



# Rattler Report

January 2010

## News

Spring GT Nomination Period: January 11-25

Please ask your child's teacher for information on how to nominate your child for gifted and talented screening.

Parents every morning we ask that you please observe and respect the moment of silence in the auditorium and in the hallway.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the awards assembly, which will be on Jan 15th at 2:00 in the auditorium. Students will be receiving awards for A honor roll, A-B honor roll, citizenship and perfect attendance.

## Principal's Note

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a good Winter Break. We are back in full swing at Ridgetop! The Spring semester is full of activity and goes by SUPER fast. I want to take the time to say thank you for your cooperation and support with everything that we've worked on so far this year like the Dual Language, CAC, our PTA membership/fundraisers/events, our School Academic Nights, Gardening, Parent meetings, Fitness, and Showcase nights, after school program, etc because we really need your full cooperation in order for us to be able to accomplish all these. Your dedication shows that you are truly interested in supporting the education of your children and their teachers.

I also want to mention that Ridgetop was broken into for the first time in a very long time over the break. The Police apprehended/arrested two adult males, a 19 and a 20-year, for breaking and entering into the school during the night. They took our PA system and the microphone, which is a small loss, compared to what they could have taken, but still a loss. They also vandalized the North wing by breaking the seal on a fire extinguisher and emptying it in the hallway. This took place early New Year's morning. Our custodians diligently and carefully cleaned the mess up in the early morning of January 4 so that we could be ready for school on Tuesday. Our District maintenance crews replaced the front windowpane the same morning of the incident.

Our Cafeteria is getting a new dishwasher! They are installing it and testing it this semester with a tentative go date of early Spring for full use. Thanks to Jen Smith for pursuing this for us with AISD Food Services.

One last thing, please remember that the only ones who can sell any items on school grounds are the Teachers, the PTA, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, and AISD approved vendors. All others may not sell any items (food or otherwise) on School grounds. Please see the Principal if you have any questions about this policy.

## Dates to Remember

Every Friday, January 15, 22, and 29  
Parent Meetings- 8:00 a.m.- 9:00a.m.

Tuesday, January 12, 2010  
PTA/CAC Meeting 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Friday, January 15, 2010  
Awards Assembly 2:00 p.m. Auditorium

Monday, January 18, 2010  
MLK Holiday No School

Science Class series every Friday starting January 15, 22, 29- Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Want more Science? Join Mrs. Perez at Reilly Elementary starting every Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup> – Feb 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m.-9:30a.m. Parents from Reilly, Brown, and Graham Elementary will join us. Come have fun while learning Science.

Inviting ALL Ridgetop families to Austin Museum of Art's opening reception 2-4 p.m. on Saturday Jan. 16th for "Seeing Special Things" program's student art show called "Take A Closer Look". All Ridgetop 4th Graders will have work on display along with students from about a dozen other AISD schools. Museum admission that day is FREE!!!! Hands-on Family Lab! 823 Congress Avenue, on the northeast corner of Congress and 9th Street.

### **Prime Time Enrichment Classes Are Here!!!**

**Beginning date: January 27, 2010**

**Ending date: April 8, 2010**

#### **IMPORTANT THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:**

- ❖ Classes will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:15.
- ❖ Your child or children will be signed up for **ONLY ONE** class on **ONLY ONE** of the days.
- ❖ If you have more than one child, please keep this in mind when choosing classes for your children. Parents are responsible for picking up their children in a timely manner on a daily basis.
- ❖ Please return your choice form ASAP, so that we can begin placing students in classes.
- ❖ Please understand that your child may not be placed in his or her first choice. All classes enriching will be educational. If you have questions concerning the class in which you child is placed, please speak with Mr. Gloria.