



Cheetah News

A Word From Our Principal



I can hardly believe that November has already come and gone. It was a very productive and busy month here for us at Chapman's Retreat. We served 949 people for lunch during our Thanksgiving Feast. I want to thank all of the families that came to participate in this wonderful tradition. Our students and staff enjoyed meeting all of the grandparents and having them visit their classrooms and having their pictures made with Clifford.

Another wonderful event that took place during November was the Book Fair. I want to thank each of you for participating in our Book Fair this year. It was truly a success, thanks to all of you! We had an overwhelming group of parents and students who came to our Book Fair on Thursday evening and Saturday.

We have many wonderful programs planned at Chapman's Retreat during the

month of December. Below is a schedule of upcoming events:

Thursday, December 4th Chorus Tree Lighting at City Hall

Monday, December 15th 7:00 p.m. 1st grade Holiday Program

I hope each and every one of you has a safe and relaxing winter break. The date of our winter break is December 22nd - January 5th. Also, remember, on Friday, December 19th, we will dismiss at 12:05. I look forward to seeing each one of you on January 6th! Have a wonderful holiday season!

In the November newsletter I addressed the concern over the amount of tardies we have here at Chapman's Retreat each day. Although the number of students who are tardy has decreased, we still need to improve in this area. With the help of the parents, we can greatly reduce this number. Our goal is to

make sure that all children arrive by 8:35. This will greatly reduce the classroom interruptions and will enhance the learning experience for all students here at Chapman's Retreat. Together we can accomplish this goal! Please remember that if your child is absent, to send a note the day your child returns to school. Thank you again for all that you do to make Chapman's Retreat a school of academic excellence!



Chapman's Retreat

December 2008

Important Dates

December 8th

PTO Board Meeting at 9 am (please contact Shelby Waymaster if you wish to attend)

December 12th

Winter Luncheon for the teachers and staff

December 12th

Staff Appreciation Day - "Book Day"

Dec. 22nd - Jan. 5th
Winter Break

A Word From Our PTO President

I can hardly believe that Thanksgiving is past and the winter holidays are quickly approaching us! Currently, the PTO is working hard on putting together the Winter Luncheon for our teachers and staff. It will be held on Friday, December 12th.

To tie into our Winter Luncheon we have set the next Staff Appreciation Day for that same Friday. This is a wonderful day to show our teachers and staff how much we all appreciate them and the hard work that they do! They will be given a fantastic luncheon and we would love for you to have your kids bring their teachers any holiday presents you may have purchased or made for them. Also, don't forget all of the support staff as well; they all need a little spoiling now and then!

I would also like to remind you all about the hat and mitten tree that the Cheetah Council is sponsoring. Please remember to pick up at new hat or pair of gloves or mittens for both boys and girls for your child to hang on the tree. The hat and mitten tree is located on the second floor, in front of the balcony overlooking the main foyer of the school.

I am also reaching out to all volunteers! Once again this year, on Thursday, December 18th, Dr. Garriss is holding her Holiday Breakfast for all the teachers and staff. Just like last year, I am in need of volunteers to work in the various classrooms for about an hour and a half that morning, so all of our teachers can go and enjoy the food and entertainment without worrying about their classrooms. Please keep in mind that you will not be responsible for coming up with ideas to keep the kids entertained! All classroom teachers will have something planned for their classes! This is a wonderful time, however, to work on a class project that you may want to work on for your teacher's holiday gift from the class. This would be perfectly fine, if this is in-

deed something you want to do. It is the perfect time to complete something for the teacher and know that they will be out of the room for the entire time! If this volunteer job is something that you would be willing to do, please contact your room parent to let them know. If you are not able to reach them, please feel free to contact your Volunteer Assistants or the Volunteer Coordinators. They are Heather Curtis for Kindergarten and 1st grade, Christine Wright for 2nd and 3rd grade, Amy Sendewicz for 4th and 5th grade and Karen Gudgen and Tracie Michelson, Volunteer Coordinator and Assistant Volunteer Coordinator, respectively..

Finally, my family and I want to wish you all the merriest and safest of holidays. However you celebrate it, enjoy the special time with family and friends!

A note from the Concessions Team

We are getting ready to open the concessions for the basketball games at Chapman's Retreat. It has always been a great source of income for our PTO and we really need all the help and support! If you are unable to help support the school during the week, this is a great opportunity because all of the games are on Saturdays! The basketball schedule will be available soon. Please contact Mark Demorest to help volunteer to work the concessions during the basketball season! You can reach Mark at 438-6597, or msdemo@charter.net.



Staff Appreciation Day

December 12, 2008 will be the 2nd Staff Appreciation Day. Show the CRES Staff you care by giving them a small token of your appreciation. If you need some help, be sure and check out their "Favorites Page" on the CRES website under Faculty/Staff.



TEACHER FEATURE

Do you have a terrific teacher who you would like to honor in a special way but you just don't know how? Well, let the CoolSprings Galleria and its stores, Publix, Sonic and the crew from WC-TV help.

Each month Williamson County Schools teachers will be selected for the WC-TV Teacher Feature. Your teacher will be surprised and honored with a bundle of goodies from the CoolSprings Galleria including:

- A \$25 CBL Malls Gift Card from CoolSprings Galleria
- A Bouquet of Flowers and a Deli Dinner from Publix
- A \$25 Gift Card from Coldwater Creek
- A Haircut and style from Macy's Ecotage Salon
- An Oil Change from Sears Auto Center
- A Cookie Cake from The Great American Cookie Company
- A Makeover from the cosmetics department of Belk

A MySonic Gift Card

In addition, your teacher will be treated to a beautiful bouquet of flowers from Publix along with a Deli Dinner. And Sonic restaurant is providing a gift card as well.

A special video about your teacher will air on WC-TV and your teacher will be featured in the school district's email newsletter *IN FOCUS*.

Nominating your teacher is easy...just tell us what makes your teacher special...in 300 words or less and email your nomination to teacherfeature@wcs.edu or visit the CoolSprings Galleria website at www.coolspringsgalleria.com and submit your nomination letter. If you're shopping at the Galleria, you may drop off your nomination at guest services on the lower level in the Belk wing.

Nominations will be accepted and stay active throughout the school year. So what do you say? Nominate your teacher for the WC-TV Teacher Feature today.

A special note of thanks and appreciation

As we come to the end of the year, the PTO would like to send a special thanks to our "Partners in Education." They have continued to show their support of our school by the financial gifts, services, and donations to our "cheetahfest" silent auction. It is their kindest that help us provide services and activities to Chapman's Retreat. So, on behalf of the PTO Board, and members, I want to say "THANK YOU!"

Sincerely,

Lyle Ennis
1st VP

A note from the Hospitality team

It's that time of year for the PTO to honor our faculty and staff at Chapman's Retreat with a "Winter Luncheon." It has become a great tradition, and it is a joy to show our appreciation to all of the people that help our children have a positive learning environment. The date for the "Winter Luncheon" is December 12, 2008, from 10:00 am to 1:30 p.m. Our faculty and staff will be enjoying lunch during their regular scheduled time.

We need your help in several areas including decorating, food preparation, serving, and clean up. On the morning of the luncheon, a table will be set up for easy drop-off. Please contact Kristi Westbrooks at 302-1534, kwestbrooks@hotmail.com, or Audra Lambers at 302-1889, alambers@bellsouth.net.

