



**March 31, 2011**

## “Science is Out of this World”

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  - Science is Out of this World!
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The first ever Family Science Night at Life School Oak Cliff Elementary on Thursday, March 24, 2011 was a roaring success! Our theme was “Science is out of this Word”, and we kicked off the day with all of the teachers and staff dressing the part. The kindergarten team displayed their star students on their shirts. The first grade team and Ms. Shellman came as “Men (or should we say, women) in Black”. Second grade had the event theme made into a shirt and were styling the alien look. Each third grade teacher came dressed as a different planet, providing a walking lesson in the order of the planets. The fourth grade team had aliens, scientists and even Ms. Frizzle from the Magic School bus. The fifth grade team was astronomical aliens. By day, the sixth grade team displayed their “sixth graders are out of this world shirts” and by night they were joined by Ms. Calhoun as astronauts suited up for a space walk, resplendent in their space suits, helmets and boots. NASA Mission Control was represented by Mrs. Witte, Mrs. Martindale and Mrs. McElroy. The science of medicine was represented well, including the esteemed Marie Curie, by Mrs. Whitman, Mrs. Crane and Ms. Miller. The creative costume awards go to Mrs. Mitchell who rocked the alien/astronaut look, Ms. Ford who appeared as a land fill and Ms. White who was almost unrecognizable in her Spock costume.

At 6:30 p.m. the teachers held classroom update and at 7:00 p.m. our Family Science Night began. Each student and their family received a Science Passport and their goal was to get at least four stamps. Stamps were earned by visiting our science stations \*Fishing and exploring with magnets\*Living and Non-living \*Science Centers\*Science Computer Games\*Air Rocket Launching (measuring and graphing the results)\*Phases of the Moon (carved in Oreos)\*4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Top Science Fair Projects display .

The highlight of Family Science Night was a visit from Doug and Chad Wuerch of Wuerch’s Wildlife. Doug and Chad provided a high energy lesson on adaptations with video and live examples. Students will never forget the opportunity they had to see (and in some case touch) a live king snake, hog-nose snake and a tarantula. Many thanks to our parents for their participation and the donation of items for the stations, Mrs. Debbie Cooper, DBU intern ,who coordinated the event and to the teachers who gave of their time and efforts to facilitate the sessions.

<i>Calendar</i>	
4/15	End of 5th 6 weeks
4/18	Beginning of the 6th 6 weeks
4/21	Parenting Night “ Back to School”  6:30pm– Updates 7:00pm– Seminars
4/22	Make Up Day– <b>School in session</b>
4/25	Make Up Day– <b>School in session</b>
5/2-6	Battle of the Books



## Attendance Winner



Congratulations to Evelyn Molina in 2nd grade for being the Perfect Attendance Winner.

She received a Gift Card to Toys 'R' Us as a reward.

## Parenting Point Reminder

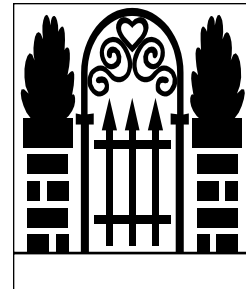
Parents,

As we are already in the fifth six weeks, please take a moment to review your parenting points to ensure they are up to date. **The last opportunity to earn points for Classroom Update and Parent Seminar for this school year is April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011.**

Please remember that parents are required to earn 20 parenting points (per family) per school year. Please see page 28-29 of the Handbook.

### Fall Semester

Classroom observation for ½ hour OR	
parent-teacher conference	4 points
Parent Seminars	3 points
Classroom Update	1 point
Other activities (such as lunchroom	2 points
volunteer, assist with a class party, etc.)	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10 points</b>



### Spring Semester

Classroom observation for ½ hour OR	
parent-teacher conference	4 points
Parent Seminars	3 points
Classroom Update	1 point
Other activities (such as lunchroom	2 points
volunteer, assist with a class party, etc.)	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10 points</b>

**TOTAL FOR YEAR : 20 Parenting Points per family**