



# Oak Cliff Elementary School Gram

December 15, 2011

Calendar	
12/15	1st-3rd Grade Holiday Concert, 7:00pm
12/16	Early Release, 12:30pm
12/19-1/2	Winter Break No School
1/3	School Resumes
1/13	Early Release, 12:30
1/13	End of the 3rd-6weeks
1/16	MLK Day- No School

- Special points of interest:
- Calendar
  - Science Night
  - Veterans Day Program
  - Third Grade Field Trip
  - Re-Enrollment Reminder
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## SCIENCE NIGHT AT OAK CLIFF



Life School Oak Cliff Elementary hosted its annual Science Fair on our November parenting night. Students, parents and teachers dressed up in space theme clothing during Parenting Night. Throughout the building was a wide range of scientific stations that included:

- solar and space stations
- measurement and time
- animal reptile station

Each student received a science passport in an effort to obtain four (4) stamps by visiting four different scientific sta-

tions. Parents, students and staff enjoyed this fun and family filled night of excitement. A special thanks to the PTO for hosting our annual "Science Night".

Also, students presented their science fair projects. All students in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade were required to complete a science fair project and five students in each class were selected to show their project in the science fair. The students did a great job on their projects and three winners were selected in each grade level. In fourth grade, our first place winner was Kole Davis. The second place winner was Che'Rin Kim and the third place winner was Kayla Greer. In fifth grade our first place winner was



Brandice Mills. Second place was Julie Shoemake and third place was Josefina Najira. Sixth grade first place winner was Suzy Kim. Second place was Madison Cooper and third place was Elmer Ambrosio. Congratulations to all of our winners and great job 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade on our science fair!



## Veterans Day Program



On Friday, November 11, 2011, Mrs. Peterson and the 4th Grade students presented the Veteran's Day Program titled "You're A Hero" to honor our country men and women who have served our nation. The students sang five songs: "Reaching For Rainbows", "Standing Up For Freedom", "Military Medley", "Thank You Military", and "You're A Hero". Keleion

Purvis and Taylor Walker represented the color guard and presented our American Flag and Texas Flag before the program began. Our student speakers were Colvin Stephens, Alexander Estefes, Zabdi Pina, Sebastian Scott, and Cortland Jackson. Our ribbon dancers were Chanel Wilson, Kayla Greer, Jeda Flowers, Ileana Flores, and Jayda Wheat.

A special thanks to all veterans, administrators, and teachers to help make this a special event.



## Third Grade Field Trip

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, third grade went on an adventure to explore two of the regions that we are studying in Science! We unloaded the buses at the Dallas World Aquarium, and began our journey through the Rainforest. We traveled from the Canopy Level, through the Understory, and ended on the Rainforest Floor. We

saw many exciting plants, and animals that call the Rainforest their home. Some highlights that we enjoyed included watching the sloth, the vampire bats, the crocodiles, and the otters. This led us to the next region known as Oceans. We saw many different types of fish, coral reefs, and mam-

mals that live in the ocean. One of our favorite parts of the exploration was watching the sharks, stingrays, and sea turtles eat their morning meal!

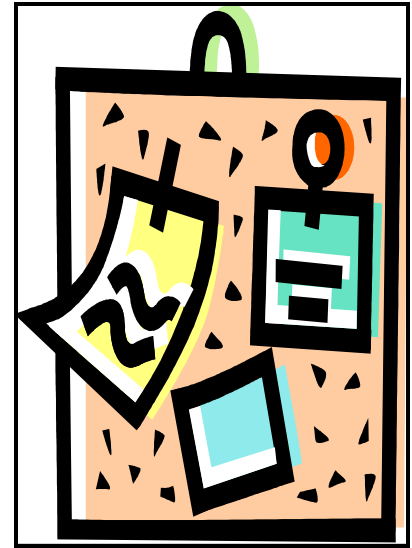


## Re-Enrollment Reminder for Thursday Exchange

Parents, it's hard to believe, but Re-enrollment forms will be going home January 26<sup>th</sup>. You will have until February 23<sup>rd</sup> to turn in your completed forms with the activity fee. If you plan to attend the February parent night, a table will be set up in the Atrium for you to turn Re-Enrollment forms in to

the registrar. Please fill your forms out completely, and include the exact name of the public school in your neighborhood that your child would attend if they did not attend Life School. If your child(ren) will not be attending for the 2012-2013 school year, please fill out the provided form with all the new

school information and your signature. **\*Please note:** *Please do not wait until the last minute.* Forms must be turned in by the deadline. Your child's spot will not be held if forms are not received by February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's education.



## Parent Portal Information

The Life School Parent Self-Serve System provides access for parents or guardians to student's grades and attendance through a Life School secure website. The link to the Life School Parent Self-Serve System may be found on the top of the Life School website at [www.lifeschools.net](http://www.lifeschools.net) or may be accessed through the following URL: <https://teams.lifeschools.net/selfserve/parent/>. Please go to the "New Users" tab to register your information. Directions may be found on the home page under "Registration Instructions."

El Sistema de Autoservicio para Padres Life School da acceso a los padres o tutores a las calificaciones de los alumnos mediante un sitio de Internet seguro. Únicamente los padres de los alumnos que cursan los grados 1-12 estarán disponibles para ver tanto las calificaciones como la asistencia. Sin embargo, los padres de alumnos de preescolar podrán ver los reportes de asistencia. ¿Cuál es la URL del Sistema de Autoservicio para Padres Life School? Puede encontrarse la liga al Sistema de Autoservicio para Padres Life School en la parte superior del sitio de Internet en [www.lifeschools.net](http://www.lifeschools.net) o también mediante la siguiente URL: <https://teams.lifeschools.net/selfserve/parent/> Por favor vaya a la pestaña "Nuevo Usuario" para registrar su información. Podrán encontrarse las instrucciones en la página principal en "Instrucciones de Registro."



## Life OC Elementary Book Fair 2011 Kick Off with “Clifford the Big Red Dog”

Clifford stopped by our school during the morning announcements. The students were absolutely excited to see Clifford. Although the collection of new Scholastic books at the OC Library book fair was very exciting, it wasn't just “Clifford the Big Red Dog” and the books that had everyone celebrating. The “Big Red Dog” took pictures with various teachers and students throughout the Book Fair.

“The quality, affordable books are the draw for the kids, but the parents will find that any money spent here comes back and enriches the school,” said sale chairperson Carolyn Martindale. The funds collected at the book fair provided opportunities to purchase books for our Library. The fair featured a wide range of books including the latest bestsellers from more than 150 publishers. Literature for sale at the fair included everything from “Fancy Nancy”, “Diaries of a Wimpy Kid”, “Cookbooks”, “How to Lego”, “Star Trek Encyclopedias” as well as “Do it Yourself Science Project”.

Kindergarten through Second Grade classrooms viewed a sampling of the books available at the school's Scholastic Book Fair, created a wish list, returned the following day and purchased their books.



Clifford the Big Red Dog and Kindergarten students wait in the hall to visit the Book Fair.

More important to the school was that the Book Fair promoted reading and sharing throughout the school.



Mrs. Jimenez and students visits the Book Fair. Mrs. Martindale, Librarian and Mrs. Witte, Principal with Clifford.

