from a volunteer's view*

It was barely 8:00 in the morning on Friday, Oct. 14th. They were beginning to arrive. Upon checking in; name badges were handed out along with a bright red folder full of the day's agenda and the conference material. There was even an eco-friendly tote bag full of coupons and goodies generously donated by local area businesses. The room was huge and full of tables decorated with bright paper blocks spelling out the main part of this year's theme. "Teamwork".

This was the annual VIPS Fall Conference held by the CFISD VIPS Executive Board at the Berry Center in Cypress. The schedule was full. It consisted of everything from learning how to turn a popsicle stick into a fun treat for a teacher or volunteer to tips on helping our students handle stress. The attendees could choose from a variety of 50 minute sessions that covered topics such as: Internet Safety, Reaching Out to Diverse Volunteers, Guidelines and Best Practices for Fundraising and even Taking Care of Your Personal Health While Maintaining a Busy Lifestyle.

Something was most impressive about this conference to one volunteer. This audience of 200 plus was comprised of men and women, volunteers and school staff - not limited to Cy-Fair ISD. There were 4 other area districts represented at this conference: Alief ISD, Fort Bend ISD, Houston ISD and Spring ISD. The current budget environment has left our school districts vying to be first in line for every resource of financial and physical support they can find. But for one day in October, the district boundary lines came down. There was no competition. There was no hidden agenda.

Despite the traffic and everyday challenges, educators and volunteers from schools all over our county came together for a common purpose: improving their volunteer program thereby affecting the students in a positive way. This was simply an opportunity to attend an event that focused on several different areas of how to build on their volunteer resources in order to enhance the children's education.

While that volunteer sat looking out over the diverse crowd; she couldn't help but see a universal theme, "Yes, in this room, it's truly all about the students".



Fairbanks Library Friends Host *"Books, Etc., Sale"*

The Friends of the Fairbanks Public Library will be hosting a "Books, Etc., Sale" on Saturday, December 3, from 10 am-3 pm. There will be a wonderful selection of items that look brand new. They include hardback books, children's books, VHS tapes (including favorite animated movies), DVDs, and other items. Nothing will be priced over \$3.00. Everyone is invited to stop by for the terrific bargains. It's a great opportunity to shop for affordable gifts. All proceeds benefit the Fairbanks Library and help provide funding for library programs and materials.

Anyone wanting to donate items that are in good condition can drop them off any time the library is open. Donations to the Friends of the Library can be reported as charitable contributions. The library's hours are Monday 1 pm-9 pm, Tuesday - Thursday 10 am-6 pm, Friday 1 pm-6 pm, and Saturday 10 am-5 pm. The library is located at 7122 N. Gessner, near the intersection of N. Gessner and W. Little York. For directions, please call the library at (713) 466-4438.

Who: Friends of the Fairbanks Public
Library Harris County Public
What: Book, Etc., Sale
When: Saturday, December 3, 2011
10 am - 3 pm
Where: 7122 North Gessner
Houston, Texas 77040
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Kick Off the New Year With NWHC Aggie Moms' Club 2012

"Kick Off" the new year with the NWHC Aggie Moms. Attend our New Year's meeting Tuesday, January 10th at 7 pm. The Aggie Moms' Club is finalizing details for a truly special January speaker. We're excited to share this experience with Aggie Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Alumni and students. Check us out at www.nwhcaggie moms.org.



Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at the Houston Distributing Company, Inc. at 7100 High Life Drive and Cutten Road near SH 249. Come join area Aggie Moms for networking, fellowship, drink, food, and fun! The NWHC Aggie Moms' Club brings area Aggie Moms together to support Aggie students with scholarships and donations to student run organizations at Texas A&M University.

Shop our Aggie Moms Boutique (located at our meetings) where you can find "one of a kind" Aggie gift items. Our beautiful, Traditions Pillow is professionally embroidered with memory icons that will warm the heart of any Aggie and is only available from the Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms.

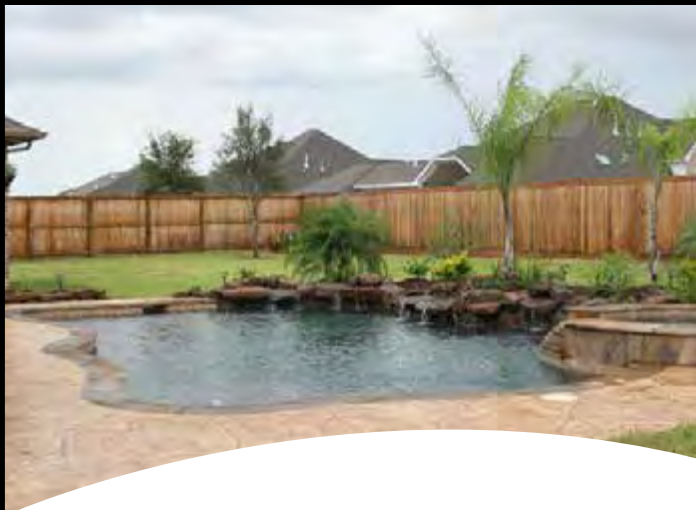
We love to give away MONEY to Aggie students. Scholarships are our purpose and any Aggie student in our service area can submit an application. Review the eligibility requirements on our web site TODAY. The application deadline is FEBRUARY 7, 2012 (postmarked). Last year NWHC Aggie Moms' Club awarded over \$11,000 in scholarships and \$1,200 in book awards to future and current Aggie students.

