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Back-to-School Tips for Parents

Starting the new school year can be a time of great excitement... and anxiety. Help calm your child's fears (and your own) with these teacher-approved tips.

Meet the new teacher.

For kids, one of the biggest back-to-school fears is "Will I like my new teacher?" Breaking the ice early on is one of the best ways to calm everyone's fears. Take advantage of your school's open house or back-to-school night. Some teachers welcome phone calls or e-mails — another great opportunity to get to know each other before the year begins.

If personal contact with the teacher isn't possible, try locating the teacher's picture on a school website or in a yearbook, so your child can put a name with a face. If your child's teacher sends a welcome letter, be sure to read the letter together.

Tour the school.

If your school hosts an open house, be sure to go. Familiarizing your child with her environment will help her avoid a nervous stomach on the first day. Together you can meet her teacher, find her desk, or explore the playground.

With an older child, you might ask him to give you a tour of the school. This will help refresh his memory and yours.

Connect with friends.

A familiar friend can make all the difference when heading back to school. You might try calling parents from last year's class and finding out which children are in your child's class this year. Refresh these relationships before school starts by scheduling a play date or a school carpool.

Tool up.

Obtain the class supply list and take a special shopping trip with your child. Having the right tools will help him feel prepared. While keeping basic needs in mind, allow for a couple of splurges like a cool notebook or a favorite-colored pen. These simple pleasures make going back to school a lot more fun.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19th

Movie on the Green by Family Fun Fliks

October 6th

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM National Night Out

October 24th

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Fall Festival

November 14th

Community Wide Fall Garage Sale

December 12th

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Cookies with Santa

Please contact parklakesevents@gmail.com for additional information.



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Gate Attendant.....(281) 441-1089
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Texas One Call System (Call Before you Dig)..... 811

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Park Lakes Elementary (K-6).....(281) 641-3200
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WANT TO BE MORE INVOLVED?

Be on the lookout for committee meetings! Meeting times and locations will be sent out via email through Crest Management. Sign up to receive emails at www.Crest-Management.com.

We currently have five committees.

1. Adopt A School

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2. Landscaping

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5. Social Events

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Please contact Crest Management if you wish to volunteer.

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RESIDENT PORTAL

<http://www.canyongate.com/communities/park/>

Features of the Park Lakes Community Intranet:

- Receive email blasts from the association (association news and announcements, community events, local area happenings and more).
- Resident Directory
- Classifieds
- Current Events and Activities
- Documents and Forms (ACC guidelines, restrictions financials, etc.)

You can also sign up for the email list with Crest Management

<http://www.crest-management.com/>

You can find Park Lakes under the community tab to access management information such as copies of the articles and by laws of the community payment plans and collection procedures for HOA dues as well as policies for parking



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LAWN MAINTENANCE

In the case of visible neglect of lawn maintenance and unresponsiveness from the residents, the HOA reserves the right to mow and or edge the resident's lawn and charge them for the services rendered. A flat \$ 80 fee will be charged to the homeowner, regardless of whether the entire lawn will need maintenance, or if only edging (sidewalks, driveways, etc.) is required. The HOA has discretion as to which services are needed at the time of service.

For more information on Deed Restrictions please visit www.canyongate.com/communities/park

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This form should be filled out and submitted to Andrea Garcia via email or fax

Fax: 281-579-7062 Email: andrag@crest-management.com

She will respond in a timely manner so we can process your request as soon as possible

BUSINESS CLASSIFIEDS

If you have any articles or classifieds that you would like to include in the next month's newsletter please contact Lisa Walker via email in the 1st week of the month to be included in the upcoming month's newsletter.

*****All classifieds will pending board approval
before listed in the newsletter*****

RENTAL INFORMATION

SPLASH PAD CABANA

The Splash Pad Cabana's are available for rental throughout the year. You will be reserving a cabana area which gives you access to the bathrooms and the kitchen area for storing a cake.

Rentals are available: Tuesday – Saturday 10:30 AM – 6:30 PM

****** Note the actual Splash Pad cannot be reserved for an event, Cabana only******

CLUBHOUSE / REC CENTER

We have the clubhouse available for rentals, you will have access to the patio area, the clubhouse living space, kitchen and bathrooms. Please contact Park Lakes Rec Center for more information.

Clubhouse Rentals - Lisa Walker at 281-441-9955

Splash Pad Cabana rentals - Celeste Samuel at 281-441-3375

***** You may book an event 3 months in advance*****

*****All deposit checks will be held by the office personnel until the time of the event*****

***** All events would be pending approval by the board prior to event date *****

***** In order to book one of the areas for an event all HOA dues must be in good standings*****

Park Lakes pools are now open for the pool season.

