



WOLVERINE WIRE

Zachry Middle School

MARCH 2009

PTA NEWS FLASH

Tuesday, March 24th

4PM 8th Grade Dance Committee

Meeting – We welcome your input and talents at our first meeting. Please join us in the front office.

TAKS CORNER

Upcoming testing dates:

*8th Math **April 7th**

* 8th Retest Reading **April 28th**

* 6th & 7th Reading **April 29th**

* 6th & 7th Math **April 28th**

* 8th grade Science **April 30th**

* 8th grade Social Studies **May 1st**

* 8th Retest Math **May 19th**

GOOD LUCK ZACHRY STUDENTS!

WE KNOW YOU ARE TAKS READY!!

Chick Fil A Night

Thank you for all your support at our Taco Cabana fund-raiser night. The turn-out was overwhelming. So, how do you feel about Chicken? Join us March 26th, from 5-8pm, at the new Chick Fil-A in Alamo Ranch. Say you are from Zachry, and the school will receive a portion of the night's profits! **EAT MOR CHICKEN!**

Friday, March 27th Jean Day – Students of PTA members can wear jeans. Wristbands will be distributed during Advisory on March 26th.

Tuesday, April 14th 6:45PM General PTA Meeting – Vote to approve next year's fall fundraiser. Contact Cathy Canales with suggestions at 478-0142 or ccanales6@gmail.com.

Tuesday, May 19th 6:45PM General PTA Meeting – Vote for next year's Executive Board*

Contact Regina Walker with any nominations at 314-5646 or regdan@yahoo.com

Friday, May 29th 7-9PM 8th Grade Dance

***Want to make a difference for your child's school? Want to connect with other parents?**

The Zachry PTA is accepting nominations to the Executive Board for next school year. The board consists of **President, First Vice President of Ways & Means, Second Vice President of Membership, Third Vice President of Programs, Secretary and Treasurer**. If you have any questions regarding the duties of each office or would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please contact Regina Walker, Nominating Chair at 314-5646 or regdan@yahoo.com. The election will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. **Please give serious consideration to volunteering your time and talent to our school. The rewards are invaluable!**

IT'S GOING TO BE "SPIKE" TACULAR!!!!

The Zachry Botanical Society is excited about the progress of the cactus garden. Students have been working on this garden for about two years! In a few months, we will be planting the huge cacti .

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO

VIEW THE "NEW" CACTUS

WOLVERINE WIRE**ALPHA ABOUT-TOWNS**

Not only are the **8th grade GT students** involved in a Junior Achievement Finance Program during their regular ALPHA classes, but our 8th grade AVID students are also being educated and inspired to value free enterprise, business, and economics through their AVID class. Students studying this unit, which covers the importance of financial institutions, debit and credit cards, stock market and savings accounts, and responsible future planning, will take a culminating field trip in May to the Junior Achievement Finance Park. Once at the park, students will encounter a simulated experience where they will operate within a given budget to pay bills, rent, purchase groceries, etc. This park is being sponsored by Capital One and is located at the Alamodome.

7th grade ALPHA students are preparing for Mentathlon, a day of mental gymnastics, to be held at the Paul Taylor Field House on April 2nd. This NISD event is in need of many volunteers to assist with the over 100 different activities going on that day. Activities will include puzzles, games, math, science, art, trajectory, just to name a few. Please contact Pam Billingsley pambillingsley@nisd.net (397-7487) or Suzanne Wehmeyer suzannewehmeyer@nisd.net if you can help out from 8:15am-2:15pm on this exciting day!!!

Nature Venture, the NISD **6th grade GT event**, will be held at McGimsey Boy Scout Park on May 5th. This is a day of outdoor education at its best. Students will be signing up to learn about such things as fossils, reptiles, water cycle, shelter building, aquatic adventures, and photography to name a few of the many sessions offered by qualified instructors. Volunteers are needed to assist with these activities, so if you love the outdoors and are ready for adventure..... Please contact Pam Billingsley or Suzanne Wehmeyer . Again volunteers will need to complete a short background check by going to <http://www.nisd.net/schools/volunteer/> .

We'd LOVE for you to volunteer and we promise you a day to remember.....

Volunteers are asked to complete a short background check by going to <http://www.nisd.net/schools/volunteer/> .

This form only needs to be completed once a year for those who volunteer.

FIESTA TEXAS FUN!!!!!!