Aggie Recording Artist, Kimberly Dunn will be at our annual spring fundraiser "Boots 'N Whoops!" Aggie or not, this is a concert you don't want to miss. Purchase tickets today for this private performance.



Sunday, April 22, 2012 at Red River Dance Hall (SH 249).

If you have an Aggie student in your life, you need NWHC Aggie Moms. To keep up with all we do, like our FACEBOOK and visit our web page at www.nwhcaggie moms.org.



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Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN)

Event:.....Cy-Fair Express Network Monthly Networking Luncheon
When:December 15, 2011
Time:11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Where:Houston National Golf Club
16500 Houston National Blvd
Houston, TX 77095

NETWORKING AND BUSINESS LUNCHEON

Cy-Fair Express Network invites you to their monthly meeting and luncheon. Bring plenty of business cards for networking. Please make reservations online by December 9 @ www.cyfen.org or contact Melissa Rotholz @ 713-256-9569.

For the December meeting we will be having our annual gift exchange and collecting gifts for Child Advocates, Inc.

Our 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.

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Christ Church Performing Arts Company would like to invite you to share in a fun and entertaining show that celebrates the Christmas Spirit, "Sendin' Out Love".

"Sendin' Out Love" a Children's Musical about a Card Factory Management Team and the debut of their new Christmas Card Line, is full of Broadway style songs and dance numbers that will delight your heart.

We have Two Shows on Sunday Dec 11th, at 9:00 and 11:00. At Christ Church HNW, 16333 Meuschke, 2 miles north of 290. CCPAC was born out of a desire to establish a place for students to develop their creative gifts and abilities in the performing arts, and at the same time, provide excellent entertainment for our families and community. The majority of the students in this, our first show, are Elementary and Middle School Students from Fairfield, and some from the surrounding Cypress area. For more information, visit our website at christchurchhnw.com or call Juliet Geil 760-696-6384.

Cypress Ranch High School Orchestras

Submitted by Elizabeth Ledford

The Cypress Ranch High School Orchestras present a Winter Concert and Silent Auction Thursday, December 8. Silent Auction will begin at 5:30 PM in the CRHS Commons. A concert of holiday favorites and winter-inspired selections will follow at 7:30 PM in the Auditorium. Come with your family and friends and get into the spirit of the season! 10700 Fry Rd, Cypress 77433

Attention! Houston Northwest Area Delta Gamma Alumnae

Our annual Holiday Open House is set for December 17, 11:00 - 1:00 at the home of Janet Sanov - 7111 Mohave Hills, Houston, TX 77069, Champion Park North. This is a beautiful Holiday gathering for members and their legacies. Please contact Cindy Formas at ckformas@sbcglobal.net for more information on the Open House and the chapter's future events.

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- Thursday, January 26, 2012
- 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.
- Enchanted Cypress Ballroom
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- Tickets are \$35
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"Fashion with Passion Fundraiser"
- Tickets can be purchased at Quance Design Studio

Jordan Merecka was born with multiple congenital heart defects, including Dextrocardia (his heart was on the wrong side of his chest). As a child, he experienced two open chest surgeries. Later, he received several surgical revisions and an implantable defibrillator. For many years after his early surgeries, Jordan was able to live an active childhood. As a teen, he enjoyed hunting and fishing with his father; and at school, he participated in FFA (Future Farmers of America). But, in September 2010, Jordan's heart began to fail, and he was placed on a waiting list for a heart transplant. With medical treatment, he was able to attend school as he waited. At the start of 2011, the senior at Cypress Woods High School was looking forward to three major milestones in his life: his prom on May 27, his eighteenth birthday on May 29 and his graduation on June 5. In April 2011, his health took a turn for the worse and he was admitted to Texas Children's Hospital with heart failure symptoms and kidney insufficiency. He critically needed a heart transplant. Over the weekend of May 21, all of his organs began to fail acutely and he could not breath on his own because his heart was so weak. On May 22, Jordan received the Total Artificial Heart that saved his life. Jordan missed his prom, but thanks to a diligent heart-failure team and the availability of the artificial heart, he celebrated his birthday at Texas Children's on May 29 -- a week after his surgery. On June 5, Jordan watched his graduation ceremony online while his 16-year-old sister walked across the stage to accept his diploma on his behalf. His class rose to their feet for a standing ovation. Jordan has been accepted at Texas A&M University Galveston and looks forward to studying marine biology. After much anticipation, Jordan recently received his new heart, and is doing well... gaining strength and endurance at Texas Children's to face his new life!

We invite you to join us in supporting this incredible young man and his family as they continue this journey. This fundraiser is an avenue to let the Merecka's see just how big this Community can be. Please join us Thursday, January 26, 2012 at Enchanted Cypress Ballroom for an unforgettable evening of dinner, silent auction and a fashion show.

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| \$451,000--\$499,999 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| \$351,000--\$450,999 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| \$276,000--\$350,999 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| \$231,000--\$275,999 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| \$201,000--\$230,999 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| \$200,999 and below | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 3 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| Highest \$/sq ft | \$112.37 | \$115.80 | \$112.70 | \$99.80 | \$95.69 | \$111.23 | \$105.13 | \$117.36 | \$112.30 | \$112.27 |

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