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# **SPRING FLING**

to Benefit Warner Elementary

Cypress, Texas February 8, 2013

Warner Elementary's Parent Teacher Organization will host the 6th annual Spring Fling fundraiser and silent auction on Saturday, April 6.

This event is made possible through support from the school's many PTO volunteers and is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year. The Spring Fling is an afternoon of fun in a carnival-like setting that the students look forward to all year.

The PTO relies heavily on community partners to make this incredible event a success. They would like all "Friends of Warner Elementary" to consider the contribution of a cash sponsorship for the kid's activities, or a silent auction item. Auction items can be anything from sports tickets and memorabilia, gift baskets, vacation homes, gift certificates to babysitting services. This is a great way to support a local school while promoting your business at the same time.

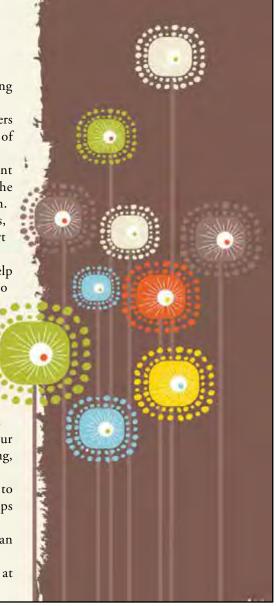
As funding becomes tighter due to district budget cuts, PTO fundraisers help provide well-rounded, high quality educational opportunities and services to Warner Elementary students, teachers and staff on a daily basis. This important fundraiser contributes almost half of the funding for PTO supported activities for the school year.

Mrs. Schonda Kidd, principal of Warner Elementary says, "We are thankful for the support that we receive from our parents and the community. Their efforts, along with those of Warner PTO, help the school provide the best educational experience for our students. Past fundraising events have helped to add books to our library, bring technology into classrooms; provide materials for art, music, and physical education programs; add much needed equipment to our playground; and have provided enrichment activities such as author visits, storytelling, curriculum events and staff professional development."

Donations are needed by March 1st but are appreciated as early as possible to adequately prepare for our big day. A variety of business and family sponsorships are still available. All donations are tax deductible.

Warner Elementary is one of the largest elementary schools in CFISD with an enrollment of over 1,600 students and still growing.

For sponsorship or item donation information, please contact Monica Vrana, at 281-804-3557or mvrana1@hotmail.com.



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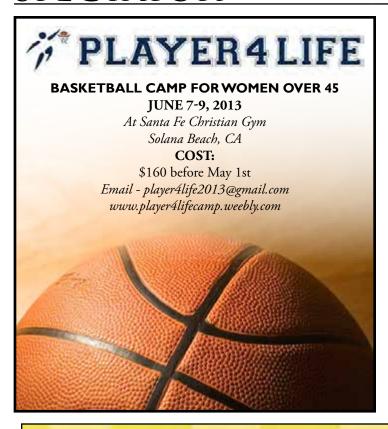
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# **JOB FAIR!**

Cypress Creek High School and the Business and Finance Academy will host a Job Fair on Thursday, March 21, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This event will be held on the Cypress Creek High School campus, 9815 Grant Road, Houston, TX, in the large commons.

The Job Fair is being held to provide the opportunity for people in the local community to find employment. The Job Fair will also afford the businesses in our local communities the benefit of finding desired employees.

Businesses who would like to secure a booth set-up can register online at: http://schools.cfisd.net/cycreek/academy\_BF.html A 10' x 10' booth with two chairs will cost \$20.00. Booths with two chairs and electricity are \$40.00. Proceeds from the Job Fair will provide qualified Cypress Creek High School seniors with college scholarships.

For further information about exhibiting at the Fair please contact Vallorie Mason, Business and Finance Academy principal, at vallorie.mason@cfisd.net or Julie Larson, Business and Finance Academy secretary, at julie.larson@cfisd.net



## **CYPRESS TEXAS TEA PARTY**

It is the purpose of the Cypress Tea Party to work for the return of the United States of America to the conservative constitutional principles on which the Republic was founded. Those principles being freedom and liberty for the citizens, smaller government, limited government interference in the lives of citizens and less government spending.

