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TURTLE RACE

The Turtles are coming.....

The Alvin ISD Education Foundation will host the 16th Turtle Race on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at National Oak Park in Alvin. The day will start with a fun run at 9 a.m. sponsored by Kelsey Seybold, and the Turtle Race at noon. Community members, parents, students and staff are all encouraged to adopt turtles for the race. All proceeds from the Turtle Race benefit the students and teachers in the Alvin ISD through Innovative Teaching Grants, campus grants, and scholarships for students, teachers and paraprofessionals. Turtles can be adopted for \$5 by filling out an adoption form, available at all Alvin ISD campuses, the Alvin ISD Central Administration Building, Alvin-Manvel Area Chamber of Commerce, YMCA of Alvin, Alvin Community College and TDEC, Inc, as well as online at www.alvinisd.net/educationfoundation.

The day of the Turtle Race the adopted turtles will be taken to Mustang Bayou and gently dropped in from the bridge along the Tom Blakeney Hike and Bike Trail at National Oak Park in Alvin. The turtles will then "race" down the bayou to the finish line near the Adoue St. Bridge where they will be "scooped" out and the winners determined. The adopter of the first turtle to cross the finish line will win the first place prize of a travel voucher valued at \$1,500 to a destination of choice. The first place prize is sponsored by Stantec. The second place prize is a \$1,000 shopping spree sponsored by David and Tracy Vela, and the third place prize is an iPad valued at \$500 sponsored by Ron Carter Automotive



Turtle Race Fun Run Kids 1K starting the race last year

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The Foundation mascot, Sheldon A. Turtle, encourages everyone to adopt a turtle

Dealerships. Several other valuable prizes will be awarded to the adopters of subsequent turtles to cross the finish line. If weather does not permit the race to take place, a drawing will be held to determine winners.

Prior to the Turtle Race, the Foundation will conduct the 5th annual 5K Family Fun Run/Walk and 1K Kids Fun Run/Walk sponsored by Kelsey Seybold. The race will begin at 9 a.m. Individuals will receive a t-shirt for participating. This year the 5K course has been officially certified and it will be a timed race. The application can be found at signmeup.com.

Booth space is available for groups or individuals to sell or share items, including food vendors. Booths will be set up along the trail by the near the bridge. For additional information visit the Education Foundation website or contact the Foundation Office at 281-331-2586, or via email at solson@alvinisd.net.

The Foundation is seeking event sponsors. Sponsors will be recognized in advertising and social media and will be included on the Race shirt. Many sponsorship levels are available. Please contact the Foundation office for more information.

Be sure to follow the Alvin ISD Education Foundation and Sheldon A. Turtle on Facebook and Twitter.

The Alvin ISD Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) (charitable) organization established to create support for academic programs of the district. Money raised will be used to fund student achievement, and recognize and encourage staff excellence through innovative projects and ideas.



Turtles drop from Blakeney Bridge to begin the Turtle Race

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Shadow Creek Band

On Saturday, January 7th, members of the Shadow Creek Band competed at Alvin HS for a place in the Texas Music Educators Association All-State Band. Participation in the TMEA All-State audition is a very long process that begins when the students receive the music in July. To compete at the Area-level tryout on Saturday, the Shadow Creek Band members had to advance through several long auditions with students from around region.

The SCHS Band represented Shadow Creek HS and our community very well at the audition! All of the SCHS Band members who participated performed very well, but a huge "congratulations" goes to the following SCHS Band members for earning the right to represent the state in San Antonio next month at the TMEA Convention:

Shadow Creek High School's First Ever All-State Band Members

Grant Lloyd, Junior - 1st Chair Flute in 5A

Christina Lewellyn, Freshman - 1st Chair Bassoon in 5A

Alicia Sanchez, Sophomore - 1st Chair Percussion in 5A

Josh Villanueva, Junior - 1st Chair Percussion in 6A

Congratulations, All-Staters!



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BASEBALL & TBALL SPRING REGISTRATION

Shadow Creek Baseball completed a successful fall league with competitive play, and all teams are now preparing for spring ball starting in March. Experienced and new players are welcome in all levels – Kid Pitch (grades 4&5), Coach Pitch (grades 2&3), and Tball (grades K-1). Advanced 3rd graders have the option of playing up in Kid Pitch, and newbie 1st graders can play Tball.

