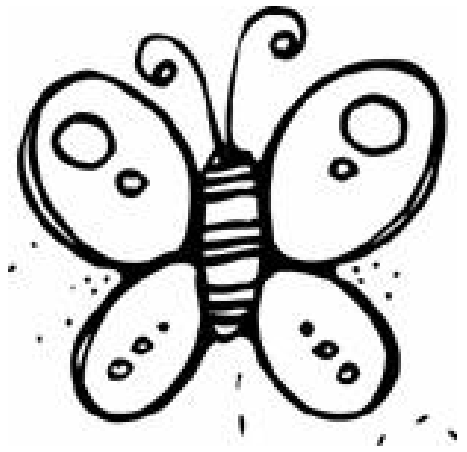


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Dear Y.E.S. Parents,

March 30, 2010

As we complete the last several weeks of our 5th six weeks of school and prepare for our last six weeks, Y.E.S. would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of you for your continued support, assistance, and cooperation given to us this school year.

ABC FUNDRAISER

PK-5th grade students sold approximately \$15,500 worth of items in our recent ABC Fundraiser. 14 students will take part in the limo ride, 25 students have earned time in the money machine, 43 students will have fun at the Bounce Party, and 94 Y.E.S. students will enjoy a party in the park for selling at least one item in the fundraiser. Many thanks go to our Y.E.S. students and their parents for participating in this fundraiser which helps fund our Y.E.S. field trips and other Y.E.S. activities. Also thank you to our parents for picking up the fundraiser orders on the March 24 pick-up date. Appreciation goes to Tina Koehler and ABC Officers Loni Garrison, Irma Garcia, and Misty Corpus for helping with the fundraiser distribution duties.

ORDER YOUR Y.E.S. YEARBOOK TODAY!

Y.E.S. will once again be producing an ALL COLOR YEARBOOK! To order a yearbook please return a check, cash, or money order to Y.E.S. with your child. The yearbook pre-sale price now is \$20. Once the completed yearbooks are delivered to Y.E.S. the price will increase to \$25. Checks are to be made payable to Y.E.S. Don't miss out on the memories from the 2009-2010 school year.

EASTER PARTY NEWS

Classroom Easter parties are scheduled for Thursday, April 1 beginning at 2:15 p.m. All students will be dismissed according to the Dismissal 2 schedule listed below on this date:

3:20-PK/K

3:30-1st & 2nd grades

3:35-3rd, 4th, & 5th grades

Y.E.S. ABSENCE EXCUSE NOTE REMINDER

As stated in the Parent and Student Handbook on page 35, **"If an absence is necessary, you must send a parent or medical excuse with your child for each absence immediately upon their return to school. Only eight (8) parent excuse notes will be allowed for the school year. After eight parent notes, Y.E.S. will only accept medical notes to excuse an absence."** Unexcused absences will be recorded after 8 parent excuse notes have been received. As stated in the Parent and Student Handbook on page 37, **"Nonattendance may result in assessment of penalties by a court of law. A complaint against the parent may be filed in the appropriate court if the student:**

- **Is absent from school on ten or more days within a six-month period in the same school year, or**
- **Is absent on three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period."**

Please contact Patty Strieber if you have questions or concerns about your child's attendance.

Congratulations are extended to our Y.E.S. students, staff, and parents. Our 4th graders completed the TAKS Writing test on March 3 and the results will be received in mid-May. Also, our 5th graders are gearing up to give their 100% best effort on the TAKS Math and Reading tests to be taken on April 6, 7, and 8 with these results to be received within 2 weeks after they take the test. Thanks go to everyone for helping Y.E.S. "Team Up for Success...in the Game for Kids"!

TAKS NEWS

As Y.E.S. students and staff prepare to earn the Texas Education Agency's **EXEMPLARY** status, we would like to share very important facts and dates with you.

Y.E.S. fifth graders are required to pass the TAKS Reading AND Math tests as one of the criteria to be promoted to the next grade.