We meet every three weeks from Noon to 2:00 PM on Saturday at:

> Spring Creek BBQ 25831 Northwest Freeway Cypress, TX 77429

Go to our website at www.cypresstexasteaparty.org for meeting days and speakers or email me for more information

> David M. Wilson Director, Cypress Texas Tea Party cypresstexasteaparty@gmail.com

# **Cypress-Tomball Democrats**

Host March Monthly Meeting



The Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19th, 2013. It will be held at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

March's guest speaker will be Lisa Falkenberg, metro columnist at the Houston Chronicle, where she writes on Tuesdays and Thursdays about topics ranging from politics to education to the death penalty.

All are welcome to attend and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. For more information, contact Olga Moya at cytomdems@yahoo.com.

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# **American Cancer Society Events**

#### MARCH 6th

American Cancer Society Cy Fair RELAY FOR LIFE Team Captains Meeting 6:30pm at North Cypress Medical Center Hospital Cafeteria

#### MARCH 27th

American Cancer Society Cy Fair RELAY FOR LIFE Team Captains Meeting 6:30pm at North Cypress Medical Center Hospital Cafeteria

#### APRIL 4th

BLUEWATER Seafood Restaurant located at Hwy 290/FM 1960 and American Cancer Society RELY FOR LIFE team to fight cancer. A portion of ALL dining this day AND night will be given back to the American Cancer Society.

#### APRIL 10th

American Cancer Society Cy Fair RELAY FOR LIFE Team Captains Meeting 6:30pm at North Cypress Medical Center Hospital Cafeteria

#### APRIL 14th

American Cancer Society Cy Fair RELAY FOR LIFE ROCK Concert at BFE Rock Club located at 11528 Jones Road. A portion of all proceeds will be given back to the American Cancer Society

#### APRIL 17th

American Cancer Society Cy Fair RELAY FOR LIFE Team Captains Meeting 6:30pm at North Cypress Medical Center Hospital Cafeteria

#### APRIL 24th

American Cancer Society Cy Fair RELAY FOR LIFE Team Bank Night Meeting 6:30pm at North Cypress Medical Center Hospital Cafeteria

#### APRIL 27th

American Cancer Society Cy Fair RELAY FOR LIFE BIG EVENT starting at 7pm until 7am at CY- FALLS High School located 9811 Huffmeister Rd. Houston TX 77095





















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## **CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB**

Mark these dates on your calendar and come, join in the fun with the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club: MAY 6 - annual Golf Tournament at the Hearthstone Country Club; and MAY 18 - the Kiwanis Kids Triathlon.

You do not have to be a Kiwanis member to play in or sponsor a team in the Golf Tournament. We welcome any who wish to participate. Businesses are encouraged to sponsor teams for their organization. It's good publicity to have your clients know you support activates that return the money to the community through projects that support our youth and others in need. Play will be at the Hearthstone Country Club. Call for more information.

The Kiwanis Kids Triathlon will be one of only 6 triathlon Citywide events this year and will be held at Langham Creek YWCA. Events include swimming, running, and bicycling and begin at 8 a.m. Registration information will be given out at the schools and can be found on in the newspaper and community newsletters. All children 6 years through 12 years of age are invited to participate.

The Cy-Lakes Key Club was chartered in February by the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club, sponsor. Congratulations to these outstanding students. They have a charter membership of 169 students!

Attention, graduating seniors! It's time to get your applications in for Kiwanis college scholarships. Information should be available from your sponsors by the time this newsletter is published. We look forward

to rewarding the outstanding service and academic achievements of our Key Club members.

Wouldn't you like to be a part of this organization that assists in these activities that promote good citizenship and leadership in our youth? Come join us at the CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB and be a part of sponsoring children's activities, such as the Triathlon. CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs in the Cy-Fair Schools; Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Sea Scout troops and activities; provides scholarships to outstanding Key Club members in our district; provides assistance to Cypress Assistance Ministries and Bear Creek Ministries; the Houston Food Bank; and many other nonprofit organizations.

Membership is open to persons of good character who adhere to the standards of good conduct in their community and believe in and subscribe to the objects of Kiwanis International. If you would like to know more about Kiwanis and the programs it promotes, we invite you to be our guest at one of our monthly meetings. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis meet at Hearthstone Country Club on the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 12:15 for lunch and informative programs. For more information, call Peggy Presnell at 281-304-7127; John Carroll at 281-463-0373 or George Crowl at 832-467-1998.



