

# PETRONILA PRIDE NEWSLETTER



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## F.Y.I.

There will be **NO TUTORING** after-school on April 6 & 7 due to TAKS testing. ☞

Please see "Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming TAKS" on page 2. ☞

Reports cards will go home on Thursday, April 16. 5th 6-Weeks Awards Assembly will be held on Friday, April 17, at 2:00 p.m. ☞

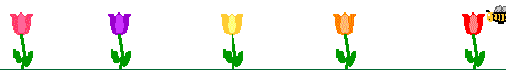
**EARLY RELEASE**  
**APRIL 10.**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**APRIL 13.**  
**SCHOOL RESUMES**  
**APRIL 14.**

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents, I hope that everyone had a restful Spring Break. I want to thank all of our parents, students, and staff for attending the 1st-Grade 3 performances, Campus Science Fair Open House, and Family Night at the Book Fair during Texas Public Schools Week. We had a great turn out and many books were sold at the book fair that evening. I also want to thank Mrs. Alaniz, Coach Gorny and their students from Bishop High School that were here to judge our Science Fair projects.

Thanks to all the students who participated in the Campus Science Fair and congratulations to all the winners. The campus first place winners in Grades 2-5 will participate in the Coastal Bend Science Fair that will be held on May 2nd, at Texas A&M, in Corpus Christi.

Our 5th grade students will be taking the Math TAKS on Tuesday, April 7. We look forward to getting their results back very soon. *Mr. Gutierrez* ☞



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**& 4/7 due to**  
**TAKS testing.**

## First Grade News

We sure had a fun time during Texas Public Schools Week. We learned about Texas animals, Texas symbols, took part in a chili cook-off, made Tumbleweed Stew, put on a TEXAS program and enjoyed Texas Trail Mix. It was a busy week. Thanks to all the parents who joined us throughout the week.

We are reading the last stories in our reading books and will be getting new readers next week. I am very proud of the way these 1<sup>st</sup> graders are reading. They are doing a great job. I am also pleased with the work they are doing in regards to their reading work pages. Everyone is working hard to get to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

In Math we are working on putting numbers in order and will quickly move on to comparing numbers and measurement. These are short units and should be pretty easy for us to master. We continue to practice our adding and subtracting each week.

Science has us learning about the water on earth; fresh and salt water and we are studying about workers and jobs in Social Studies.

Be on the look-out for a note about our Easter celebration and the things we will be doing next week.

Thanks, *Mrs. Buchalew* ☞

## **NOTICE OF APPRECIATION**

Many thanks to the following Bishop High School students for serving as our Campus Science Fair judges on March 27, 2008:

**Taylor Carmona, Alfredo Gaona, Erica Garcia, Kelsey Hayes, Elisa Kelly, Grant Michalk, Stephanie Moya, Claudia Perez, Randall Prukop, Andriah Scott, Brianne Vincent, Christina Wilborn, Nicholas Zaragosa, Ian Zavadil, Jon Escobar, Jacob Ortegon, Jordon Wilborn, Laura Castillo-Alaniz, Brandon Haddy, Demi Nava, Briana Ruiz, Sara Simon, Nicholas Brown, Shane Johnson, Allison Meier, Nicholas Racheco, & Zachery Solis.**

## Fourth Grade News

Dear Parents,

I would like to start off by thanking everyone who visited our campus on Texas Public Schools Week. I hope everyone had a chance to see the beautiful gourds that my class decorated. They will be on display for the rest of the year. We have also just received some caterpillars that will be displayed in the Butterfly Pavilions. It is an amazing thing to watch as the caterpillars go through their metamorphic changes. "Thank you Mrs. Diaz!"

We are gearing up for our Math and Reading TAKS test which will be held on April 28 and 29th. My kiddos have been reviewing and reviewing all objectives. I am proud to say that most of my class is doing fantastic BUT we still need to practice ALWAYS using strategies. Next week, we will be taking our last Benchmark tests in Math and Reading. Please make sure your child is well rested since we will be testing ALL DAY on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Once again, thank you for all of your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school.

Sincerely, Mrs. Davila ✉

## Resource Room News

Welcome spring! I hope you all had a wonderful spring break and are ready to finish off the year!

Texas Public Schools week was great fun. The students were excited to dress up everyday.

In math we are learning about graphs. We have been plotting bears on a graph and its fun to see the students pick up on it so quickly.

In reading, we continue reading the story of the week. In addition, AR points are being accumulated daily.

If you have access to the internet at home, at great website is STUDY ISLAND. The students access it here at school, and can also work on things at home. Thanks parents for always encouraging your children to learn new things.

Keep reading, doing homework and signing the yellow folders daily.

Thanks,

S. Garcia, Resource Teacher



## EASTER BREAK



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## Third Grade News

YAHOOOOOOO!!! 100% Third graders you did it. You did the strategies and pulled it off. Great job! I knew you all could do it. You guys, I can't even begin to tell you how very proud I am of you right now. There is one thing, be ready because Mrs. Davila and Mrs. Trujillo are going to expect nothing less from you next year and the year after that. Fifth Grade, you guys did an awesome job and I am just as proud of you as well. Keep it up guys because we still have our Math TAKS test this month. 5<sup>th</sup> grade takes their test on April 7<sup>th</sup>. GOOD LUCK! 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade take their tests on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be ready. Boys and girls, please, please, please, keep doing your homework. We are in the homestretch, BUT school is not over! Hang in there.

Parents, as always please feel free to contact me during my conference period (8:40-9:25) if you have any questions.

