

Official HOA Newsletter for Lakeshore

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### **WELCOME TO THE LAKESHORE REPORT**

A Newsletter for the Lakeshore Residents

The Lakeshore Report is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Lakeshore residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports team, social group, etc., and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com. Personal news (announcements, accolades/ honors/ celebrations, etc.) are also welcome as long as they are from area residents.

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# A NOTE FROM THE HOA BOAR

Many in our community are unaware of the activities and upcoming events the committees under the HOA board at Lakeshore coordinate. We currently have two channels of communication, an email blast and our website, http:// www.lakeshoretx.org. If you would like to be added to the email blast please send an email to, Lakeshore-ca@sbcglobal. net, including your name and address.

To ensure all homeowners have access to HOA information we have approved a third channel, a newsletter that will be mailed out monthly via the postal service! This is a great time to get involved in your community and join one of the many committees that make up the Homeowner's Association. Remember, there is no HOA without homeowners who get involved!

### Community Calendar

October 3, 2015 9:00am-12:00pm Community Shred Event

October 3, 2015 5:00pm-7:00pm Night Out Against Crime

October 13, 2015 7:00pm Community Crime Watch Meeting

> Please view our website (www.lakeshoretx.org) for more details about each event.

October 25, 2015 3:00pm-5:00pm Pumpkin Carving

November 14, 2015 Community Garage Sale

December 5, 2015 3:00pm-5:00pm Christmas Party

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

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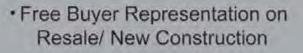
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# September 2015 Yard of the Month

Dennis and Melanie moved to the Lakeshore Community about one year ago and they love it! They have met some great neighbors and now have formed wonderful new friendships. They have a lawn service to help care for the yard and they believe the secret to maintaining it is a lot of water. According to Melanie, since it has been so hot lately, they have "upped" their watering schedule. They also fertilize and prune regularly. Currently, their flowers consist of vincas and periwinkles because they handle the heat better than most flowers. Their favorites are the Magnolia tree because it blooms and roses because they are so pretty. Dennis and Melanie's advice to new gardeners is to check your grass and beds regularly. If you catch a pest or disease early there is a good chance of getting rid of the problem.

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## Hosting an International Exchange Student

Submitted by Vicki Odom

Hosting an International Exchange Student is such a great experience for all of those involved. It leads to a better understanding between individuals of other cultures, hopefully branching its way out to a more peaceful global society. But don't just take my word about it, read about Nelva's experience and understanding of the exchange program.

I'm so lucky to have been placed with a great host family in Texas! The best part is when we share each other's cultures and have a lot of quality time together. I'm blessed to have chance to study in American High School.

Being an exchange student is hard. For the first couple days it was hard because I didn't know anybody, the moving class system is new for me and sometimes it's hard to understand what they say. But America is really friendly and handy so I got a lot of help from them. From the exchange program, people can really get to know each other, people start to respect each other and we can start a new chapter to have a better world.

So if you want to enrich your life, host an exchange student!

Nelva is from Indonesia and is spending the academic year here in Texas as part of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program. This program is funded by the US Department of State which provides scholarships for secondary school students from countries with significant Muslim populations. As part of her program year, Nelva is required to perform at least 60 hours of community service (however most YES students hours amount to hundreds of hours) and continue working with the program in her home country.

Our application process for the 2016 Spring Semester and 2016/2017 academic year will soon be opening. School spots in our area tend to fill up rather quickly, so get your application in early to host one of these amazing students!

Ayusa is a non-profit organization founded in 1981 to promote global learning and leadership through foreign exchange, study abroad, and leadership programs for high school students from the U.S. and around the world.

For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact your local representative Vicki Odom at 832.455.7881 or vodom@ayusa.org or Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at www.ayusa.org.

## AGRILIFE EXTENSION



Clothes moths can cause considerable damage to materials containing wool, fur or other animal-derived products. There are two common clothes moths, case making clothes moths and webbing clothes moths. The names describe the larval (caterpillar) stage of the moth. Case-making clothes moths spin silken cases that they drag along with them while they feed. Webbing clothes moths feed within silken burrows that they spin over the surface of fabric.

Adults are small, tan moths about 3/8 an inch long. They are weak fliers and avoid light. Larvae like to feed in protected areas, such as folded clothing, and rarely leave their food source.

