

Shark Bites

News from the Knowledge Knights in the Black/Smith multiage classroom

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

· **H1N1 is here at Wylie!** Aileen Kernohan, our school nurse, is doing a great job of keeping the community informed of the district's action plan and spreading the gospel of prevention. Here are the basics for our students:

Wash hands frequently, before eating, after toileting, when hands are dirty, etc. Wash for 20 seconds (as long as it takes to sing the Happy Birthday Song twice or the ABC song). Wash all surfaces - palms, between fingers, and backs of hands. If soap and water is not available use a 60% alcohol based hand sanitizer.

Avoid touching the T-Zone (eyes, nose and mouth) with hands, as this is common way for germs to be introduced into the body.

Don't share personal items such as drinks, forks, spoons, food etc

Cover coughs and sneezes using a tissue that is immediately disposed of in the trash, then wash hands. If a tissue is not available, cough into an elbow or sleeve - not hands.

Stay home when sick.

Promote personal health by getting enough sleep, eating a healthy diet, practicing stress reducing techniques, etc.

· **Wylie will celebrate Halloween on Friday with a parade!** All of the third and fourth graders will make one circuit of the building, including a loop outside, allowing for plenty of photo opportunities. Our classroom activities will follow immediately afterwards, beginning at approximately 2:30. We will continue forwarding frequent updates from Jodi Kinnard about food and supply needs. Thanks to all of the volunteers who have signed up so far.

· **The Turkey Trot is a week from today.** All of the children at Wylie will aim for their personal best as they ambulate one mile on their quest for cardiovascular fitness.

CURRICULUM NOTES

· **Mmmmm...chocolate!** Such is the refrain you might hear during our reading lessons these days, as we bite into our chocolate unit. Children are reading from one of four books: "Cam Jansen and the Chocolate Fudge Mystery", "The Chocolate Touch", "Chocolate Fever" and "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". Once we've digested these sweet reads we'll celebrate with a chocolate feast! More on that in the next newsletter.

· **In math both third and fourth graders are lining up their 1s, 10, 100s and more,** as we continue work in our Place Value units. Everyone will begin addition and subtraction units next, with the third graders taking a brief break to produce a "Count-By" book, in preparation for their upcoming study of multiplication. Weekly fact tests will continue for both groups, so keep practicing regularly at home with your child.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **October 30** - Wylie Halloween Parade at 2:15 P.M., followed by ghostly classroom fun.
- **November 2** - Turkey Trot