

BETTE PEROT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MARCH 2010

A letter from our principal...

The testing season has officially arrived! This past Wednesday, our 4th grade students got to demonstrate their incredible writing skills on the 4th Grade Writing TAKS. The students and teachers have worked hard to prepare for this day and I have no doubt they will perform wonderfully! As always, we will talk to the students and let them know that we expect nothing

but their best. If they give all they have, they can be proud of themselves no matter the outcome. Thank you for helping make this week as relaxed and upbeat as possible! With TAKS testing comes a change in our normal routine and April will bring more TAKS testing dates. Please plan ahead and note that no visitors will be allowed on campus April 27th and 28th due to State testing security.

Kindergarten Roundup is quickly approaching! If you have a child entering kindergarten next year you may call the school beginning March 22nd to schedule an appointment for the week of March 29th.

Please let your neighbors know as well!

Don't forget that Open House is Monday, March 8th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you all! Have a great Spring Break!

Patriot Proud,
Cory Wilson, Principal
Cory.Wilson@kellerisd.net



A record amount of snow fell on Friday, February 12, 2010 as students and teachers stayed home from school.



Kindergarten students from Ms. Rhodes' class enjoyed a rainy day field trip to the Fort Worth Stock Show in February.



The Fourth Grade Musical, "The Hundred Year Snooze" was a huge success on February 25th!



Students and parents alike had a great time at the Sock Hop! Be sure to check out the photos on the BPES PTA website!

A note from our PTA President...

Patriot Families,

Wow! February was such a busy month. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Valentine's parties such a fun time for the students. It is an honor for PTA to host these events.

Also, a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make the 2nd Annual Sock Hop a great success. A big thanks to all the volunteers that planned, decorated, worked the stations and cleaned up. You are all such a great group of people to work with! An especially big thank you to Susan McLemore, Carin Delgado and Nicole Eyeington - you are the best!! Don't forget to check out all the great photos taken by Josh Haslett. They are on our website at bpespta.org for you to see. Such great pictures that truly represent how much fun the children had. Thank you Josh and Catherine! Lastly, thank you to everyone that came out dressed up to dance and laugh along with us. It was a great night!

Mark your calendars for May 14. BPES PTA will be hosting our Spring Block Party again this year! It will be another fun-filled evening to celebrate the end of school, eat, dance and sing karaoke and don't forget about the exciting chance drawings. Our Block Party organizer, Shari Landrie, is hard at work getting the plans in place. Be on the look out for a call for volunteers soon.

I hope you all enjoy Spring Break and hopefully some warm weather! I hope to see you all at our next General Assembly meeting on March 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Patriot Parent,

Angie Aldredge
BPES PTA President
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Dates to Remember

March

8th	BPE Open House
9th	First Grade Musical 1:30 and 6:30 PM
12th	Early Release at 12:15 PM
15th-19th	Spring Break
23rd-24th	First Grade Field Trip to the KISD Natatorium
23rd	PTA Meeting - Math-Madness Night
25th	Brown Bag with Dr. V at Parkview Elementary
27th	Cupstacking Tournament (Third and Fourth Grades)

April

2nd	Bad Weather Make-Up Day
14th	Yum-Me Frozen Yogurt Dining Out (Across from Wal-Mart)
20th	Administrative Professional's Appreciation Day
27th-28th	TAKS Testing - No Entry into the school

The bad weather makeup day for January 7th will be Friday, June 4th.

Jump Rope for Heart

On Friday, February 26 Bette Perot Elementary Staff and Students presented the American Heart Association with a check for \$8661.35. The funds were raised through the Jump Rope for Heart program and Pennies for Heart drive. Amy Lassen was crowned the queen jumper among teachers. PE teachers Kelly Cerny and Alicia Malpass led students through different jump rope drills and tricks.



Heart Heroes!

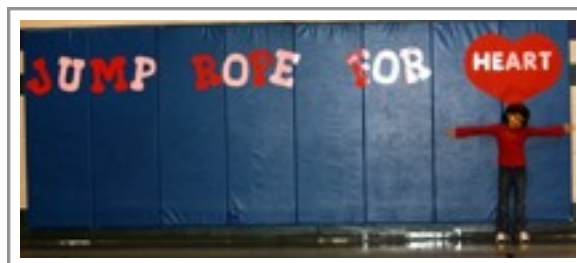
Our jump rope unit is officially over and I am **extremely** proud of all our jumpers. As the students practiced their jumping in the gym, they continued to improve everyday! Jump roping is a fun and inexpensive activity that is an amazing workout. I encourage all of the students to continue to practice their jumping skills at home.