In addition, in an effort to consistently ensure that all Y.E.S. 3rd and 4th grade students receive the instruction and support they need to be academically successful in reading and mathematics and to further encourage all students to give their 100% best effort on the TAKS reading and mathematics tests, this year Y.E.S. is requiring all 3rd and 4th graders who do not pass the 3rd and 4th grade TAKS reading and/or mathematics tests to attend summer school.

All parents of students who do not pass the 3rd or 4th grade TAKS reading and/or mathematics tests will be notified of the details for the mandatory Y.E.S. summer school which will be held for approximately three weeks in June and early July.

Y.E.S. 2009-2010 Assessment Reminders

Y.E.S. staff will continue to review benchmark results and make adjustments to the current schedule and curriculum in order to accentuate our strengths and intervene in our areas needing improvement so that our Y.E.S. students master the upcoming TAKS tests.

As Y.E.S. students, staff, parents, and the community are **"Teaming Up for Success...In the Game for Kids"** for **EXEMPLARY** achievement, we are all dedicated to academic excellence. Benchmark tests that are administered with conditions as close to the actual TAKS tests will be given to strengthen student objective mastery according to the following schedule:

2008-2009 TAKS Benchmark Tests (Revised 3/24/10)				
Date/Subject	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
4/13, Writing	X			
5/4, Science	X			
5/5, Math	X			
5/11, Reading Bundle Day 2-5/12	X			

Mark your calendars and help Y.E.S. with their plans to be **TAKS Exemplary**. The 2009-2010 TAKS parent meeting schedule and actual test schedule for Y.E.S. follows:

2009-2010 TAKS PARENT MEETINGS (Revised 8-31-09)		
Date	Grade/Subject	Type of Parent Contact
Week of 5/17/10	2 nd	Individual conferences for parents to give a general TAKS overview and to share students' benchmark results

2009-2010 TAKS Test Schedule (Revised 8-31-09)	
DATE	GRADE/SUBJECT
April 6, 2010	5 th grade Math TAKS (1 st administration)
April 7, 2010	5 th grade TAKS Reading (1 st administration)
April 27, 2010	3 rd and 4 th grade Math TAKS
April 28, 2010	3 rd and 4 th grade Reading TAKS
April 29, 2010	5 th grade Science TAKS
May 18, 2010	5 th grade Math TAKS (2 nd administration)
May 19, 2010	5 th grade Reading TAKS (2 nd administration)
June 29, 2010	5 th grade Math TAKS (3 rd administration)
June 30, 2010	5 th grade Reading TAKS (3 rd administration)

DISMISSAL TIME FOR TAKS TESTS

In order to encourage our students to give their 100% best effort and to lessen the distraction on TAKS test days the following dismissal schedule will be followed:

Date	Grade	Benchmark/Test Subject	Dismissal Time
April 6	5 th grade	5 th grade TAKS Math Test	3:35 p.m.
April 7	5 th grade	5 th grade TAKS Reading Test	3:35 p.m.
April 28	3 rd and 4 th grades	3 rd and 4 th grade Math TAKS Test	3:35 p.m.
April 29	4 th grade	4 th grade Reading TAKS Test	3:35 p.m.

Y.E.S. INTENSE TAKS TUTORIAL, Round 2

The small group, intense TAKS tutoring sessions, Round 2, is being held for the 3rd-5th graders on **Monday-Thursday, March 29-March 31, Monday-Thursday, April 5-8, Monday-Thursday, April 12-15, and Monday-Thursday, April 19-22** after school until 4:30 p.m. in your child's classroom under the direct instruction of their classroom teacher. Practice TAKS tests have been given to all third, fourth, and fifth graders. This special TAKS intense tutorial program will be tailored to fit your child's individual needs according to their recent testing results.

Timeline leading to EXEMPLARY SUCCESS!