To reduce or avoid clothes moth problems, the following tips may be helpful:

Locate & remove any infested items

Look in drawers & closets; on the floor; on or under furniture; on or in walls, ceilings & attics

Launder or dry clean clothing

Periodically shake & air out items such as rugs & clothing Use heat and/ or cold to kill insects in infested items

## CLOTHES MOTHS

Thoroughly clean storage areas

Store clothing in tightly sealed containers

Cedar is not that effective in repelling clothes moths

Cedar must be freshly cut or chipped for vapors to be effective & vapors lose potency quickly

Mothballs (naphthalene or paradichlorobenzene) can be used to repel insects

Read & follow all label instructions

Use only in sealed areas or closed containers

Note that the fumes from these products may soften or melt some plastics

Insecticide sprays can be used to supplement sanitation techniques Remove all items from the area before treating with an insecticide Allow area to completely dry before returning items

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## **Partnerships for Children**

Marques is a charming and quiet young man. He loves basketball and enjoys most all sports. He also enjoys riding his bike, playing video games and listening to music. He would enjoy being in a family that would provide activities for him to be active, especially sports. He would like to have a Mom that is caring and loving. He would also like to have a father that will do "guy things" like playing basketball and camping.

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.

The Heart Gallery of Central Texas is a program of Partnerships for Children. To learn more about the adoption or fostering process, please call the Heart Gallery of Central Texas at (512) 834-4756, email heartgallery@partnershipsforchildren.org or visit our website at www.partnershipsforchildren.org

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# OMG HOMEWORK

OMG – It's homework time and I need a drink!

Ah, the school year starts. Parents everywhere rejoice with visions of free time!

Free time to catch up on shows that aren't animated, to work out, to get your mani/pedi, to shop without listening to whining, to have conversations with complete sentences and big words.

But, instead that free time is:

Free time to get the oil changed! In both cars, to take the dogs to the vet for annual check ups, to call a plumber to fix the tub jets, to call an electrician because the plumber won't fix the tub jets, to call a tub dealer because the electrician won't fix the tub jets, to have an appliance guy come and tell you the tub has to be removed because the pump was installed backwards – and nope, he doesn't remove tubs, to call BOTH a plumber and the appliance back together – that may take forever to get scheduled, to take a bath IF you ever get the tub fixed!

Still it is easier than doing all of those fun chores AND playing referee to the kids.

With great joy comes great pain and agony – namely Homework!! Seriously, even Charles Dickens agrees... "It was the best of times,

it was the worst of times..." (A Tale of Two Cities)

O.M.G. Homework.

When. Did. Homework.

Become. Such. A. Big.

Horrible. Fricking.

NIGHTMARE???

I remember homework:

I remember homework from when I was a child. The teacher taught something in class. I listened and learned. I took the book home and did the "odd numbered problems" on page 72. This didn't take long because I actually knew the material. I had seen it recently – that same day! Homework – 15 minutes BOOM. Skill reinforced, mom not involved, and STILL time for playing outside.

Homework today?

Now kids stare blankly at the homework page which covers things they discussed months or even grades ago...and maybe, just maybe something they have actually seen before in class. Who refreshes their memory about these long forgotten skills? Mom, of course AND without the help of a textbook!

I remember homework:

I remember homework from my teaching days. (1988-2004) Each subject had a separate day for homework. For me that meant I only gave homework once a week -20 minutes homework for language arts. The kids had to know what to do or it wasn't useful for reinforcing that day's learning AND the phone rang off the wall the next day with parents complaining. Boom! Skill reinforced, mom not involved, still time for playing outside.

Homework today?

There are no text-books. Everything is online and Lord help me, everything requires 'signing' in. We have log in and password information for countless (no seriously, I don't even want to count them!) accounts:

\*profiles \*schoology \*band calendar \*PTO information \*lunch account \*soccer schedule \*Prezi \*spelling town \*math practice \*school newsletter AND \*each teacher has a website \*\* I just went to parent night at the school last night and there are more accounts coming soon. Wonderful.

All of the above....for EACH kid. I have trouble keeping track of my own online life and you want me to add 40 logins and passwords per kid? I need a drink.

Skills reinforced? Um....I have no idea what skill this reinforces. Mom involved? You BET! Time to play outside? HAHAHAHA!

Sigh...remember the good old days?

Homework was easy and painless, dishes washed themselves, fairies did the laundry in the night, beautifully coifed children played happily together while you cooked gourmet meals in your heels and pearls, remember those days? Yeah, me neither. And since none of those things are a part of the world, past, present, or ...well hopefully in the future we need to get it together now!!

Tips for less painful homework time!

1) Pay attention.

Homework time always comes during the witching hour of the day when the baby is crying and the dogs are barking and dinner needs to be cooked... Homework is hard enough when you are focused on it, right? So, do what you can to give yourself the space to pay attention. Like:

\*Make dinner early or use a crockpot.