This year I encouraged all students to give a small donation to the American Heart Association. As always, I was completely overwhelmed with the generosity of our students. As a school we collected \$8,661.35. This is over \$2,000 more than we collected last year. Thank you to everyone that contributed to this wonderful association. Every penny, dime, and dollar counts.

THANK YOU BPE! We have a school full of "heart heroes."

Ms. Cerny

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A Note from Mrs. Pratt...

Reading Makes You a Star

A big THANK YOU to all of you that helped set up, run, take down, and shop at our Book Fair Diner. The "blizzard" did interfere with our sales just a bit but we managed to sell \$9895.18 and make \$2,285.26 for our library. Another great accomplishment was the collection of \$435 for the One for Books program. We used this to buy books for the library, classrooms, teachers, and \$200 of this went to buy books for the Community Storehouse's Lending Library! Plus, Scholastic will give 435 books to one of their charities. You can look forward to a Buy One, Get One (BOGO) Scholastic Book Fair in May to kick off the summer. Thanks again for your support!

Our Reading Bingo Blackout is in full swing! You still have time to turn in bingo cards but the deadline is April 23. We will have our Reading Bingo Celebration for students completing all six boards in May. Keep up the good work!

I hope everyone has a wonderful spring break...make sure to include some great books in your spring plans!

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Pratt

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Test Taking Tips by Mrs. Wilder

This month marks the beginning of test-taking season for our students. We will be administering numerous assessments over the next four months to check the progress of our kids. Depending on their grade level, students will be taking the Texas Primary Reading Inventory (TPRI), Reading A-Z assessment, Curriculum-Based Assessments (CBA), AIMSweb Benchmarks, TAKS Benchmark, and TAKS test.

Tests can make all of us a little nervous. There are many things that you can do at home to help your child prepare for an upcoming assessment. First, reassure your child that they can, and will, be successful. Remind them to take their time and always do their best. Second, make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast. A well-balanced breakfast and plenty of rest will give him energy throughout the day and ensure that he is alert and focused. Finally, help your child relax and concentrate. Encourage him to take deep breaths and close his eyes to refocus. Most importantly, be positive! If your child imagines himself doing well on the test, then he is more apt to feel at ease.

Membership News

As we roll into March we would like to thank everyone who made the decision to join the Bette Perot PTA. We know you have a choice in where you donate your money and we are so grateful you choose to support the PTA. March 15th marks the end of our 2009-2010 membership drive and with your help it has been a wildly successful year. If your child(ren) participated in the Fall Carnival, the Rock'in Fun Run, enjoyed the Winter and Valentine's Parties, joined in the Family Fun Night or came to the Sock Hop this last Friday, then hopefully you are seeing what the Bette Perot PTA brings to our school. If you still haven't joined the PTA you have until March 15th and can help us win yet another

award, the Spring Membership Award which rewards PTAs who bring 25 more members into their PTA between October and March. Membership forms are online at www.bpespta.org and the membership costs \$8.00. When you are in the school please make sure to walk by and look at our PTA wall where we highlight some of the fun we have throughout the year. Please also make sure to check the PTA website often, especially to access pictures of the PTA events throughout the year. Thank you once again for supporting the Bette Perot PTA.

Respectfully,
Catherine A. Haslett
2nd VP Membership

Save The Date!

The Bette Perot
Elementary
4th Annual Spring
Block Party

May 14, 2010

Don't miss out on the
fun...
watch for details as the
date approaches!



Teacher Appreciation Continues

It's time to appreciate our PBS, PPCD, and STACC teachers!

The week of **March 8-12** has been set aside to say "thanks" to our wonderful 4th grade teachers. Have your child draw a picture, make a card, or do something equally thoughtful to show their teacher they are appreciated!

Cultural Awareness Fair

BPES Families,

Get your suitcases packed and passports updated! The 3rd annual Cultural Awareness Fair will be held Tuesday night, April 20th. Families that celebrate a unique culture will showcase food, clothes, music, language, games, art and pictures from their country. If your family would like to host a table or if you know of a cultural dance group that would like to perform for us that evening, please contact:

Caroline John
ESL teacher
caroline.john@kellerisd.net

Bon Voyage!



2010-2011 Kindergarten & First Grade Roundup

REGISTRATION DATES & TIMES

Registration for kindergarten and first grade students new to Keller ISD is scheduled on:

March 29-April 1, 2010	March 30, 2010
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER?

