



Cub Connection



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Coker Elementary
Tiffany Gill, Principal



Important Dates & Events

- Oct. 31-Nov. 4 Book Fair
- Nov. 8th Early Voting in Front Hallway
- Nov. 8th Author Jennifer Holms to visit with 4th & 5th graders
- Nov. 21st -25th Thanksgiving Holiday-NO SCHOOL

Student Council

Student Council is now collecting can donations and imperishable to help support the San Antonio Food Bank. You may send a donation between now and November 14th. Thanks for helping our students become community leaders.



Reminder:

If you have not done so, please turn in your "It's Not Easy Being Green" sheets. We are drastically reducing our paper waste with your help. If you are unable to currently receive e-mails, please let us know. Also, if you get computer access later and receive paperless updates, please send a note with your student. We appreciate your conservation efforts.

Counselor's Corner

The counselors will be visiting each classroom throughout the month of November. Students will learn what it means to be proactive and how to take responsibility for their own lives. To extend this lesson at home, create a list of activities as a family (for example: read a book, jump rope, play with a pet, write a letter) to be displayed in a common area. Next time you hear "I'm board" refer back to the list and problem solved. This will teach your child to be proactive in their spare time.

SUPERINTENDANT'S AWARDS FOR NOVEMBER

CONGRATULATIONS TO
SUZANNE HORAN,
MARK SANCHEZ,
AND
ALISA STRANDMO!

YOU ARE DESERVING OF
RECOGNITION FOR THE BETTERMENT
OF OUR
COKER CUBS.

THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO.

“Lost and Found”

Please begin looking in the Lost and Found, for any lost items that have been misplaced this school year. It is located in a large box by the cafeteria.

We will begin donating any unclaimed items at the end of each nine weeks.



“Coker Cub” lanyards are now for sale and only \$5. They are going to be used to collect all of your spirit sticks and student incentives. Show off your Coker spirit by purchasing one today. Our lanyards are scheduled to arrive on November 14th.

Donations for less fortunate students are available. If you wish to sponsor a lanyard for a student, please submit a form labeled “donation”.



Churchill Basketball

Churchill High School is proud to be the home of the Boys Varsity Basketball District Co-Champs! This year the Basketball program is sponsoring a “Turkey Shootout” as part of their fundraising efforts. This fun event is open to all boys and girls, K-6th grade.

Students are invited to attend the “Turkey Shootout”. There is a registration flyer below.

Thank you for supporting Churchill Basketball.



Watch D.O.G.S.

November still has a few openings for dad volunteers. If you have time to help on the 2nd or the 15th, please call Mark Sanchez at 862-9794.

DPS Clearance Link:

<http://www.neisd.net/vol/index.html>

Coker P.T.A.

Our November PTA general meeting will be on Tuesday, November 1st, at 6:30pm in the Cafeteria. 4th grade will perform.

Texas PTA Life Member Nominations
are due by November 18th at 11:59pm. Please contact [Jenny Strauch at poshpurses@hotmail.com](mailto:JennyStrauch@poshpurses@hotmail.com)

MP3 REFUND from Cub Market at the Coker Fair

If you were unable to download songs to the MP3 player that you purchased at the Coker Fair, you will be able to get your money back on your purchase if you choose. Unfortunately, these MP3 players will record only one format of songs. Please return the MP3 player to your child's teacher with the child and parent's name, teacher and phone number attached for a refund of your money by Nov. 30. 2011. Or you can continue to donate the purchase price of the MP3 player to the Coker PTA.

[Alisa Strandmo Coker PTA 867-9465](tel:867-9465)

5th Grade John Knox Field Trip Update

The 5th grade teachers have collected \$7000 of the \$11,000 needed for the 3-day, 2-night trip to John Knox Ranch in January. Coker parents made the majority of the \$7000 in donations for the trip along with a \$500 grant from SAWS. Many parents chose the payment plan and will continue to make donations for their students through Nov. 30. We are on target with funding for the field trip to occur. If you have not, please send in a permission slip for your 5th grader indicating whether your child will attend the field trip or not and a donation if possible. The cost of the trip is \$80 per student and \$40 per teacher. If extra funds are collected, they will be used for activities for the Coker 5th graders which could include another field trip in the spring, 5th grade party in May and a 5th grade gift to Coker ES. Contact your 5th grade teacher or [Alisa Strandmo at 867-9465](tel:867-9465) or chemteach1@juno.com with questions.

How many trees are needed to make a given amount of paper?



There is no simple answer to these questions, and all calculations can be no better than "ballpark estimates."

Many people have heard the statistic that "a ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees." The "17 trees" number was popularized by Conservatree when it was a paper distributor, based on a report to Congress in the 1970s. It was calculated for newsprint, which is made in a totally different papermaking process from office and printing papers. But it was the best number anyone had, so it became the number everyone used to calculate number of trees saved by recycled paper, or number of trees cut to make virgin paper, no matter what type of paper they were talking about.

Conservatree has tracked down some ways to make ballpark estimates more reliable than in the past. <http://conservatree.org/learn/EnviroIssues/TreeStats.shtml>

SOME TYPICAL CALCULATIONS

- 1 ton of uncoated non-recycled printing and office paper uses **24 trees**.
- A "pallet" of copier paper (20-lb. sheet weight, or 20#) contains 40 cartons and weighs 1 ton.
- Therefore, 1 carton (10 reams) of 100%non-recycled copier paper uses .6 trees.
- 1 tree makes 16.67 reams of copy paper or 8,333.3 sheets.
- 1 ream (500 sheets) uses 6% of a tree (and those add up quickly!)

**Coker's "It's not easy being green" conservation efforts save trees!
Thank you so much for your support in these earth friendly efforts.**

Course Selection for 5th graders!

All NEISD middle schools will be hosting Course Fairs on Thursday, November 10. All 5th graders and their parents are encouraged to attend. Middle schools will provide parents and students an opportunity to visit with teachers and mentor students about courses being offered for the 2012-2013 school year. A preliminary meeting explaining the process of selecting courses will also be held.

6:00-6:30 pm --Parent Meeting

6:30 pm --Course Fair

Students will begin selecting courses for middle school in December 2011. Coker will host informational meetings for students and parents about the selection process prior to the course selection deadline. Watch for meeting dates and times in future emails.



A note from our FAMILY SPECIALIST

COKER KICKS OFF RED RIBBON WEEK WITH PASTI TORRES CONCERT

Staff and students at Coker Elementary celebrated the start of Red Ribbon Week with a mini-concert by Pasti Torres. Pasti sang songs by popular artist like Selena Gomez and Taylor Swift. Students had the opportunity to sing along with some of her songs. She spoke to the students on the following subjects:

- building strong friendships
- standing up for what you believe in
- saying no to drugs
- warding off bullying



Everyone had a wonderful time during the concert. Several teachers were asked to go up and learn to dance cumbia, while others were asked to dance to the Monster Mash. Our principal, Mrs. Gill, did a wonderful job learning to cumbia as well as dancing to the other song. A big thank you goes out to our wonderful PTA for funding our wonderful ADEPT Program. We were able to purchase different items to distribute each day of the week to every child on our campus.

Bear Hunt

To help with the giving at Coldwell Banker, we are collecting *New and Pre-loved Bears* ...and other stuffed animals for children in need from Nov. 14th -18th. Help us make a child's holiday a little brighter.