

KidsRStrong2 hosts Eggstravaganza for pediatric cancer patients at MD Anderson Children's Cancer Hospital

On April 13 pediatric cancer patients receiving treatments at MD Anderson Children's Cancer Hospital in Houston were in for a real treat, thanks to the hospital's relationship with local nonprofit, KidsRStrong2 (KRS2). KRS2, an organization that supports children with life-threatening conditions, enlisted the help of top Houston event planning firm, Chloe Cook Events, who unselfishly gave of their time and skills to assist with the planning and execution of the KRS2 Eggstravaganza for the patients.

At 11:30 a.m. on the dot, children and families began flooding the Pedi Dome, which is where the event was held at the hospital. As the patients anxiously entered the doors to the room their faces immediately lit up with smiles. Even children who were experiencing pain, had the opportunity to focus on something positive and fun for the moment.

Children in attendance participated in an array of activities, including an egg hunt, face-paintings, arts and crafts, games, and dancing, as well as fun with the Easter Bunny, and even a stilt walking butterfly. Lunch was provided for the families, thanks to an H-E-B sponsorship and local caterer A Private Invitation Catering. In addition children, along with their family members had fun with the photo booth, which was provided courtesy of Snapped by Nicole, and even took home memorabilia in the form of caricature drawings of themselves. The artwork was donated by Honest Art, a local Houston artist. Family portraits and photos of the event were captured by Pharris Photography.

The celebration was coordinated in an effort to provide an outlet for the young patients and their families, during an extremely difficult time in their lives.

"Normalcy is essential to the healing process. Pediatric cancer patients are children first, and they need opportunities to just be kids. That's why at KRS2 we strive to provide those experiences," Gamble said. Our main goal in all that we do is to simply be a blessing to others, and this event was just one more way for us to do so."

Vendors that graciously stepped up to assist with the event were: Chloe Cook Events, Pharris Photos, Ha Ha Entertainment, Signature Eventx, Snapped by Nicole, Little Seaters, Lili's Balloon Decorations, Honest Art, Table Talk Treats, Cake by Gia Genea, Riley's Flower Garden and Party Presentation.

"We are so thankful for the support of the numerous businesses and organizations that stepped up and provided services free of charge, to ensure that the patients had an outstanding time. Without the help of many this event would not have been possible," Gamble said.

Joshua Farris of Pharris Photography mentioned, "We all came here to be a blessing, and left feeling blessed."

Many hospital executives and staff members attended and expressed their support and sincere appreciation throughout the event. The consensus... they were all very happy with the outcome and look forward to continuing to partner with KRS2 for the benefit of the young patients.

To learn more about KidsRStrong2 and how you can support children with life-threatening illnesses, visit www.krs2.org.



The father of a young cancer patient had the opportunity to spend quality time with his son in a controlled and fun environment, thanks to the KRS2 Eggstravaganza Spring Celebration.

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Early Voting for the May 6 Local Election

Early voting for the May 6 Local Election begins on April 24.

This year Port Freeport has two positions up for election. Nineteen other entities will also have elections as follows:

School Districts: Angleton, Columbia-Brazoria, Danbury, Pearland and Sweeny

Cities: Alvin, Angleton, Bailey's Prairie, Brazoria, Clute, Danbury, Freeport, Iowa Colony, Lake Jackson, Manvel, Pearland, Surfside Beach, Sweeny and West Columbia.

Voters in the City of Alvin should study the proposed charter amendments before going to the polls, because there are fifty-seven (57) of them on this year's ballot. Therefore, it will take longer to vote, especially if the voter has not read the amendments prior to arriving at the polling place.

Other cities with charter amendments are Clute (11) and Manvel (6).

Sample ballots are available at www.brazoriacountyvotes.com. Sample ballots can be printed and studied by the voter before going to vote in person.

Eleven early voting locations will be open for this election. There are several changes for this election due to regular facilities being unavailable and/or space issues.

Changes are:

- Alvin Nolan Ryan Center, 2925 S. Bypass 35
- Pearland West Public Safety Building, 2555 Cullen Pkwy.
- West Columbia San Jacinto Room, 512 E. Brazos

Regular locations open:

- Angleton East Annex (Old Walmart), 1524 E. Mulberry
- Brazoria Brazoria Library, 620 S. Brooks
- Freeport Freeport Library, 410 Brazosport Blvd.
- Lake Jackson Lake Jackson Library, 250 Circle Way
- Manvel North Annex, 7313 Corporate Dr.
- Pearland East Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Dr.
- Shadow Creek Pearland Westside Library, 2803
 Business Center Dr. #101
- Sweeny Sweeny Community Center, 205 W. Ashley Wilson Rd.

As always, any registered voter is able to vote at any location within the county.