KINDERGARTEN:	Any child who will be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2010.
FIRST GRADE:	Any child who will be six (6) years old on or before September 1, 2010, and is not currently enrolled in kindergarten in the Keller ISD.

Call your home school beginning on **Monday, March 22nd through Friday March 26, 2010** to schedule an appointment to register your child for kindergarten/first grade. All campuses in Keller ISD will offer a full day program beginning the 2010-2011 school year. If you know any neighbors who will have children eligible for kindergarten/first grade next fall, please share this information with them.

PARENTS NEED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITH THEM TO REGISTRATION:

1. **Certified** copy of the child's birth certificate.
2. Child's immunization record **validated** by a physician's signature or stamp. Current immunization requirements are listed on the Immunization Guide found at www.kellerisd.net under the "parent" tab. Each validated record must contain month, day and year.
3. Child's social security number (**optional but preferred**).
4. Current proof of residency (**utility bill, lease agreement, contract**). If you are not a resident of Keller ISD, but you are living with someone who is a resident, **the resident** must complete an Affidavit of Residency form. This form is available where you register. Falsification of information by parent(s)/guardian(s) may be punishable under the TEXAS PENAL CODE, CHAP. 37 Sec. 37.10.
5. Registration forms are available on the KISD website at www.kellerisd.net. Completion of forms prior to your registration appointment will expedite the process.

[IMPORTANT: Children will not be registered without a birth certificate, proof of residence, and a valid, current immunization record. Therefore, he/she will not be officially enrolled, placed on a class list or eligible to attend classes unless we have copies of these documents on file at the school. Residency verification will be completed during elementary registration dates in August.]



On March 23, 2010, following the PTA meeting, BPES will hold our first Family Math Night called March Math-ness. During the event, teachers, parents, and community members will host math activity tables based on concepts and children's literature related to math. If you would like to volunteer for this fun event or would like to share how you use math in your profession, hobbies, or other life activities, we would love to have you share your expertise with our students and their families. Please contact me at ambre.puff@kellerisd.net or call the school office at 817-744-4600 to leave me a message. I will post updates on my web page soon.

**MATH-MADNESS
MARCH 23**

You may register for door prizes!
We look forward to seeing everyone on March 23rd!

Thank you!

Ambre Puff
ambre.puff@kellerisd.net

MUSIC NOTES

Wow! What an awesome group of fourth graders that really shined on Thursday, February 25 during the performance of "The Hundred Year Snooze". Bette Perot has so many talented students that worked so hard and it really showed during the performances! Thank you!

Third Graders are doing a great job on playing the Recorders. We will be having Recorder Recitals after we complete our Recorder Books in the Spring. More information will come.

Kindergarten is Alphabopping and learning a new letter song each week. This is a fun way to move and sing while learning words that begin with the letter of each week.

Second, Third, Fourth, and Kindergarten will be having Talent Day during Music class the week of March 8-11. The day your child has Music each week is the same day and time for their class Talent Day. Each student is given an opportunity to share their Musical talent with their peers and myself. If your child would like to sing, he or she can bring a CD. If they want to bring in a instrument, they can store it in my room closet until their Music time. Also, they can use my piano, or any classroom instruments that I have. If they want to dance, they can bring a CD. if they wrote a song or composed Music, we would love to hear it or see it. I love listening and observing such a variety of talent we have at Bette Perot.

First Grade will have Talent Day Wednesday Classes- March 10, Thursday Music Classes- March 11. Monday Music class will be March 22 and Tuesday Music classes will be March 23.

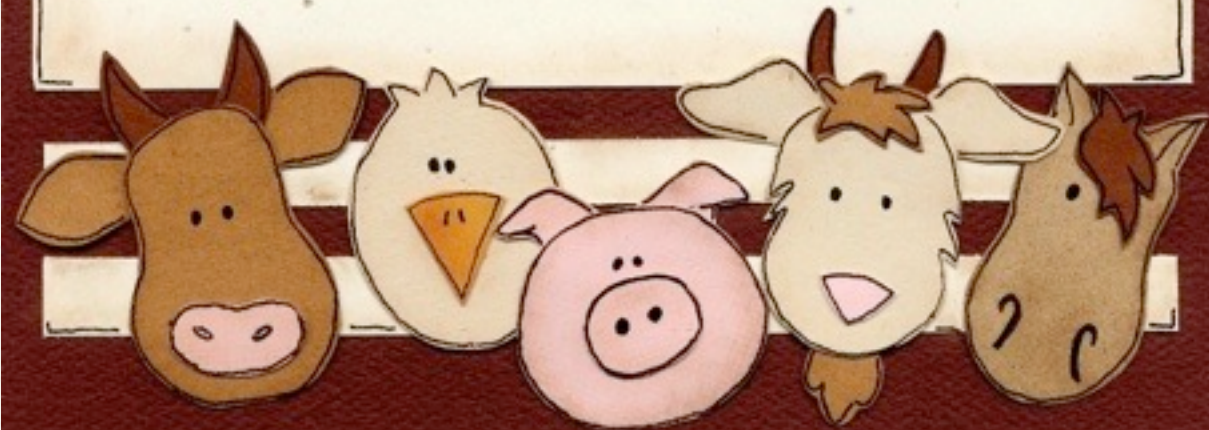
Music is a gift you can always share and use the rest of your life! Thanks for your support in the Fine Arts!

