

September



"TEAMING UP FOR SUCCESS...IN THE GAME FOR KIDS"

DEAR Y.E.S. PARENTS,

SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO OUR SCHOOL. Y.E.S. STAFF MEMBERS, STUDENTS, PARENTS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ENCOMPASS THIS YEAR'S YORKTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THEME, "TEAMING UP FOR SUCCESS...IN THE GAME FOR KIDS" IN AN EFFORT TO MOVE Y.E.S. IN THE DIRECTION OF BECOMING A TEA "EXEMPLARY" CAMPUS. AS WE DILIGENTLY STRIVE TO BE AN EXEMPLARY CAMPUS WE ARE REMINDED THAT IT TAKES 110% EFFORT BY EVERYONE IN THE AREA OF TEAMWORK IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL. AT Y.E.S. WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO BUILDING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS WITH EACH OF OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS AS WELL AS WITH THE COMMUNITY OF YORKTOWN. SO MAKE PLANS NOW TO JOIN "TEAM Y.E.S.", THE TEAM THAT'S COMMITTED TO "TEAMING UP FOR SUCCESS"!

Y.E.S. WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS: KRISTIN SCHUSTEREIT TEACHES SECOND GRADE, MICHELLE GILES AND DAWN GONZALES ARE INSTRUCTIONAL AIDES, AND STACY LABEFF IS OUR SPEECH ASSISTANT. PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING THESE THREE FINE LADIES TO OUR STAFF.

Y.E.S. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INTRODUCE MAGAN VARGAS, OUR STUDENT TEACHER. MAGAN IS A STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-VICTORIA AND WILL BE COMPLETING HER STUDENT TEACHING IN KINDERGARTEN AND 2ND GRADE DURING THE 1ST SEMESTER AT Y.E.S. THANKS FOR JOINING OUR TEAM MAGAN!

MANY THANKS TO Y.E.S. PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS FOR YOUR HELP WITH OUR TRAFFIC FLOW BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL. DUE TO THE DANGERS INVOLVED, THE AREA BY THE PLAYATORIUM GATE NEAR THE FOOTBALL FIELD AND THE AREA ALONG THE BUS DRIVE ON THE WEST END OF THE Y.E.S. BUILDING WILL CONTINUE TO BE OFF LIMITS FOR DROP OFF AND PICK UP OF ELEMENTARY STUDENTS.

THE 1ST BELL OF THE DAY AT Y.E.S RINGS AT 7:45 A.M.!

Y.E.S. BEGINS THE DAY WITH THE 7:45 A.M. BELL. THE TARDY BELL RINGS AT 7:50 A.M. AND MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 7:50 TARDY BELL. STUDENTS WHO ARE TARDY MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS, PICTURES TAKEN DURING THIS TIME, AND BEGINNING OF THE DAY INSTRUCTION. SINCE Y.E.S. DOES NOT HAVE ANYONE ON DUTY UNTIL 7:30 A.M., WE ASK STUDENTS WHO MUST ARRIVE BEFORE 7:30 A.M. TO GO STRAIGHT TO THE CAFETERIA UPON THEIR ARRIVAL. IF THEY DO NOT EAT BREAKFAST THEY ARE TO SIT IN THE BACK OF THE CAFETERIA UNTIL OUR Y.E.S. STAFF MEMBER ON DUTY RELEASES THEM TO COME TO THE BUILDING. PLEASE HELP GET YOUR CHILD HERE ON TIME DAILY. YOUR CHILD'S REGULAR DAILY ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT TO US; HOPEFULLY IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO YOU AND YOUR CHILD. **IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 564-2252, EXTENSION 4 BY 8:00 A.M. TO LET US KNOW. YOU MAY LEAVE A VOICE MAIL MESSAGE IF YOU CALL BEFORE 7:30 A.M.**

STUDENTS WHO ARRIVE AFTER 7:50 A.M. ARE TO REPORT TO THE SECRETARY'S Office TO OBTAIN A tardy slip. TEACHERS will NOT ADMIT tardy STUDENTS TO THEIR CLASSROOM WITHOUT A tardy NOTE FROM THE office.