Thanks for all you do,

Mrs. Garcia ✉

## Kinder News

Hello, our kinder students have been working really hard. I would like to thank you for helping your child with their reading. I have seen a great improvement! As far as their class work we are three letters away from finishing the alphabet and sounds. Once we're done we will focus more on writing sentences and reading. In math we are studying graphs and grouping numbers. Please continue working on homework and reviewing math daily.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING TAKS TESTS



<b>Math TAKS Grade 5</b>	<b>April 7</b>
<b>Math TAKS Grades 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>April 28</b>
<b>Reading TAKS Gr. 4 (Retest Gr. 3&amp;5)</b>	<b>April 29</b>
<b>Science TAKS Grade 5</b>	<b>April 30</b>

## Prekinder News

Spring is in the air and my Prekindergarteners are blossoming just like the beautiful flowers they are. We are almost finished with all our letter sounds. We are on the letter Ww and will be tackling letters X,Y, and Z next week. Many of the students are already reading. Please make sure the students are still working on their sight words and bringing them to school to read to me. Those who took home the Bob Book Stories, please make sure you are also practicing these and bringing them to read to me. I think some of the children are forgetting to practice them at home so please remind them and help them practice.

Parents, we are planning a field trip on April the 26<sup>th</sup> to the Texas State Aquarium and then possibly to Cole Park to have lunch. Please let us know if you are interested in going with us to help us with our little ones. Permission slips will be going out later in April but it would really help if we know how many of you we can count on to help. Thank you so much for all you do for me and your children.

*Mrs. Gonzalez* ✉

## Second Grade News

Dear Parents,

I can't believe the 5<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks is almost over. Our second graders have been working hard in all subjects. In Reading, we are focusing on main ideas, cause & effect, drawing conclusions, and summarizing stories. In Math, we are focusing on measurements and temperature. Parents, please continue to help your child at home. I've had a few students coming to class without his/her homework; therefore, please make sure to check their homework contract and work. As you may know, last week we celebrated Texas Public Schools Week, and our second graders ended their festivities by setting up camp in the classroom. We had a 'best tent' contest, ate hotdogs, read Texas stories, and played musical instruments. It was an exciting experience for all of us.

One final note, I want to take this time to congratulate the top 3 second graders for placing in this year's Science Fair. Those students are: David Willoughby(1<sup>st</sup>), Victoria Cavazos(2<sup>nd</sup>), and Cameron Nucete(3<sup>rd</sup>). All my students put forth a lot of effort to complete their projects, so Congratulations to all of you for getting this assignment completed.

*Mrs. Reyes* ✉

## Fifth Grade News

Hello everyone, here's hoping that everyone had a restful time during Spring Break? It was good to see everyone back. My 5<sup>th</sup> graders are working hard getting ready & counting down for our Math TAKS, which is Tuesday, April 7. I believe that all my students can pass it, if they remember to read the story problem carefully, work out the problem, & definitely check their work. As you can see, not only are we getting ready for our Math test, but we're also working on our other subjects as well. I'd like to congratulate my 5<sup>th</sup> graders that won for Science Fair: James Perkins-1st place, Thalia Pesina 2<sup>nd</sup> place, & Daisy Rico-3<sup>rd</sup> place. I also want to say good job to the rest of the class for a job well done. In case you haven't heard, we got our Reading TAKS scores back & my 5<sup>th</sup> graders made 89%. All I can say is: WAY TO GO GUYS, I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT! The thing is 5<sup>th</sup> grade: just because our Reading TAKS is over, doesn't mean you need to stop reading, everyone still needs to meet their AR goal every week. So keep reading & testing. A quick reminder to my 5<sup>th</sup> graders for next Tuesday: go to bed early, have a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast, & think positive before walking into our room. As always parents, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the office to set up a conference.

Until next time, *Mrs. Trujillo* ✉

## GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAM NOTICE

Bishop CISD Gifted and Talented Program will serve students in the academic areas of Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Nominations for students not currently in the program will be accepted through April 29, 2009, before the close of the school day.

Nominations for the program may be made by parents, teachers, counselors, the students themselves, or other interested persons. These nominations will be accepted by the campus principals only; therefore, forms must be picked up and returned to the principal's office at the appropriate campus. In addition, written parental consent must be obtained before any special testing or individual assessment is conducted as part of the screening and identification process.

Questions about the nomination process may be directed to Dr. Eden Hernandez, GT Program Coordinator for the District, or to individual campus principals.

Dr. Eden Hernandez  
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## Library News

Dear Parents, I want to take this time to say THANK YOU so much for your wonderful support of our book fair. As always it was successful and the children always have a great time. I had a couple of students that came up to me and told me Mrs. Salinas, I love the bookfair, everytime we have it I get really excited! That's what its all about parents and I hope we continue to work together and provide what our students need and get them excited about it and at the same time help them them get into the habit of reading. Many thanks to our AWESOME! volunteers. Sandra Romo, Melissa Serna, Amanda Reyna, Carolina Cantu ,Claudia Martinez and Mrs. Perkins. You guys are the best! Couldnt do it without you.

Until next time, Mrs Salinas ☺



### Campus Science Fair Winners



Grade 2:

David Willoughby	1st Place
Victoria Cavazos	2nd Place
Cameron Nucete	3rd Place

Grade 3:

Rachel Lee	1st Place
Oscar Cavazos	2nd Place
Rory Chavez	3rd Place

Grade 4:

Victoria Elizondo	1st Place
Sam Schubert	2nd Place
Samantha Fowler	3rd Place

Grade 5:

James Perkins	1st Place
Thalia Pesina	2nd Place
Daisy Rico	3rd Place

CONGRATULATIONS to all and good job to all students who participated! Grades 2-5 First place winners will compete in the Coastal Bend Science Fair to be held on May 2, 2009, at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.