

YELLOW SCHOOL NEWS



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Happy Spring! New life is all around us, a wonderful reminder for adults and a wonderful concrete example for children as we talked about and celebrated Easter. We are happily exploring nature and are so blessed to have such wonderful natural elements around our school and on our playground. It is truly an outdoor classroom!

So much is planned between now and the end of the year: field trips, a visit from the Zoomobile, a visit from a mounted policeman and/or a police dog, visits from musicians, a composer, a visit from Lauren Anderson from the Houston Ballet and much more!

BOOK FAIR - ART SHOW FAMILY NIGHT

Don't miss FAMILY NIGHT and the ART SHOW on Tuesday, April 5th. We begin at 5:00 and end at 7:00. There will be things to see and do at the school and at the church. At Yellow School there will be a train ride, a fishing game, a treasure hunt and some tattoos

along with a fantastic display of the children's wonderfully creative art work, both inside and outside. At the church there will be a yummy hot dog supper, more tattoos and a large variety of books at the BOOK FAIR! Bring your friends and relatives and come have fun!

TRAIN BANKS are due back at school by April 6th at the latest.
Thanks for helping deserving children.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP on the Sign Up Genius to help and to make dinner reservations! We need a dinner count by Wed., March 30.

PARENT SURVEY

Each year we ask for your input on how we do things at Yellow School. We will be sending you a link to an online survey soon. Over the years, we have received some wonderful ideas from parents and we value your comments and suggestions. Please complete the survey and return it.

CALENDAR

March 31 - Zoomobile

April 1 – Field trip to Brazos Bend State Park

April 5, 6, 7 - ART SHOW, FAMILY NIGHT, BOOK FAIR!!!

April 5, 7, 19, 21 – Chapel

April 8 – visits from a bass player and a composer

Apr. 12 and 14 – Grandpas

Apr. 19 and 21 – we'll record for our Yellow School CD

Apr. 22 – Houston Ballet

Apr. 28 – Field trip to Edith Moore Nature Sanctuary

Watch your "What's Happenings" for further information and details.

PARENTING TIPS

Recently, we have been having some violent play at Yellow School. We have heard children talk about zombies and cutting off heads and "going after bad guys" in other gory ways. Although it is normal for children to engage in play that demonstrates their developing strength and abilities, we must be diligent in overseeing the programs they are watching and the games they are playing on computers, iPhones and iPads and the like. Many of these things which are easily accessible to children are completely inappropriate for them to be watching. The ugliness of the characters and the pulsing music that accompanies them are usually overstimulating and beyond the scope of young children's ability to understand. They only see the violence and have not yet had enough life experience to turn those media models into age appropriate play with their peers.

Even the news and some commercials are inappropriate for our younger children. Try to limit your own viewing to times when the younger children are not around.

On another note, one of the keynote speakers for an upcoming teacher's conference is an educator named Amanda Morgan. Amanda writes a blog and publishes articles on her website, notjustcute.com. I would encourage you to visit it and read some of the things she has posted. She not only has educational credentials - she also has four boys! ☺

CHAPEL CHAT

The maturation and growth of preschoolers is such an amazing thing to watch. It seems that they are developing at warp speed. What a great opportunity we have to teach them ideas that will be with them for the rest of their lives! During the month of April we will be learning what happened after Easter and what Jesus wants us to do. The children will hear stories from the Bible about sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others from the books of Matthew and Acts. We are all called to *Go and make disciples of all nations.* *Matthew 28:19.*

Becky Funderburk

SUMMER SCHOOL

There are a few places still available in the Summer Session. Based on math, we'll offer lots of fun, engaging and educational activities. Sign up now online. You have a spot unless we call you to tell you otherwise. Those who have signed up will receive more information in May.