PARENTS MUST SEND AN EXCUSE NOTE WITH THEIR child FOR EACH tardy. At Y.E.S. the following ACTION will be TAKEN for 1ST-5TH GRADE tardies:

<u>NUMBER OF TARDIES</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
1-3	VERBAL WARNING PER TARDY
4-7	ONE LUNCH DETENTION PER TARDY
8-10	ONE AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION PER TARDY
11+	ONE HOUR OF SATURDAY SCHOOL PER TARDY

NOTE: STUDENTS IN PK AND KINDERGARTEN will SERVE ONE LUNCH DETENTION PER TARDY FOR ALL TARDIES ACCUMULATED AFTER THE 5TH ONE.

Y.E.S. TEAM PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

YORKTOWN ELEMENTARY plans to highlight students at each grade level who exhibit the characteristics of a team player. Traits such as willingness to help others, cooperation, sportsmanship, following school rules and procedures are some of the behaviors students must display in order to receive the honor of *TEAM PLAYERS OF THE MONTH*.

Y.E.S. SCHOOL PICTURES

PAT MERCER with MERCER PHOTOGRAPHY will be taking our Y.E.S. fall school pictures on Wednesday, September 23.

Y.E.S. FUNDRAISER

OUR Y.E.S. STUDENTS ARE PARTICIPATING IN A SCHOOL FUNDRAISER THAT BEGAN ON SEPTEMBER 2 AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23. YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR FUNDRAISER IS GREATLY APPRECIATED, AS THIS MONEY WILL BE USED FOR field trips, RECESS GAMES AND EQUIPMENT, OTHER playground equipment, AND STUDENT AND STAFF INCENTIVES. PLEASE CAREFULLY CHECK YOUR CHILD'S ORDERS BEFORE THEY ARE TURNED IN AND MAKE SURE THE PROPER SALES TAX AMOUNT HAS BEEN INCLUDED. CHECKS FOR FUNDRAISER PURCHASES ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO YORKTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. ESTIMATED DELIVERY DATE FOR THE ORDERS IS OCTOBER 28.

Happy GRANDPARENT'S DAY FROM YORKTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL! IN RECOGNITION OF THIS SPECIAL day Y.E.S. INVITES ALL GRANDPARENTS AND THEIR Y.E.S. GRANDCHILDREN TO BE SPECIAL GUESTS AT OUR "GRANDPARENT'S DAY AT Y.E.S" CELEBRATION TO BE HELD ON Friday, September 11 at Y.E.S. BREAKFAST will be SERVED in the CAFETERIA FROM 7:30-7:45 AT A COST OF \$1.25 per adult, student regular-.80, and student reduced-.30. At 7:45 GRANDPARENTS MAY ESCORT THEIR GRANDCHILDREN TO THE CLASSROOMS FOR A mini Open House TO BE HELD IN EACH OF THE Y.E.S. HOMEROOM CLASSES WITH OUR REGULAR SCHOOL day schedule TO RESUME AT 8:15 A.M. If a GRANDPARENT IS UNABLE TO ATTEND, THE STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO "adopt" a GRANDPARENT FOR THE breakfast. THE breakfast RESERVATION form AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS page NEEDS TO BE RETURNED by Wednesday, September 9, WITH THE MONEY, SO THE CAFETERIA STAFF CAN MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. GRANDPARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ARRIVE AT 7:45 JUST FOR THE CLASSROOM VISIT IF THEY WISH. Help make this a special day by joining your grandchild for our GRANDPARENT'S DAY CELEBRATION! ***PARENTS PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON TO GRANDPARENTS: PARKING FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT will be AVAILABLE IN THE VACANT LOT NEXT TO THE YHS SCIENCE building, DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE CAFETERIA, OR IN ANY PARKING SPOT labeled "VISITOR". PLEASE do NOT PARK IN ANY NUMBERED SPOT OR SPOTS labeled "FACULTY", AS THESE ARE RESERVED FOR YISD STAFF MEMBERS.***

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION by Wednesday, September 9 TO THE CLASSROOM TEACHER.

