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Cardiff Kids Say the Funniest Things! Volume 2



Eva, Age 7

Q. Do you like your teacher?

A. Yes, They're very nice.

Q. Do you like to color?

A. Yes

Q. Do you like the school lunch?

A. My favorite lunch is the pizza days.

Q. Is pizza day on Friday?

A. It's any day, but I defiantly go for pizza days. If there isn't

anything on the menu I don't like, then I will get lunch from home.

Q. What is your favorite lunch that mom packs?

A. Chicken nuggets that are shaped like little Dino's.

Q. Do you get a milk with lunch?

A. Yes, We can get white milk, chocolate milk and strawberry milk. But I get juice but I choose white milk. Nobody likes strawberry milk, its discussing.

Q. If you could be any animal for one day, what would you be?

A. I would probably be an elephant, because it starts with an E because my name starts with E.

Q. If you had 20 dollars, what would you spend that money on?

A. I would probably spend it on a Lego sets, because I made the arrow set from Christmas.

Q. Do you like Legos?

A. Yes we sometimes like to play with them and we build stuff with them.

Q. If you were invisible for one day, what would you do?

A. I would read the banned books. Only the older kids get to read if you are a 4th and 5th grader.

Q. Where would you go if you had on lipstick?

A. I would go outside but I would want permanent makeup, so the sweat won't get on my lip stick.

Q. How old do you think mommy is?

A. I think she is 50 something.

Q. What is your favorite hairstyle?

A. I like ponytails or pigtails, my dad only knows how to do a ponytail, but it knots up.

Q. If you could ask a wild animal anything, what would you ask it?

A. A Lion cub, that's a girl.

Q. What would you ask a lion cub?

A. If I could be a part of the Tribe.

Kids say the funnies things! Cardiff Ranch would like to thank Eva for her interview. For more information on Kids say the funnies things. Contact your on-site manager at crclubhouse@entouch.net.

Message from the Board

This month we celebrate Easter and we hope to meet you at our Easter event for some egg hunting and crafting fun. We had our second board meeting of 2019 on March 21, and we need to thank Ross Kennedy for putting the Compliance Committee charter together and leading this initiative. This committee will help keep our community looking great and ensuring that our home values keep trending upward. We have an exciting announcement this month! We are now working with RealManage as the management company for the POA of Cardiff Ranch. We look forward to better communication, documentation, and open accountability with a new set of online tools and processes to better service our community. Do you have any suggestions that may benefit our community? How can we do a better job to make sure our homeowners are happy regarding our POA business? If so please attend one of our Round Table or Board meetings and let us know. You can also email your comments to CRClubhouse@entouch.net.

We are getting ready for pool season! We hope to see you at our Pool Opening event in May. We look forward to talking with you around the neighborhood, at one of our meetings, or online when you logon to our new HOA platform.

-Inge, Prasad, Ross, and Kenny

Cardiff Ranch Announcements



SAVE THE DATES!

Easter April 13th

Community Garage Sale April 27th

Cinco de Mayo May 4th

Pool Party and Opening May 25th

Parade and BBQ Contest July 4th

Back to School August 10th

Community Garage Sale September 14th

Halloween October 26th

Diwali November 2nd

Bazar Kids Crafts December 12th

Christmas/T-PAK Party December 14th

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CR Easter Facts

1. The tallest Easter egg chocolate was made in Italy in 2011. It stood at 10.39 meters and weighed an astounding 7,200 kg.
2. In the US, only 12 of the 50 states recognize Good Friday as a holiday.
3. The art of painting eggs is called pysanka, which originated in Ukraine. It involves using wax and dyes to color the egg.
4. The term Easter gets its name from Eastre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess who symbolizes the hare and the egg.
5. The exchange or giving of Easter eggs actually dates back to before Easter and the giving of eggs is actually considered a symbol of rebirth in many cultures.
6. There used to be a tradition churches observed that resembled the game of "hot potato." Here, the priest would toss a hard-boiled egg to one of the choir boys. The boys would toss the egg amongst themselves and when the clock struck 12, whomever had the egg was the winner and got to keep the egg.
7. Peep peep... did you know Americans buy more than 700 million marshmallow Peeps during Easter? This makes Peeps the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy.

For more Easter facts? www.elitedaily.com

Cardiff Ranch Event February 26th

"Women May Need to Make Extra Financial Moves"

International Women's Day was observed on March 8. Around the world, special events celebrated the cultural, social, political and economic achievements of women. However, this last area – economic progress – is one that still causes concern, and rightfully so, because women still face gender-related challenges. How can you deal with them?

To begin with, you need to recognize the nature of these challenges. While many factors are actually responsible for women facing more economic pressure than men, two stand out in particular:

Gender wage gap – It's still around, despite some progress toward equality. The U.S. Census Bureau has found that full-time, year-round working women earn about 80% of what their male counterparts earn. Other studies show a slightly smaller gap.

Caregiving responsibilities – Women typically take more time away from the workforce than men, both to raise children and then, later in life, to take care of aging parents. These absences can result in lost wages, lower Social Security benefits and fewer contributions to 401(k) and similar retirement plans.

So, given these realities, what can you do to improve your own financial outlook? Here are a few suggestions:

Increase your contributions to your retirement plan. Every time your salary goes up, increase the amount you contribute

to your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered. These plans offer potential tax-deferred earnings, and since your contributions are typically made with pre-tax dollars, the more you put in, the lower your taxable income.

Invest for growth. Some studies show that men may invest more aggressively than women – though not necessarily more successfully. However, while you do need to invest wisely, you can't ignore the need for growth. Consequently, you should consider including a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments in your retirement and other investment accounts, with the precise amount depending on your individual goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Look for income even while serving as caregiver. Of course, you may never become the primary caregiver for your elderly parents – but even if you do, it doesn't necessarily follow that you must forego all earned income. If it's possible, you could seek to go part-time at your current job, or request some type of telecommuting arrangement. And as long as you have some earned income, from somewhere, you can still contribute to an IRA.

