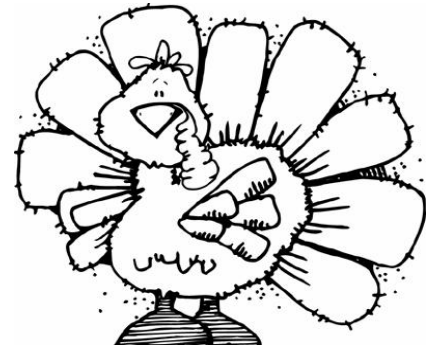


November



Dear Y.E.S. Parents,

October 29, 2009

Our drive, determination, and hard work to be an "Exemplary" campus continues as Yorktown Elementary School students and staff complete the second six weeks of school on Friday, November 13. Reports cards will be sent home on Wednesday, November 18.

Y.E.S. Volunteers

Y.E.S. would like to express our thanks to those parents and family members and friends who have chaperoned recent Y.E.S. field trips. Also our appreciation goes to the Y.E.S. parents and family members who have volunteered your time to help at school and at home with school activities since the school year began. Your assistance with our school activities is always greatly appreciated and welcomed!

Y.E.S. Mentors

Y.E.S. would like to express our sincere appreciation to the following individuals who are serving as mentors for the 2009-2010 school year: Bill Robinson, Judy Wolpman, JoAnn Cornelius, Valda Lamprecht, and Gerry Riske. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our Y.E.S. students!

Parent Resource Center

Yorktown Elementary School would like to remind our parents of the availability of our Parent Resource Center. The center is located in our Y.E.S. Library and is open to parents Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Resources included in our center include items to help parents be a part of their child's education such as information on Study Skills, Homework, Parenting, ADD/ADHD, Discipline, etc. You're invited to visit our Parent Resource Center and to also make suggestions about items you would like to see added to our center.

Lost and Found

As the weather is beginning to get cooler Y.E.S. students are wearing jackets, coats, and sweaters to school. Please make sure your child's name is placed in these items in an effort to make it easier to identify the owner when the items are misplaced on or around campus.

Y.E.S. Security

In an effort to keep Y.E.S. safe and secure while students and staff attend assemblies away from campus all Y.E.S. doors will be locked and a note will be placed on the front door informing the public of the location of the assembly.

Student Christmas Gift Exchange for Christmas, 2009: All Y.E.S. students are to bring an inexpensive new or **GENTLY** used children's book for their gift exchange item. Each Y.E.S. homeroom teacher periodically sends book orders home for children's books which would make a perfect place to purchase an inexpensive book for the Christmas exchange. If you have questions about this year's student Christmas gift exchange, please visit with your child's homeroom teacher.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour

1-2-3 Magic Training

1-2-3 Magic is a program being implemented by Y.E.S. that incorporates specific techniques to stop undesirable behavior as well as to encourage positive behavior. In order for Team Y.E.S. and our parents to work together Dina Menn, our Y.E.S. Counselor, is hosting a 1-2-3 Magic parent training session on Monday, November 2 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the Y.E.S. Library. If you have any questions please call Mrs. Menn at 564-2252, extension 405.

YORKTOWN ISD PARENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

In an effort to keep our YISD parents informed of upcoming parent training opportunities the following is a list of training sessions available through December 2009. Please contact your child's campus at 564-2252 (Extension 2-YHS; Extension 3-YJHS; Extension 4-Y.E.S.) if you are interested in further details.

SESSION TITLE	SESSION #	DATE	TIME	PLACE
How to Reduce Anger & Aggression in Children and Youth: Possible Interventions	30520	11/4/09	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Citizens Medical Center
Children Learn through Play. Lets have a Play Date!	30137	11/13/09	9:00am - 12:30pm	NET 3
Parent Awareness: A Parent's Guide to Assistive Technology	30247	11/16/09	6:00pm - 7:30pm	NET 3
Preschoolers: Cognitive Development Ages 3 to 5–RTI	30516	11/17/09	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Region 3
Understanding Early Onset Bipolar Disorder	30517	12/1/09	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Citizens Medical Center
Preschoolers: Social & Emotional Development Ages 3 to 5–RTI	30518	12/8/09	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Region 3
Regional Tools for Life	30240	12/10/09	10:00am – 3:00pm	Districts in ESC 3
Parent Awareness: Discipline and Your Child—An Opportunity to Teach	30254	12/14/09	6:00pm - 7:30pm	NET 3

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. All sessions, with the exception of the May 3 training, will be held at the auditorium. 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
November 9, 2009	Behavior Strategies – Setting Limits , Audience: PK-12 th grade parents
December 14, 2009	ADHD , Audience: PK-12 th grade parents
January 11, 2010	Getting Your Child Ready for TAKS , Audience: 3 rd -12 th grade parents
February 8, 2010	Academic Supports for your High School Child , Audience: 9 th -12 th grade parents
March 8, 2010	Math and Science Strategies , Audience: PK-12 th grade parents
May 3, 2010	Cool Summer Fun , Audience: PK-5 th grade parents, Cafeteria

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.