Recognizing the need for families to spend more time together, the Northside Education Foundation introduces "Northside Family Days" at Six Flags Fiesta Texas. Beginning immediately, park admission tickets for \$27 are available at our school. The park opens weekends beginning Feb 28. Take advantage of the great price. Tickets are good any time from date of purchase through October 31, 2009. Tickets are available in the front office, **CASH ONLY. Our campus earns \$2.50 for every ticket we sell!**

SPRING BOOK FAIR

Zachry MS Library will host its Spring Book Fair beginning Tuesday April 14th though Thursday April 23rd.

On Tuesday, April 14th, students, parents and community members are invited to attend our Family Night at the Book Fair. We'll be open from 5:30-7:30 for your browsing

pleasure. (Don't forget to attend our PTA meeting at 6:45 p.m.)

Teacher Preview will be held on Wednesday, April 15th from 4:00-5:00.

Come out and support your library and encourage students to READ!!

YEARBOOK SALES!

Yearbooks will be here before you know it — BUT only if you have ordered one! There are still a few available for \$35.00, **cash only**. Once the end of the year comes, there is NO GUARANTEE that there will be extras, so order yours now!

See Ms. Faucher in room B-129 for order forms or to pay. Don't miss out on this great memory keeper!

INTRAMURALS — BASKETBALL

Our next sport will be 3 vs 3- ½ court basketball which will start after spring break on Monday, March 23. Student permission forms can be found on the Zachry website and/or in the Zachry front office. Students MUST have a permission form

on file before they may participate. If you have any questions, please contact the sponsors, Kathy Moss (397-7400 ext. 3218) & Joe Ramirez. (397-7400 ext. 3229).

Come out & Play!!

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

Zachry participated in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society "Pennies for Patients" campaign. Students were encouraged to collect and donate pennies to their advisory classes. All money raised went to the society to help fund costs associated with treatment and cure research. A competition was held between the

classes to see who could raise the most. The winner received a pizza party or t-shirts. After a tight race, one class emerged victorious — Mrs. Weh-meyer's Advisory with over \$187.00!! Total raised was \$1,217.87. Thank you and Congratulations!

CAFETERIA ACCOUNTS

Reminder to parents and students that Zachry Middle School is a "NO CHARGE" school. Which means, if students do not have money in their accounts, they will not eat. We do not have alternative meal plans. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to this policy.

Students, it is YOUR responsibility to keep track of your account. Your account works just like a bank account, if you do not put anything in, you cannot pull anything out.

NISD has now expanded the Online Payment System to include Zachry MS. The PaySchools system lets you put money into your student's account anytime, anywhere by electronic check or credit card.

EASY STEPS TO ENROLL

1. Go to the NISD Parent Connection website at <http://www.nisd.net/parentconnection/>
2. First time users — click the "New Users Tour" link and choose the applicable school.
3. To make a payment — click the "Make a Payment" link and choose the applicable school.

For questions, call 397-1199.

MATHLETICS

Our Mathletics Club members have been staying busy training and competing for our MathCounts competitions. The first competition was held in October at the AT&T Center on the Spurs basketball court where the Mathletes also had the opportunity to attend the Spurs game against the Pacers the same night. The participants at that competition were:

Lizette P. (Highest individual and team scores for Zachry)

Aiyana K. (Highest Team Score for Zachry)

Nora G. (Highest Team Score for Zachry)

Kristen L. (Highest Team Score for Zachry)

Omar A.

Emily D.

Albert B.

Austin E.

Miranda Z.

Brooke S.

Kayla R.

Alejandra D.

Aaron D.

Amber C.

Aiyana J.

Our regional/charter MathCounts competition was on February 7th (Saturday) at the UTSA 1604 campus. Eight students participated at that event. Not only did they do an awesome job representing our school but they also had the opportunity to meet and pose with our district Superintendent, Dr. Folks who came to see how hard our Mathletes and coaches work to participate in these events.

Events to come include a campus-wide Math competition night with students, parents and teachers and other UIL competitions. For more information please see Mrs. Huerta in F208 or contact at rebeccahuerta@nisd.net or 210-397-7400 ext 3220.

CHOIR NEWS

On Thursday, March 5th the tenor-bass guys brought home a plaque for earning a "1" for their concert performance at UIL. The ladies brought back a sweepstakes trophy for making "1's" across the board in concert and in sight-reading. Congratulations to all the students and Ms. Seiffert for representing Zachry Middle School in such an excellent way.