

March 2008

# Lion Pride

Cathy Cowan, Principal



## Six Flag Tickets and Season Passes

Locke Hill now has tickets available to the public. Tickets are \$27 each (reg. \$50.81) and can be upgraded to season passes at the park for only \$32.43 more (reg. \$70.27). These upgrade prices are good from Mar. 3 until Apr. 14. After this date, the price of upgrades increases. This is the lowest price in town! Please keep us in mind for any groups planning to go during the summer months.

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and other organizations to purchase tickets at a low rate and support Locke Hill in the process!

## Texas Public Schools Week

Please attend the brief PTA meeting to elect new officers. This meeting will be followed by an invitation to visit your child's classroom. Your child's work will be on display for "ooing" and "ahhing". Teachers will be available to visit and answer questions about what will be happening in the classrooms for the rest of the school year. Rotation and Special Education teachers will be in their classrooms for visits also, so be sure to drop by.

## March

- 5—TAKS Testing  
4th gr. Writing  
3rd 7 5th gr. Reading
- 8—Daylight Savings  
Time begins—turn  
clocks forward!
- 10-14—Texas Public  
Schools Week
- 11—PTA meeting 7:00PM  
Open House to follow
- 17-21—Spring Break
- 28—End of 3rd 9-week  
grading period
- April 2—Early Release Day

## Tips for Reading Aloud

*Did you know that reading aloud for only 15 to 20 minutes a day builds your child's desire to read??? Here are some tips to help you get the most out of your time together!*

### Get comfortable

*Try sitting on soft mats or pillows. Use blankets to snuggle up with on cold days. Sit outside in the cool breeze on a warm day. Give them a snack or drink before you start.*

### Remove distractions

*Make sure that it is as quiet as possible so your child can focus. Be sure that the TV is turned off and that the ringer on the phone is turned down. If you aren't expecting any important calls, consider turning the phone off during your reading time together.*

### Encourage participation

*Let them join in. Children can choose the book and help turn the pages. If there's repetition in the story, challenge them to recite the key phrases with you.*

### Keep it appropriate

*Look for books that are close to their reading level. Our school librarian is always happy to help with suggestions.*

Don't forget that you can view your child's grades through the Parent Connection website.



<http://www.nisd.net/parentconnection/>

## Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winners!

1st—Erik Deanda  
2nd—David Zuniga

## Congratulations to Educators of the Year!

Mrs. Specia  
Ms. Vosburg