Each early voting location will be open on the following schedule:

Monday, April 24 – Friday, April 28 8 AM-5 PM Saturday, April 29 7 AM-7 PM Sunday, April 30 CLOSED Monday, May 1 – Tuesday, May 2 7 AM-7 PM

Anyone with additional questions may call the Elections Department toll-free from anywhere in the county by choosing the proper prefix:

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Alvin ISD Education Foundation Winners Wagon Surprises Teachers

A total of 94 Alvin ISD teachers and staff got a surprise in the middle of their school day on Friday, April 7 when the Alvin ISD Education Foundation Winners Wagon visited the schools to award Innovative Teaching Grants. There were 120 grant applications received by the Education Foundation and 66 grants for up to \$1000 were awarded. The energy was contagious as the Winners Wagon made its way across the district and surprised teachers when it showed up at the schools. Students joined in the celebration as staff members at each campus received their grant checks.

A total of \$59,818,55 was awarded for grants to teachers and staff at the Career and Technical Education Department, the Special Education (Federal and Special Programs) Department, Alvin High School, Alvin Junior High, Alvin Elementary, Alvin Primary, ASSETS Academy, Passmore Elementary, E.C. Mason Elementary, Fairview Jr. High, Hood-Case Elementary, Hasse Elementary, Mary Marek Elementary, Mark Twain Elementary, Stevenson Primary, Manvel High School, Nolan Ryan Junior High, Savannah Lakes Elementary, Don Jeter Elementary, Walt Disney Elementary, Duke Elementary, York Elementary, Rodeo Palms Jr. High, Manvel Jr. High and Wilder (Continued on Page 4)



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Elementary,

Foundation board members, Alvin ISD administrators, school board members, parents and community partners rode on school buses from school to school to surprise recipients and award the grants. The Foundation was also assisted by Alvin High School, Manvel High School and Shadow Creek Ranch band students, cheerleaders and mascots. "The students helped to make each presentation fun and full of spirit! The band students definitely let everyone know that something exciting was happening," said Dr. Buck Gilcrease, superintendent of schools.

"It is exciting to surprise these teachers and to be able to provide them with money to implement innovative ideas in their classrooms. It is because of the community support for the Alvin ISD Education Foundation Turtle Race that we are able to continue to award grants each year," said Sheila Olson, Education Foundation executive director.

"This is one of our most favorite times of the year," said Amy Roudbari, president of the Board of Directors of the Alvin ISD Education Foundation. "We love giving the money raised back to the district in the form of grants that provide exciting learning opportunities for our students," she added.

Staff members will use the grant money to implement various

initiatives that support student achievement and success at their schools. For information on how you can support Alvin ISD students and staff through the Education Foundation, contact Sheila Olson or Melinda Purcell at 281-331-2586.

A complete list of the grant, staff or team and school is listed below: Discover Sea Turtles Ecosystem by Doris Malone, Cassie McNeil, Linda Basich, Laura Chaffin and Vanessa Chapa from Alvin Elementary

Fitbits for Fit Kids by Andrew Benbrook at Alvin Elementary Osmi Vocabulary in the Classroom by Ann Marie Jernigan at Alvin High School

Let Me Loose in the Classroom: Creating Mobile Writing Centers with Wireless Tech by Kelley Smith at Alvin High School

Benches for Alvin by Jonna Lee at Alvin High School

Makerspace: Empowering Innovation by Mandi Foster at Alvin Jr. High

Partnering Teachers and Parents for Academic Student Success by Merrilee Withers at Alvin Jr. High

How Does Your Garden Grow: by T. Royles, A. Magness, K.Rye, K. Drawhorn, R.Vargas, L.Gonzalez, M.Torres, and S. Perkins at Alvin Primary

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Learning with Osmo-sis by Cindy Hickman at Alvin Primary BEE Educated by Katy Garza at ASSETS Academy

PiperCraft-Build-Engage-Learn-Loop by Cynthia Hilton at Hasse Learn about IT and Kano by Kyle Ketter at the Career and Technical Education Department

Virtual Reality: Taking Studens to Places They May Never Go by Barbara Love at Disney

Sphero & Ollio Modernize the Library by Barbara Love at Disney Teach Them to Give Back by Caren Martin and Laura Sotiropolous at Duke

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Increasing Engagement Through Choice Reading Bridget Landry

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Let it Rot by Deborah O'Sullivan and Katy Garza and Hood-Case Get Me Out of Here Math by Lindsay Brown at Jeter

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Osmo Learning Systems and Coding by Janet Molina at Jeter

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Energy Transformations in Ecosystems Terrarium Project by Alexis Fontenot at Manvel High School

Doing Science Using Argument Driven Inquiry Labs by Lisa Brady at Manvel High School

Choice Books for Literacy by Barbara Wells at Manvel High School Engaging Students with FAN by Lenita Reed at Manvel High School

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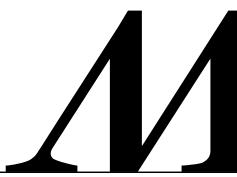
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