Mrs. Hein, Music Teacher K-4

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817-744-4648

First Graders will be performing "Barnyard Moosical" on Tuesday, March 9 at 1:30 and 6:30. Parents are needed to help finish the decorating of the stage. Thanks to Avery and Cyndi Spraggins, Kathleen Sayres and Kim Mateo for coming and helping get the Barnyard started. If you have time, please come and help finish up the stage. Thanks!





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DAY OF WEEK	THURSDAY
DATES OF CLASSES	APRIL 1, 8, 15, 22 MAY 6, *13 NO CLASS ON APRIL 29 DUE TO TAKS
TIME OF CLASSES	6:00 P.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION OF CLASSES	BETTE PEROT ELEMENTARY LIBRARY

*THESE DAYS ARE RESERVED FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER/MAKE-UP DAYS ONLY.

ANSWERS TO:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HOW DO I GET THEM OUT OF BED IN TIME TO CATCH THE SCHOOL BUS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IS THERE A WAY TO DISCIPLINE MY TODDLER IN PUBLIC WITHOUT CREATING A SCENE?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HOW CAN I STOP MY CHILDREN FROM BICKERING AND FIGHTING?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HOW CAN I GET MY TEENAGE DAUGHTER TO COME HOME AT THE AGREED-UPON TIME?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HOW DO I GET MY CHILDREN TO HELP WITH THE CHORES WITHOUT AN ARGUMENT?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HOW DO I GET HIM TO STOP SPITTING HIS PEAS AND WHINING AT DINNER?

AND MANY OTHER DAY-TO-DAY FRUSTRATIONS...

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE CLASSES, PLEASE CONTACT BETH DE ROSA,

CAMPUS COUNSELOR @ 817-744-4600.

Art in Education - March

Until March 7th -

Casa Mañana Theatre

Alamo; The Musical
Adapted for students of all ages, this heroic, historic tale is based on the eyewitness account of Enrique Esparza, one of the children who witnessed the battle of the Alamo firsthand and lived to tell about it. Watch history come alive on stage as Casa Mañana presents a historically-accurate, musical portrayal of the siege of the Alamo. Combat is suggested theatrically in a manner suitable for all audiences.

3101 West Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76107

Box Office: 817.332.2272

www.casamanana.org

Until April 4th -

Slappy's Puppet

Playhouse -

Aladdin and the Magic Lamp
13350 Dallas Parkway
Dallas, TX 75240
214-369-4849

www.slappysplayhouse.com

Until May 30th-

Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

Tinkering; Not Your Typical Museum Exhibit
The sight of giant Tinker Toys is your first hint that Tinkering isn't your usual museum exhibition. The exhibition, on loan from the San Francisco Exploratorium through the Museum of Science and History's EXnet partnership, is a perfect choice as the first ever-changing exhibit experience within Innovation Studios. With more than 15 exhibits,

Tinkering blends together a collection of experiences that best supports open-ended exploration, social learning, and whimsical play. Building on the extensive research done by the Exploratorium on efforts such as Playful Invention and Exploration (PIE) and Active Prolonged Engagement, Tinkering creates an environment where children and adults can engage at their own pace, together, in experiences that relate to their sense of play and curiosity. Guests can freeze their shadows, paint masterpieces with light, or construct a sonic pinball course.

1600 Gendy Street, Fort Worth, 817-255-9300,
www.fwmuseum.org

March 7th-

The Modern Drawing from the Collection for Children 2-3:30 PM -

Josephine Durkin
This exciting gallery program is designed for children between the ages of 6 and 12, and is offered on the first Sunday of each month when gallery admission is free. (Children under the age of 6 must be accompanied by an adult.) The program is led by an artist who takes participants through informal drawing exercises in relation to works in the Modern's collection. Bring a sketchbook and pencils or purchase materials from The Modern Shop.