_____ HAS A GRANDPARENT(S) WHO WILL BE HAVING BREAKFAST ON SEPTEMBER 11.
(STUDENT AND TEACHER NAME)

NUMBER of Adult(s)-_____ NUMBER of Student(s)-_____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED-_____

PARENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

ALONG WITH THIS PARENT NEWSLETTER IS A NOTE INFORMING PARENTS OF TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES BEING HELD THIS FIRST SEMESTER. THESE ARE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR OUR PARENTS AS WE ALL WORK TOGETHER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS. MAKE A SPECIAL NOTE OF THE ANNUAL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT CONFERENCE BEING HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 WHICH IS A GREAT RESOURCE FOR PARENTS.

PARENT CONNECTION

A SERVICE THAT YORKTOWN ISD IS CONTINUING TO IMPLEMENT THIS SCHOOL YEAR IS ALLOWING PARENTS TO HAVE ONLINE (INTERNET) ACCESS TO THEIR CHILDREN'S GRADES, WHICH AT Y.E.S. IS FOR GRADES 2-5 ONLY. THE DATA PROVIDED BY THIS ONLINE ACCESS IS AS CURRENT AS THE TEACHER'S GRADE BOOK. AS SOON AS A GRADE IS ENTERED AND SAVED, IT IS AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH PARENT CONNECTION. IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE PARENT TO SEE THE NAME, DUE DATE, AND GRADE FOR EACH ASSIGNMENT. THE ONLINE CONNECTION IS AVAILABLE FROM ANY COMPUTER WITH INTERNET ACCESS. PARENTS WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO VIEW GRADES FOR THEIR OWN CHILDREN. PARENT CONNECTION REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR PARENTS. THESE FORMS WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED IN ORDER TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE STUDENT'S GRADES. NEXT WEEK Y.E.S. PLANS TO SEND AN INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR COMPLETING THE ONLINE FORM THAT WILL INCLUDE THE STUDENT'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER. ONCE THE ONLINE FORM HAS BEEN COMPLETED, OUR YISD TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST WILL SET UP THE ACCOUNT FOR THE PARENT. THE PARENT WILL THEN BE CONTACTED WHEN THE REGISTRATION PROCESS IS COMPLETE.

ABC NEWS

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 14, 6:00 P.M. THIS DATE AND TIME HAVE BEEN SET FOR OUR Y.E.S. **Always Believing in Children (ABC) ORGANIZATION Kick-Off**. THE EVENING'S EVENTS WILL INCLUDE TIPS FOR HAVING SUCCESSFUL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES, AN INTRODUCTION TO 1-2-3 MAGIC, OUR SCHOOL-WIDE DISCIPLINE PROGRAM, AND A DELICIOUS BROWN BAG MEAL PROVIDED FOR ALL WHO ATTEND. THE OFFICES OF ABC REPORTER AND SECRETARY WILL ALSO BE UP FOR ELECTION. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ONE OF THESE OFFICES PLEASE CALL PATTY STRIEBER AT 564-2252, EXTENSION 4. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE AT OUR ABC Kick-Off.

STUDENT SAFETY

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT SCHOOL REMINDER NOTE CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF OUR Y.E.S. STUDENTS. PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT SCHOOL RULES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED DURING EXTRA-CURRICULAR EVENTS. (VOLLEYBALL GAMES, FOOTBALL GAMES, BASKETBALL GAMES, BASEBALL GAMES, ETC.) FOR SAFETY PURPOSES, ALL STUDENTS ARE TO REMAIN SEATED IN THE GYMNASIUM, PLAYATORIUM, FOOTBALL BLEACHERS, AND BASEBALL BLEACHERS DURING ALL EXTRA-CURRICULAR EVENTS. STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY OUTSIDE THE GYM AND PLAYATORIUM, ON PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, OR AROUND THE STANDS AT THE FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL FIELDS DURING ATHLETIC CONTESTS. PLEASE VISIT WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT THESE SAFETY CONCERNS AND LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE.

Y.E.S. HAS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON SALE AT OUR SCHOOL OFFICE: Y.E.S. COOKBOOKS (\$10.00), 2008-2009 ALL COLOR YEARBOOK (\$25), AND Y.E.S. STUDENT T-SHIRTS (\$6.00). IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ONE OF THESE ITEMS PLEASE STOP BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO MAKE YOUR PURCHASE.