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:

2009-2010 TAKS Benchmark Tests				
Date/Subject	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
11/10 Writing		X	X	X
11/19 Math		X	X	X
12/3 Science		X	X	X
12/9 Reading Bundle Day 2- 12/10		X	X	X
1/26 Writing			X	
2/23 Reading Bundle Day 2-2/24				X
3/2 Reading Bundle Day 2-3/3		X		
3/9 Math		X	X	X
3/10 Reading Bundle Day 2-3/11			X	
3/10 Science				X
3/11 Writing	X			
4/29 Science	X			
5/5 Math	X			
5/6 Reading Bundle Day 2-5/7	X			

2009-2010 TAKS PARENT MEETINGS		
Date	Grade/Subject	Type of Parent Contact
Week of 2/1/10	4W	Telephone conferences for parents of students who scored 80% and above on their benchmark
	4W	Individual conferences for parents and students (students who scored below 80% on their benchmark)
Week of 3/1/09	5M, 5R	Telephone conferences for parents of students who scored 80% and above on their benchmark
		Individual conferences for parents and students (students who scored below 80% on their benchmark)
Week of 3/22/10	3M, 3R, 4R & 4M & 5S	Telephone conferences for parents of students who scored 80% and above on their benchmark
	3M, 3R, 4R & 4M & 5S	Individual conferences for parents and students (students who scored below 80% on their benchmark)
Week of 5/10/10	2 nd	Individual conferences for parents to give a general TAKS overview and to share students' benchmark results

2009-2010 TAKS Test Schedule	
DATE	GRADE/SUBJECT
March 3, 2010	4 th grade Writing TAKS
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)

"Team Y.E.S." Calendar Dates

- 10/30 Happy Birthday Sandi Mahan!
"Fun Dress Day"
- 11/2 Y.E.S. Book Fair begins; Book Fair Family Event, Y.E.S. Library, 4:00-5:30
2nd grade field trip to Moulton
- 11/3 1st-5th grade after school tutorial
- 11/4 5th grade DARE Day
Y.E.S. Site-Base Decision Making Committee meeting, 4:00 p.m., Room 20
- 11/5 1st-5th grade after school tutorial
- 11/9 Y.E.S. UIL teams announced
Behavior Strategies—Setting Limits Parent Training Session, 6:00 p.m., Audience: PK-12th grade parents, Auditorium
- 11/10 Grades 3-5 TAKS Writing Benchmark #1
1st-5th grade after school tutorial
- 11/11 YISD Veteran's Day Program, Wildcat Stadium, 9:00 a.m.
- 11/12 5th grade DARE Day
1st-5th grade after school tutorial
GT Parent Night, 6:00 p.m., Y.E.S. Library
- 11/13 End of 2nd six weeks
4th grade field trip to Goliad
RTI Tier II parent letters sent home
- 11/16 Begin 3rd six weeks
5th grade DARE Day
RTI Tier II parent meetings held this week
Dyslexia Parent Night, 6:00 p.m., Y.E.S. Library
YISD School Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., YJHS Library
- 11/17 1st-5th grade after school tutorial

- 11/18 2nd six weeks report cards sent home
- 11/19 Grades 3-5 TAKS Math Benchmark #1
1st-5th grade after school tutorial
- 11/20 Y.E.S. Career Day
- 11/23 Happy Birthday Lana Brysch!
- 11/24 1st-5th grade after school tutorial
- 11/25 Early Release Day

Early Release Dismissal

- 12:15 -PK; 12:20-K; 12:25-1st; 12:30 -2nd-5th**
- 11/26 Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!
- 11/27 School Holiday!
- 11/30 5th grade DARE Graduation, 6:00 p.m., Auditorium
- 12/1 UIL Writing events at Y.E.S.
1st-5th grade after school tutorial
- 12/3 Grades 3-5 TAKS Science Benchmark #1
1st-5th grade after school tutorial
- 12/4 Y.E.S. Fundraiser Reward Assemby and field trip
- 12/8 UIL Speaking Preliminary Contests & 4th and 5th grade Art Contests,
12:30 p.m. at Y.E.S.
1st-5th grade after school tutorial
- 12/9 Grades 3-5 TAKS Reading Benchmark #1
3rd Six Weeks Progress Reports mailed and notices sent
- 12/10 Grades 3-5 Reading Benchmark, Day 2 Dyslexia Bundle
1st-5th grade after school tutorial
- 12/11 UIL Meet at Falls City at 1:00 p.m.
- 12/14 **ADHD Parent Training Session**, 6:00 p.m., Audience: PK-12th grade parents, Auditorium
Y.E.S. UIL teams introduced at YISD school board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 12/15 1st-5th grade after school tutorial
- 12/17 Y.E.S. Christmas Program, 1:00 p.m. and Y.E.S. Christmas Parties, after Christmas Program

“Team Y.E.S.” 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