4 instruction days until the 5th grade Math TAKS Test
5 instruction days until the 5th grade Reading TAKS Test
19 instruction days until the 3rd & 4th grade Math TAKS Test
20 instruction days until the 3rd & 4th grade Reading TAKS Test
21 instruction days until the 5th grade Science TAKS Test

SECRETARY'S DAY

Wednesday, April 21 is "Secretary's Day". Our thanks and appreciation goes to Mrs. Charlyn Speed, our Y.E.S. secretary, for the outstanding job she does for Y.E.S.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

The week of May 3-7 is National Teacher Appreciation Week. Make plans to let your child's teacher(s) know how much you appreciate them by sending them a note of appreciation in recognition of this special week.

PK & K EARLY REGISTRATION

It is time to begin preparations for the 2010-2011 school year at Yorktown Elementary School. Our early registration for parents to register students for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten is being held from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5, 2010.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

2009-2010 School Improvement Surveys will be sent home with our students on Wednesday, May 12. Y.E.S. strongly encourages and strives for 100% prompt completion and return of these surveys. The survey results will be used to make plans for the 2010-2011 school year. Please take this opportunity to provide input into your child's education. You may send the completed surveys back to school with your child, place them in the survey box outside the secretary's office or mail them to Y.E.S., P.O. Box 487, Yorktown, Texas 78164.

Y.E.S. FIELD DAYS

Y.E.S. will host its annual Field Day events on Thursday and Friday, May 6 and 7 at Wildcat Stadium. The PK, K, 1st and 2nd grade events will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday and the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade events will start at 8:30 a.m. on Friday. Please plan to come and share this exciting time with your child!

MOM'S BREAKFAST

Moms be sure to mark your calendars for the annual Mom's breakfast to be held at Y.E.S. on Friday, May 7.

ABC News

Please mark your calendars for Monday evening, May 3, 6:00 p.m. This date and time have been set for our final Y.E.S. **Always Believing in Children (ABC) Organization** meeting of the school year. The evening's events will include tips for having "cool summer fun" with your children and a delicious brown bag meal provided for all who attend. Door prizes will be given. We hope to see you all there at our ABC meeting.

SPLASHWAY FIELD TRIP

In recognition of Yorktown Elementary School's 2009 "RECOGNIZED" rating, all fourth, fifth and sixth graders are invited to attend a reward trip to Splashway in Sheridan, Texas on Friday, May 14, 2010. Departure time from Y.E.S. will be 8:30 a.m. and return time will be 3:15 p.m. All students will go to their homeroom class/first period classroom upon arrival to school on this date and will go home from school their regularly scheduled way. Your child's entry fee and lunch will be provided by Y.E.S. In addition, the children will be provided with an extra drink for later in the day. Please remind your child to bring a swimsuit, towel, sandals, and SUNSCREEN. If your child chooses to wear their swimsuit on the bus they must wear clothes over the suit. A change of clothes for the ride home is recommended.

BICYCLE ROAD-E-O

Trooper Gerald Bryant will once again be conducting the annual Kindergarten-5th grade Bicycle Road-E-O at Y.E.S. He will meet with the students to discuss bicycle safety on Thursday, May 27, and the students will participate in the Road-E-O on Friday, May 28, at 8:30 a.m. Please encourage your child to participate. He/she will need to bring their bicycle and bicycle helmet to school on the morning of May 28 or make **prior plans** to borrow these items from another Y.E.S. student and also make arrangements to take their bicycles and helmets home after school on this date. Plan now to attend this fun event to support our Y.E.S. students.

2010-2011 CLASS ROSTERS

As we prepare for the end of another school year, Y.E.S. will soon be preparing suggested classroom rosters for the 2010-2011 school year. Our goal is to send the name of your child's 2010-2011 homeroom teacher in their report card the last day of school this year.

PARENT TRAINING SESSIONS HOSTED BY YISD

Yorktown ISD is excited to inform you of the following dates and topics of our upcoming parent training sessions presented by Region 3 consultants. The May 3 session will be held at the cafeteria in conjunction with the Y.E.S. 2nd semester ABC meeting. Y.E.S. encourages all parents to take advantage of these wonderful training opportunities being held here in Yorktown.