→Y.E.S. would like to let our parents and families know that we are participating in the following education programs: Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Labels for Education, and Go Play! Nestle Pure Life.

Big G Box Tops for Education

FOR EVERY QUALIFYING GENERAL MILL'S CEREAL, SNACKS, AND Yoplait multi-pack product box top collected, the school receives 10 cents. A qualifying box is the top flap (on the side panel of Yoplait yogurt products) of any General Mills product that has the "Big G Box Tops for Education" symbol.

Campbell's Labels for Education

JUST SAVE THE LABELS FROM ANY OF THE HUNDREDS OF VARIETIES OF CAMPBELL'S PRODUCTS INCLUDING CAMPBELL'S SOUPS, FRANCO-AMERICAN SPAGHETTI O'S, PREGO SAUCES, SWANSON BROTHS AND POULTRY, PACE SALSO AND PICANTE SAUCES, V8 SPLASH JUICE, PEPPERIDGE FARM BREAD, COOKIES, AND GOLDFISH AND FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS.

Go Play! Nestle Pure Life

THE FOLKS WHO BRING YOU NESTLÉ® PURE LIFE® PURIFIED WATER AND NESTLÉ® PURE LIFE® NATURAL FRUIT FLAVORED WATER BEVERAGES ARE COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING [child and family wellness](#), so they created *Go Play!* - AN EASY PROGRAM THAT ENCOURAGES HEALTHY, ACTIVE LIFESTYLES, AND LETS SCHOOLS READ [GREAT REWARDS](#) FOR SIMPLY DRINKING *NESTLÉ® PURE LIFE® BOTTLED WATER* AND TURNING IN THE LABELS. DRINK NESTLÉ® PURE LIFE® PRODUCTS, COLLECT AND SUBMIT LABELS FROM THE BOTTLES, GET GREAT REWARDS - *it's THAT SIMPLE!*

→All labels and box tops are to be turned in at Y.E.S. Our school will redeem the box tops and labels for cash or for educational equipment. Students are asked to encourage family members, neighbors, senior citizens, and other community groups to help collect these items for Y.E.S.

"TEAM Y.E.S." CALENDAR DATES

- 9/7 Labor Day School Holiday
- 9/9 5th GRADE DARE DAY
1st FUNDRAISER "SHOUT OUT" DAY
- 9/10 1st FUNDRAISER "SPIRIT" DAY
YISD IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
- 9/11 GRANDPARENT'S BREAKFAST
- 9/14 ABC MEETING, 6:00 p.m.
UIL PRACTICE BEGINS
- 9/16 1st SIX WEEKS PROGRESS REPORTS MAILED HOME AND PROGRESS NOTICES SENT HOME
5th GRADE DARE DAY
2nd FUNDRAISER "SHOUT OUT" DAY
- 9/17 2nd FUNDRAISER "SPIRIT" DAY
- 9/21 YISD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, 7:30 p.m.
- 9/23 FALL SCHOOL PICTURES (MERCER PHOTOGRAPHY)
Y.E.S. FUNDRAISER ENDS
- 9/25 Y.E.S. FUNDRAISER "CRAZE HEAD DAY"
- 9/26 Happy Birthday DAWN GONZALES!
- 9/29 Happy Birthday BERT LOCKETT!
- 9/30 5th GRADE DARE DAY
- 10/2 End of 1st Six Weeks
- 10/5 Begin 2nd Six Weeks
- 10/7 1st Six Weeks REPORT CARDS GO HOME
5th GRADE DARE DAY
- 10/8 Happy Birthday ANNABEL PENA!
Y.E.S. Club LUNCH AND RECESS AT THE pavillion

- 10/9 Dad's BREAKFAST
- 10/12 Happy BIRTHDAY Lori POTCINSKE AND Elsa OCHOA!
- 10/14 5th GRADE DARE DAY
- 10/15 Happy BIRTHDAY Michelle GILES!
- 10/16 "DRESS WESTERN" DAY
Early Dismissal Day
- 10/19 School Holiday

"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