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# Spotty News

March 30, 2010

## March

31 Report Cards – 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks

## April

1 Coffee with the Principal  
8:30 a.m.

\*Early Dismissal – 12:30 p.m.

\*Snow Cone Sale - \$1.00

2 Spring Holiday – No School  
6 TAKS Math – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

9 Free dress if you bring \$1.00 –  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade

\*Snow Cone Sale - \$1.00

\*Cinco de Mayo Baked Goods  
Sale – 3:00 p.m.

10 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp

13 PTA Meeting – 6:30 p.m.  
\*CATCH Literacy Night

14 PreK – Kindergarten Roundup  
9:00 a.m.

16 Free Dress for \$1.00 –  
for Cinco de Mayo

17 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp

21 Wacky Wednesday

23 Free Dress - \$1.00 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

24 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp



## Jump Rope for Heart 2010 Results

Durham Dalmatians raised over \$4,700.00 for education and the prevention of Heart Disease and Stroke! We host the largest Jump Rope for Heart event in the District, with over 402 participants, 288 student donations, a variety of jumping activities and contests, guest appearance with Spotty (Sam Jones-Kdg.) and the presentation of our Royal Court. This event is our culminating activity for our Jump Rope unit. It teaches children individual, partner and group jump rope skills, lessons and stories of heart disease and the importance of eating healthy and staying physically active. Special thanks to our parent volunteers, our Enrichment Teachers, our Teacher Aides and Classroom Teachers for helping with this event. Shout out to Mr. Breiman for allowing Jump Rope for Heart to be an integral part of our Durham Traditions.

**\*\*Early Dismissal – Thurs., April 1, 2010 at 12:30 p.m.\*\***

**\*\* 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camps, Saturday April 10, 17 24 – 8:30 a.m.**

### **Yearbook Information**

We are in the process of putting together this year's yearbook and are in need of pictures. Please send all pictures to Ms. Hernandez in the office. Watch your Tuesday folders for Yearbook order forms and for ad order forms. They will be coming soon.

### **Nurse Notes: Reminders**

Every child should know **his/her parent's name, address and phone number** for safety. Should your child be separated from you, this gives them the means to contact you. Also, be aware that your child can pick up **lice at the movie/theatre**. When your child attends the movies, have them wear a jacket with a hood. The hood prevents transmission and should be washed in hot water afterward.

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## Name That Book Results

Durham's Name that Book Team spent last Friday morning recalling the 35 books, which they have read this school year. It is a very competitive contest and we are pleased that our team tied with River Oaks Elementary School for third place. The Name That Book contest, coordinated by the HISD Library Services, serves to acquaint HISD students with classic literature as well as contemporary award-winning books, representing a variety of genres. The district-wide competition is held every spring.

Our team had a fun morning showing off all they had learned and enjoying CiCi's pizza for lunch and games. The following students represented Durham: Emily Fox, captain, Chris Railsback, Mayra Cortez, Kody Millsap, Aimee Rast, Jonathan Garcia, Mauricio Cano, Brianna Rodriguez, Seth Barrett, Clarisa Galindo, Lisette Guevara.



## Congratulations Bilingual Spellers!

We want to congratulate our three winners from the Durham Bilingual Spelling Bee competition. Last Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 2010, our First Place winner Rosario Castro (fourth grade, Ms. Love's Class), Second Place winner Rachel Belman (fourth grade, Ms. Love's Class), and Third Place winner Braulio Flores (third grade, Ms. Antelo's Class), participated in the Central Region Competition at the *Central Region Office Large Conference Room*. They did a great job! There were 36 finalists from all of the Central Region Schools participating. Our Rosario Castro, a fourth grade student from Ms. Love's Class got to the fourth round in a very demanding competition. On the fifth round the three winners were selected. We want to congratulate our finalists for their dedication, effort, and practice before the competition and for doing their best to represent our school. Way to go Bilingual Spellers!

## Cinco de Mayo Baked Goods Sale

On Friday, April 9 at 3:00 p.m., the Cinco de Mayo Committee and the Durham Ballet Folklorico will be selling baked goods in the courtyard. The proceeds will be used to purchase Ballet Folkloric costumes.