LET'S ALL HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER!

Park Lakes Rec Center Pool Hours:

June 6, 2015 through August 23, 2015

Sunday	12:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Monday	10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Tuesday	CLOSED FOR CLEANING
Wednesday - Thursday	10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday & Saturday	12:00 pm to 9:00 pm

August 29, 2015 - August 30, 2015

Saturday	10:00 am to 7:00 pm
Sunday	12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

September 5, 2015 - September 6, 2015

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Labor Day

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Think before you drive

Park Lakes is a community of small families, young adults and seniors who love the outdoors. We have a right to enjoy our surroundings without the threat of tragedy striking through reckless driving.

Before you drive, stop and think about your responsibilities. Help us make this a safer place by considering the consequences of one careless moment behind the wheel. If you observe others not driving responsibly, report this to the police and then get involved through neighborhood committees. We must all work together to make a difference.

EZ TAG ACCESS

To make access to your community easier, please stop by the Recreation center with your Harris County EZ Tag # so you may access the gates using the EZ Tag lanes. Use of your EZ tag for community gate access will not result any charges to your EZ Tag. Please note that TxTag does not currently work with the association's EZ Tag system.

ACCESS CONTROL

The guard facilities are put in place for your protection. If you do not have a vehicle sticker please stop by the recreation center office as soon as possible to obtain one. If for any reason you have trouble getting to the recreation center to retrieve your sticker please call or email the on-site assistant manager, Lisa Walker, at 281-441-9955 or lisa.walker@crest-management.com.

As a reminder, please advise your guest to provide your address to the guards when visiting. This will assist in moving the line as quickly as possible making the process easier for all guests entering the property.

The call list is designed as another form of protection from unwanted guests. If you would like to be added or removed from the call list please email or call the onsite assistant manager, Lisa Walker, at lisa.walker@crest-management.com or 281-441-9955.

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Back to School Tips (Continued from Cover)

School supply lists also provide great insight into the schoolwork ahead. Get your child excited about upcoming projects by explaining how new supplies might be used. Let him practice using supplies that he's not used before — such as colored pencils or a protractor — so he will be comfortable using them in class.

Avoid last-minute drilling.

When it's almost time to stop playing, give a five-minute warning. Giving clear messages to your child is very important.

Chat about today's events and tomorrow's plans.

While it is important to support learning throughout the summer, don't spend the last weeks of summer vacation reviewing last year's curriculum. All kids need some down time before the rigors of school begin. For some kids, last-minute drills can heighten anxiety, reminding them of what they've forgotten instead of what they remember.

Ease into the routine.

Switching from a summer to a school schedule can be stressful to everyone in the household. Avoid first-day-of-school mayhem by practicing your routine a few days in advance. Set the alarm clock, go through your morning rituals, and get in the car or to the bus stop on time. Routines help children feel comfortable, and establishing a solid school routine will make the first day of school go much smoother.



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Fire Ant Treatments

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There are numerous ways to manage fire ants, but they are often broken into two categories- broadcast treatments and individual mound treatments. Individual mound treatments are used to treat one mound at a time, can be labor intensive, and may result in more pesticide being spread into the environment. Broadcast treatments will spread product (granular or bait) over a large area.

Individual mound treatments include pouring boiling water onto the mound, using insecticide mound drenches, spreading insecticide granules onto the mound and watering them in, sprinkling insecticidal dusts on top of the mound or using bait-formulated insecticides around the perimeter of the mound. There are also many "home remedies," but be advised that many of these do not kill fire ants. Many home remedies make the fire ants move to a new location (often 1-2 feet away), but do not kill the ants.

Bait-formulated insecticides most often consist of a defatted corn cob grit coated with soybean oil; the soybean oil is where the active ingredient (what kills the pest) is dissolved. Worker ants collect bait as a food source and take it back to the colony to share with other

ants, including the queen. Depending on the active ingredient, the bait may cause the queen to die or be unable to produce viable eggs, which gradually kills off the colony. When using baits, results are often slower to observe when compared to individual mound treatments, but can provide 80-90% suppression for 12-18 months. A bonus to broadcasting baits is that the amount of active ingredient is generally very small, which places less chemical into the environment.

With any pesticide treatment, read and follow all label instructions. Make sure to water in the pesticide if the label instructs to do so. Failure to water in chemicals when recommended by the label does an inadequate job of killing the ants. Baits should not be watered in or used before a rainfall event; baits will not be picked up by ants if they get wet.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600.

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