Date	Topic/Presenter/Site
May 3, 2010	Cool Summer Fun, Audience: PK-5 th grade parents, Cafeteria

Calendar of Events

- 4/1 Classroom Easter parties, 2:15
3rd-5th grade TAKS intense after school tutorial
- 4/2 School Holiday
- 4/5 **3rd and 4th grade TAKS intense after school tutorial**
- 4/6 5th grade TAKS Math Test
3rd and 4th grade TAKS intense after school tutorial
- 4/7 5th grade TAKS Reading Test
3rd and 4th grade TAKS intense after school tutorial
- 4/8 **3rd-5th grade TAKS intense after school tutorial**
- 4/12 **3rd-5th grade TAKS intense after school tutorial**
- 4/13 **3rd-5th grade TAKS intense after school tutorial**
- 4/14 **3rd-5th grade TAKS intense after school tutorial**
- 4/15 **3rd-5th grade TAKS intense after school tutorial**
- 4/16 End of 5th Six Weeks
- 4/19 **3rd-5th grade TAKS intense after school tutorial**; Begin 6th Six Weeks;
YISD School Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 4/21 **3rd-5th grade TAKS intense after school tutorial**; Report cards to home; Accelerated Reader Pizza Party for 5th Six Weeks
- 4/22 Happy Birthday Kim Hahn!
3rd-5th grade Y.E.S. Club "El Shaddai Game Day" afternoon for 5th Six Weeks
3rd-5th grade TAKS intense after school tutorial
- 4/26 Happy Birthday Charlyn Speed!
- 4/27 3rd & 4th grade TAKS Math Test
- 4/28 3rd & 4th grade TAKS Reading Test
- 4/29 2nd grade TAKS Science Benchmark
5th grade TAKS Science Test
- 5/3 K-3rd grade administers end of year Texas Primary Reading Inventory; Staff Appreciation Week begins;
ABC Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 5/4 2nd grade TAKS Science Benchmark

- 5/5 PK/K Early Registration, 8:30-3:00; 2nd grade TAKS Math Benchmark
- 5/6 PK-2nd grade Field Day at Wildcat Stadium, 8:30 a.m.
- 5/7 Mom's Breakfast; 3rd-5th grade Field Day at Wildcat Stadium, 8:30 a.m.
- 5/11 2nd grade TAKS Reading Benchmark
- 5/12 SBDM school improvement surveys sent home; 6th Six Weeks' Progress Reports mailed and Notices sent home
- 5/14 Splashway "Recognized" Field Trip for 4th, 5th, and 6th grades
- 5/17 Y.E.S. Book Fair begins
- 5/18 5th grade TAKS Math Test, 2nd Administration
- 5/19 5th grade TAKS Reading Test, 2nd Administration
- 5/20 5th grade TAKS Reading Test, 2nd Administration, Day 2 Dyslexia Bundle
- 5/21 Field Day Rain Date
- 5/25 School Holiday/Memorial Day
- 5/27 Bicycle Road-E-O Talks; Accelerated Reader Pizza Party for 6th Six Weeks; 3rd-5th grade Y.E.S. Club lunch and afternoon in the park for 6th Six Weeks
- 5/28 Bicycle Road-E-O, 8:30 a.m.; Red, White, and Blue Day
- 5/31 School Holiday/Bad Weather Day
- 6/1 End of year Y.E.S. Club field trip for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders who qualify
- 6/2 Accelerated Reader Pizza Party for 6th Six Weeks
Y.E.S. Awards Program in the auditorium, 1:00 p.m.
End of Year classroom parties, 2:15 p.m.
- 6/3 End of 6th Six Weeks and 2nd Semester
Next year's class visits
Last day of school!!!! Report cards and end of year packets sent home
Early Release Day



"Paw Print" Comments always welcome:

Parents, please use this section to communicate your points of view, suggestions, compliments, or concerns. You may send it back to school with your child to be sent the office.

To: Patty Strieber

From: _____

Date: _____

Here is my concern:

Concern:

Question:

Compliment:

Would you get back to me?

Phone: _____

Sincerely,

Patty Strieber, Y.E.S. Principal