Games will be played at the Shadow Creek Baseball Park on Kingsley for grades 2 & up. Practice times decided by team parents. Teams coached by team parents. Deadline to register is February 14.

More info and registration at www.ShadowCreekSports.org

A vibrant, colorful poster for Kidventure Summer Blockbuster Summer Camp 2017. The background is a mix of red, orange, and blue abstract patterns. On the right side, there is a portrait of a smiling young girl with dark hair, wearing a red t-shirt with a yellow 'KIDVENTURE' logo. The text 'This Summer, Dream Big!' is written in large, white, stylized letters at the top. Below it, 'KIDVENTURE' is written in a smaller, white, blocky font. The main title 'SUMMER BLOCKBUSTER' is in large, bold, white letters with a black outline, flanked by three horizontal lines on each side. Below that, '★SUMMER CAMP 2017★' is written in a smaller, white, blocky font. At the bottom, 'REGISTRATION BEGINS FEB 9' is written in white, and the website 'Kidventure.com/houston-summer-camp' is listed below it. The 'KIDVENTURE' logo is also visible in the bottom right corner.

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Bring the World to Your Child by Hosting a Foreign Exchange Student

By Vicki Odom

One life changing way to broaden your child's world view is to volunteer to host a high school foreign exchange student. Foreign exchange programs have been around for almost 100 years, and their mission has always been the same – to educate people about different cultures through person-to-person exchange.

"We welcome host families of all shapes and sizes – families with young children, families with no children, empty nesters whose children have left home, single parents and non-traditional families," says Connie Coutu, regional manager for Ayusa, a non-profit promoting global learning and leadership through foreign exchange and study abroad opportunities for high school students. "The key requirements for a host family are to provide a safe and nurturing home environment, genuinely love children, and have a desire to learn more about a different culture."

Volunteer host families provide foreign exchange students a nurturing environment, three meals a day and a bedroom (either private or shared with a host sibling of the same gender). Each host family and student is supported by a professionally trained

community representative who works with the family and student for the entire program. All interested host families must pass a criminal background check and a home visit by an exchange organization.

Foreign exchange students come from all over the world including Argentina, China, and France to name a few. All high school foreign exchange students are fully insured, bring their own spending money, and are proficient in English – and all high school exchange programs are regulated by the U.S. Department of State.

Interested host families are required to fill out an application, pass a background check and interview with a local exchange program representative in their homes. Once accepted to a program, host families can view profiles of students to find the right match for their family.

Ayusa is currently accepting applications for families to host an exchange student for the 2017-2018 school year. For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at www.ayusa.org.



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Smart Talk About Home Remodeling

The temperatures feel like Spring already and the time of year that you start looking at your home and thinking about remodeling is almost here. You may have noticed that the outside of your home needs a little work or you may be looking at putting your home on the market. When it comes to remodeling, where do you start?

Every year, "Remodeling" magazine looks at the average costs of home remodeling projects with the value of those projects retain at resale in over 100 U.S. cities. The smartest investment that you can make when remodeling may surprise you. Many homeowners go to the time honored update of the kitchen and bathrooms to garner the best price per square foot at resale.

However, "Remodeling" magazine ranks "re-siding with fiber cement as the #1 return on investment when compared to other mid-size remodeling projects" for the fourth year in a row. Compared to adding a bathroom, re-siding your house with fiber cement nets a 25 percent higher return on investment. Re-siding with fiber cement

will also increase your return by 11 percent over vinyl windows and a whopping 24 percent greater than a major kitchen remodel or roof replacement.

The next question in remodeling is who to trust with your home remodeling project. Choose a company with a good reputation that

offers solutions for your remodeling needs. Ask trusted friends for recommendations, check out the company's BBB rating and know that the cheapest estimate may not always be the best. Michael Berry, KTRH 740AM personality and host of the Michael Berry Show, endorses Houston Siding. Berry states, "I have spoken for Houston Siding Company for 10 years and have never had a complaint."

Texas has its own set of challenges with temperatures in the highs and lows as well as high humidity and storm potential. With a familiar slogan in Texas being "if you don't like the temperature just wait a few minutes," you should look for products that are durable as well as suited for the climate.

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As Spring time approaches and remodeling projects start, you want to ensure that you're using the best possible products and company for your next remodeling project.

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