# Cypress Ranch Key Club Aids Urban Harvest Annual Fruit Tree Fundraiser

On Saturday, January 18, ten Cypress Ranch Key Club members and faculty advisor Katie Lauver volunteered at the Urban Harvest Fruit Tree Sale. The event took place at the Houston Community College where hundreds of Houstonians gathered to partake in the largest annual fruit tree sale in Houston.

The volunteers from Cypress Ranch Key Club were spread out throughout the market and were assigned jobs that ranged from cart distribution to line management. The group started in the morning by uncovering the trees from their frost covers. Later in the day, they helped customers who had bought more trees than they had hands for move through the checkout line. After the event ended, the volunteers helped strike the setup of tents, fences, and wagons. One volunteer described it as, "well organized and well managed."

Urban Harvest is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting "healthy communities, sound nutrition and respect for the environment by educating children and adults and facilitating harvest and habitat gardens." Every year, they invite dozens of suppliers to sell their trees at this event. The sale takes place on the third Saturday in January each year. They can be contacted through www. urban harvest.org.

With the help of the Cypress Ranch Key Club, Urban Harvest was able to nearly sell out of trees, swiftly move customers through to checkout, and effectively manage crowds. Debbie Leflar, Urban Harvest's Volunteer Assignment Coordinator reported that "the sale was a huge success, less than ten trees were returned un-sold and the parking lot was completely clean when we left." The Cypress Ranch Key Club looks forward to working with them again and urges you to support Urban Harvest.

Submitted by Clayton Marshall, Cypress Ranch Key







# Cypress Ranch Robolics

The Cypress Ranch Robotics team and 4-H club, Team 3335 is competing in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Lone Star Regional, March 8th and 9th at the George R Brown convention Center. All are invited to attend. No admittance cost but there are parking fees. There will be 60 teams from all over Texas, TN, AR, CO, CA, LA and 4 teams from Mexico. The competition this year is called Ultimate Ascent. Six robots in each match weighing around 70 - 100 lbs. each will be launching Frisbees into goals and climbing a 10 ft. pyramid on a 54 ft. x 27 ft. field in alliances of three robots. Join the fun in the stands, cheering, singing and dancing with some of the smartest and talented kids in the area!.

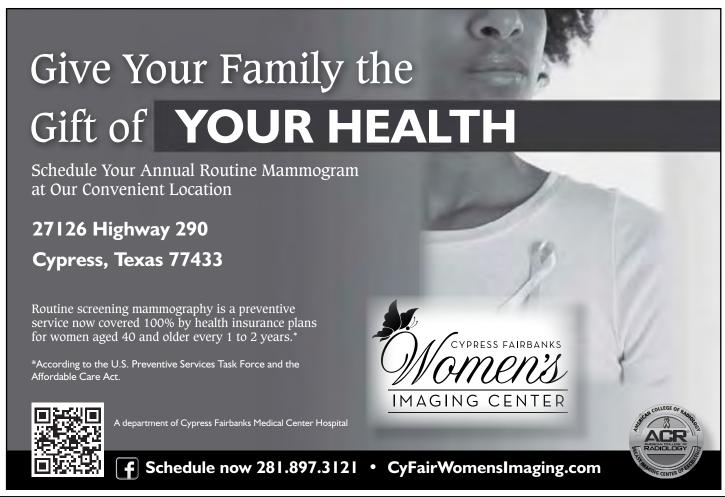
The Cy-Ranch Cy-Borgs Team 3335 will provide safety glasses and a tour of the pits where the behind the scenes action takes place. Each team will have a 10,Äôx10,Äô pit to work/show their robot. Contact the team in advance to arrange for a tour Closed toe shoes are required.

Team 3335 accomplishments for this school year include the 2012 Houston Vex League Sportsmanship award and the 2012 Houston Vex Regional championship. They are heading to Anaheim CA for



the Vex World Championship in April.

The team is also available for presentations to groups. They have presented to groups such as ASME, Schlumberger, jcpenney, Cub Scouts, Brownies and Boy Scouts. Contact Team 3335 at crrt3335@gmail.com and www.houston.txfirst.org for more information.



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