Manage retirement plan withdrawals carefully. Once you're retired, possibly to become a full-time caregiver, you can take penalty-free – though still taxable – withdrawals from your 401(k) as early as age 55, provided you meet certain conditions. Once you're 59-1/2, you can take penalty-free withdrawals from a traditional IRA, though the money will be taxable. While you can withdraw contributions you made to a Roth IRA at any time, tax- and penalty-free, you'll have to wait until 59-1/2 to take out your earnings free of taxes and penalties. And you'll need to find a sustainable withdrawal rate so you can reduce the risk of depleting these accounts too early.

As a society, we are still working toward equality for all people – including economic equality. As a woman, however, you can't afford to wait until that day arrives, so you need to be proactive in seeking and maintaining your financial security.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor, which also lives in our community:

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Thank you Mr. Samuelson Drumond! Keep up the great work!

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Cardiff Ranch homeowner and landscaping committee member Dr. Melissa Wendt with Anchor Dental has generously donated five new umbrellas for the community pool and twelve new patio cushions for the clubhouse Pergola.



Dr. Melissa is the owner of Anchor Dental located in Katy Texas. She has operated in business for 12 years including the Sugar Land area. In a family and cosmetic dentistry practice, Dr. Melissa loves working

with children and families. She has the up most respect for her patients and clinical team. Her bedside manner is Katy approved, and her practice has a 4.9 star rating. Dr. Wendt is not afraid of hard work and dedication.



In her daily scope of work, she explains dental plans and procedures for each family's needs and requirements. Dr. Wendt is in-network with most insurance plans and is available to discuss any dental issues, from preventive measures to implants and everything in between. She is passionate about oral health and wellness, and it shows! Dr. Wendt handles her patients with care and treats everyone like family.

Dr. Melissa Wendt graduated from Baylor University with her Bachelor of Arts in Biology in 2003. She continued her education at UT Dental School and received her Doctorate in Dentistry in 2007. Dr. Melissa Wendt is happily married to the love of her life, Mr. Ryan Joyce, and is a mother of two very active little girls. We are proud to have her on our landscaping team and a dedicated homeowner of Cardiff Ranch.

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Raptors

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

Have you ever heard of a hawk vest, raptor shield or coyote vest? I had no idea they even existed until I started researching this article. Although they may go by different names, they are all very similar and serve the same purpose. They claim to protect small animals from birds of prey, coyotes and even aggressive dogs. Now you may think this is silly and even a little ridiculous but if you're someone who has suffered the loss of a pet snatched by a raptor or coyote, it makes perfect sense. As recently as January 18th in Pennsylvania, an 8-pound bichon frise was playing in the backyard when an eagle swooped down, grabbed it with its talons and flew off with it. Not to worry. For some unknown reason, the eagle dropped it 4 miles away and the dog recovered.

A bird of prey is a meat-eater but not all birds of prey are raptors. Eagles, owls, ospreys, kites, hawks, buzzards, harriers, vultures, and falcons are all raptors. Three traits help distinguish a raptor from other birds of prey and these three traits make raptors excellent hunters. A raptor has a curved beak with sharp edges, sharp claws or talons and excellent eyesight.

Of all the animals in the animal kingdom, raptors have the best eyesight. Their eyesight is 6 to 8 times better than ours. As far as which raptor has the best eyesight it is most definitely the eagle. It is believed that an eagle can spot an ant crawling on the ground from atop a 10-story building, or a rabbit up to a mile away. Breaking that down even a little further, this means an eagle flying at an altitude of 1000 feet over open country could spot prey over an area of almost 3 square miles from a fixed position.

The talons, or claws, of raptors are curved downward and are razor sharp. If you were to see a raptor's foot up close you would also notice rough bumps on the pads of the feet which aid in hanging onto their prey like slippery fish. The raptor swoops down and with a vise-like grip either kills the prey or inflicts serious wounds.

The beaks of raptors are all the same. They are curved with very sharp edges. They use their beaks to tear off fur, pull out feathers and tear meat into bite-sized pieces that they swallow whole. Raptors also have what we would call a "tooth" on the inside of the upper part of their beak. It's shaped like a triangle and is called a tomia. This is used to cut the spinal cord of its prey.

If you come across an injured raptor, there are very important steps to take to insure your safety and the safety of the bird. First, call TWRC Wildlife Center. If the bird doesn't fly away when approached, this doesn't always mean it's injured. It could be protecting food or babies. If it is determined that the bird actually needs rescuing, we will direct you on how to safely capture and restrain the hawk. If you do not feel comfortable handling the hawk, we can recommend other options for transport. If it is injured, you'll need heavy gloves, safety glasses and a thick towel or blanket. Throw the towel or blanket over

the bird and take hold of the bird by keeping its wings close to its body and your hands out of reach of the talons. Darkness helps calm birds and the towel provides that. Place the bird in a sturdy box or pet carrier that is only slightly larger than the bird. If it's too large, the bird will be able to flop around and could inflict even more injuries. Be sure to remove the towel or blanket from the container. Now place that towel or blanket over the carrier. Bring the bird to us as quickly as possible for care. Please do not attempt to feed the bird or provide water. As with most wild animals, it is illegal to have raptors in your possession. They are federally protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918.

If you have any wildlife questions, give us a call at 713-468-8972 or check our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org.

Spring is our busiest season and babies have started coming in. We need compassionate people to help feed and care for baby squirrels, baby opossums and baby birds. The age requirement is 14 and up. This is an experience you'll never forget! The link is <https://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org/volunteer/>





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