\*Feed dogs a little earlier so they will not be needy or freaky.

\*Break out the treats for baby.

2) Foster independence.

I'll wait for you to stop laughing. I know I just said that the kids don't have any idea what have the homework is even about so how are they supposed to be independent? By trying. Yes, foster that "old college try" while they are still in elementary school. It turns out some of those problems they really CAN do or at least get close.

3) Keep it quiet.

It should go without saying that the house should be quiet. No TV. No DVD. No Internet. Just kids sitting at tables focusing on their task. I have no luck with mine together so I divide and conquer by having them at different work stations. (Fancy word for one at the kitchen table and one at the coffee table.)

4) Free time first.

I believe it a little break between working all day at school and working again on homework, but only a little one. Give them a snack, potty break, time to tell about their day...part of a video game or tv show or swing set time in the backyard. Thirty minutes of downtime gives everyone a breather before settling down for work.

5) NO breaks.

Just get it done. Whining about it and talking about it and needing *(Continued on Page 9)* 

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a drink and throwing a fit, etc. all just wastes time. Tell the kids to just get it over with. We all know that if they would just buckle down, focus, and get to it, homework would take 1/2 the time!

6) Bring the phone.

OK, perhaps this is the "WTF is math all about this year" part of me, but please keep your phone nearby logged into Facebook so you can bail me out when I post a picture of tonight's "how the hell do I figure out this math problem?" photo. I'm happy to help you out, too for more reasonable subjects than math.

7) Be ready.

Have paper, pencils, books, drink, snack, dictionary, lap top ready. Do not give kids the chance to 'forget' something and waste time wandering around the house looking for it. You'll save your sanity by spending 2 minutes getting ready.

8) Have a mantra.

When the kids are whining about how hard the homework is or how stupid the homework is or how 'mean' their teacher is for assigning it, you need a mantra. Do NOT engage in this time wasting conversation – even if Mean Mrs. Smith really did assign the dumbest homework assignment ever. Instead, have a mantra to repeat over and over again in response. Mine is, "We are not talking about that right now. We are doing our homework. Focus." Over and over and over and over.

9) Pat yourself on the back.

Lastly, raise your glass in a toast (we really are drinking now aren't we?) and give yourself a pat on the back. Homework is tough on everyone and making sure they 1) do it and 2) do it well will give them skills to last their entire life. You are doing a great job, momma. Cheers to you!

Boy, you'll need a vacation when you get a break from homework for the holidays.

Stop by and see me for tips on making it AWESOME!

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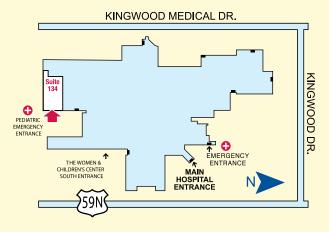
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## MAKE IT A TERRIFIC FALL SEASON

Fall is a great time of year. With a blistering summer behind us, we look forward to cooler weather and some of the most cherished holidays of the year. Fall can also represent an increased number of activities and commitments. Here are some ideas to make the most of your Fall Season.

1) Step away from the electronics - Often we worry about how much time our kids spend on their phones, iPads, etc. Adults can often use some of that advice too. Stepping away from technology can be a great way to remember that there are other meaningful things we can do each day.

2) Give Thanks – Take time each day to ponder the things you're thankful for. It's so easy to get worn down by the all the responsibilities we have. Remembering the blessings in our lives is a great way to recharge and reset our priorities. Want to take it up another level? Write these thoughts in a journal.

3) Take a walk – Who doesn't love the idea of taking a walk on the beach or a hike (at least a short one) in the mountains? Often a walk through the neighborhood, on the trails, or even a parking lot at work can help us get our energy going and allow us to get the most out of our days.

4) Do Yoga – The health benefits are countless. If you can't find the time for a class, practice the breathing at home. It's amazing the impact that several deep breaths can have on our ability to relax more fully.

5) Write to a friend/family member – Yes, pen and paper. There are few things that can compete with the power of a handwritten note. In a day of texting, social media "likes" and emoticon gestures, recipients of hand written notes will recognize the significance of your friendship. The time it takes you to write can serve as an opportunity to reflect on how much you really care about the recipient.

6) Take your own Coffee Break – There's something powerful about coffee breaks. Whether you choose coffee, tea, or a glass of water, the key to taking a successful break is truly pausing from work and enjoying a few minutes of well .... nothing. Just BE.

7) Perform an Act of Kindness – Life experience has convinced me that small acts of kindness are more rewarding and fulfilling than any self-indulging activity. Just think of something nice you can do and do it. It's that simple.

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