



# Krueger Elementary School

## Cavalier Parent Newsletter

November 2009



### Principal's Corner

Dear Krueger Families,

I want to thank the staff and students for a wonderful October. We had many different events going on last month: PTA fundraiser/Walk-a-thon, Picture Day, several rounds of CDB testing and Red Ribbon Week to name a few! November is also going to be busy considering it is a shorter month due to the Thanksgiving holidays. Make sure you take time to read the "Points of Interest" section to see all of our scheduled events.

Our Student Council, under the supervision of Ms. Taylor, is sponsoring a Helotes Toy & Coat Drive in conjunction with the City of Helotes. We are collecting new, packaged, unwrapped toys & gently used coats from Nov. 2nd-30th to give to needy families. We have boxes in the foyer for you to drop off your donation.

I would like to thank everyone that ordered spirit shirts for their patience last month. Unfortunately for us, the company had issues that needed to be resolved through a judge and our order got caught up in the legal proceedings. Thankfully the orders did come in this week. We are working hard to insure that everyone receives their order. Please contact the school and ask for Yvonne if there is a problem with your order. Needless to say, the district will no longer do business with this company. We hope to have a new vendor soon so we can order additional shirts to sell at school.

Last Tuesday night, the NISD School Board approved a boundary change that moves students in the Shaenfield Place & Wildhorse Vista neighborhoods from Krueger to Scarborough ES effective June 4, 2010, for the opening of the 2010-11 school year. Additional information can be found in the BoardTalk section of the district's web page. I'm not sure at this point how the change will effect our enrollment for next year until I receive projections in the Spring.

I hope you enjoy your week-long vacation this month & hope you get to spend some quality time with your family.

#### H1N1 Vaccine Update

At this time there is no definite timetable from Metro Health on when the vaccine will arrive for NISD students. This has caused the district to change its strategy of vaccinating elementary school aged children first. The main reason is the later we move into November to vaccinate, the slimmer the chances are that we can administer the second required vaccine within four weeks due to the Thanksgiving & Winter Holidays. Therefore, NISD will begin vaccinating secondary aged students first. It could be January before the vaccine is available to elementary students. If you desire a shot sooner than the school district can administer it, you are invited to contact your family physician. NISD will NOT administer the mist vaccine because it is a live virus; only shots will be given. Vaccinations will require written parent permission. The district will NOT administer shots to children if they resist. If parents know that their children are fearful of shots, they must be present to calm the student. I will keep you informed of the district's plan in my December bulletin.

#### Points of Interest

- **50 Days of School-** Tuesday, November 3rd will be our fiftieth day of school. To mark this special day we invite staff and students to dress in fifties attire.
- Our third annual **Helotes Toy & Coat Drive** runs from Nov. 2 through Nov. 30. This drive is sponsored by our Student Council under the leadership of Linda Taylor. There will be drop-off boxes in the foyer for your donations.
- **Veteran's Day-** be sure to come to our PTA meeting on November 10th at 6:00pm to watch our choir students pay tribute to our veterans. Prior to the meeting, our reading specialist, Ms. Tovar will host a Dyslexia Parent Awareness Night at 5:15.
- Our annual **Bike Rodeo** will take place on November 12th during your child's rotation time. Look for a flier to come home with more details.
- I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the PTA for sponsoring our first-ever **Krueger Walk-a-thon**...it was a HUGE success! We wanted to try a different kind of fundraiser this year and do something that would be fun for the kids at the same time. Each child received a Krueger water bottle and bracelet. A special thank you to the following classes for earning the most money on their grade level: Mrs. Garrett, Mrs. Weiland, Ms. Schantz, Mrs. McClain, Mrs. Queller and Ms. Hasenkamp. Way to go, Cavaliers!!
- **Over 50?** We need you to read to a child at Krueger. Call OASIS at 256-2335 for more information. The next training is on Nov. 5th and 6th from 10:15 to 4 pm at OASIS.
- **Have a Happy Thanksgiving Break!!**