Attendance is limited to 20 participants, so arrive early to sign up at the information desk to ensure your space. Class is closed to additional participants after 2 PM.

3200 Darnell Street, Fort Worth, 817.738.9215

childrensprogram@themodern.org
www.themodern.org

March 10th-

The Modern Wonderful Wednesdays 4-4:45 PM-
Visiting the work of Vija Celmins and Andy Warhol
This free gallery program for families is designed as an informal introduction to the collection and special exhibitions. Offered once a month, Wonderful

Wednesdays consists of a focused tour and is accompanied by a gallery project designed by the Modern's education staff. Prior registration is not required. Meet at the admission desk to sign in. Limited to 30 participants. 3200 Darnell Street, Fort Worth, 817.738.9215
childrensprogram@themodern.org
www.themodern.org

March 15th-

Fort Worth Opera - The Three Little Pigs - 11 AM
This hilarious adaptation of the classic fairy tale uses music from famous operas by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Young and old will belly-laugh as Despina, Cherubino and Don Giovanni out-run and out-smart the overblown Wolfgang Bigbad. This opera promotes reading and problem solving skills. Geared toward pre-K through 6th grade. Part of the FAMILY three PACK. Scott Theatre, 1300 Gendy Street; Fort Worth, 817.731.0726 for more information.

www.fortworthopera.org

March 15th-19th-

Kimbell Art Museum - Spring Break Art Camp - 10 AM until Noon. Tap into the imaginations of great artists and experience the magic of art that comes in all shapes and sizes. Daily discussions and activities connect with artworks from

the Kimbell's permanent collection and the special exhibition [From the Private Collections of Texas: European Art, Ancient to Modern](#). A light snack will be provided. (Ages 6-12)
The materials fee for this five-morning camp is \$150 (\$125 for Kimbell members). Space is limited
3333 Camp Bowie Boulevard; Fort Worth, To register, call 817-332-8451, ext. 297

www.kimbellart.org

March 19th-

Fort Worth Opera - The Billy Goats Gruff - 11 AM
With the music of Donizetti, Rossini and Mozart, John Davies has taken the traditional tale of three happy little goats who simply want to cross a bridge and expanded it for young students. These goats learn to stand up to bullies and to treat each other with respect to the delightful, upbeat music of some of the most famous arias of opera. In a playground situation that everyone will recognize, Lucy, Ernesto and Dandini confront Osmin and teach him about friendship. Geared toward pre-K through 6th grade. Part of the FAMILY three PACK. Scott Theatre, 1300 Gendy Street; Fort Worth, 817.731.0726

www.fortworthopera.org

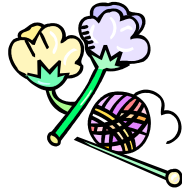
Have a great month!

Jen Guerrero

Art in Education

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Attention BPES Parents....WE WANT YOU!



*We are seeking vendors for our upcoming
Spring Craft & Vendor Fair.*

*We will be hosting the Craft & Vendor Fair during our
4th annual Spring Block Party.*

*The Craft & Vendor fair will take place on
Friday, May 14th from 5 PM until 8 PM
in the school Gymnasium.*

*This is a great opportunity for you! The BPES Spring Block Party is free to the students,
their friends, family, and surrounding community. The Spring Block Party is the final big
event of the school year and boasts a large turnout.*

*10'x6' spaces are available for \$40 each. A limited number of tables will be available for
an additional fee of \$10 each. Set up will be available on Friday, May 14th beginning at 4
PM. A limited amount of electrical outlets are available on a first come, first served basis.*

*Thank you for your support!
For more information and an application, please contact:*

Susan McLemore at skmclemore@gmail.com



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Running Club

Resumes

Thursday, March 11

3:00 PM

If your child is not a member of running club and would like to join us for an hour every Thursday of physical activity, please email

Kristy Shabout

Running Club Chair

Thanks to all the Parents, Students, and Teachers for your contribution to the Box Tops for Education Program.

Continue clipping those boxtops!

Our next contest will **end March 31st**. The class that collects the most Box Tops will win **Goody Bags!**

Clip and send your box tops to your teacher's classroom so that you will get a chance to win!

Visit us on the web! www.BPESPTA.org

Come back often to download forms, upload or download photos, see the latest updates, activities, and announcements. You may also download the current and archived newsletters! You may also join us on [FACE BOOK](#)...join the group BPE PTA Past, Present and Future.