



SCIENCE SCHOOL
AT THE MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE

March 2010 News

Our 8th annual carnival is March 27 from 1-4. *Please see the attached note for requests and more information about the carnival.* This is a great event for families and is our major fundraiser. We ask everyone in our school to help. Our goal is to raise \$5000. The funds are used for equipment, furniture, supplies and professional development. In the past the funds have helped us purchase the cubbies for our coats & lunchboxes, shelving and books for our library, new materials for the classroom, and professional development for the staff such Growing Up Wild, How to Become an Intentional Teacher, Power of Play, and Early Childhood Project Learning Tree.

We are continuing our exploration of the science of art the first two weeks of March. Our young artists have started a class mural and will continue to add to the mural. Water colors, natural sponge painting, glitter, paper, confetti and more are being used to create each masterpiece. As we add paint or texture, we see how it changes. You will have a chance to bid on a portion of each mural in our carnival auction. They are one of kind pieces and definitely priceless. The children have tried crayon resist and figured out that water colors do not cover crayon drawings. Our test tube color mixing resulted in beautiful colors on the filter paper.

Spring break is March 15-19. School resumes on Monday, March 22. MNS has spring break camps during this time for children 5 and up. Information is available online at natureandscience.org.

Original Works order forms were sent home. The children's artwork can be used on many different products such as key chains, mugs, hot pads, note cards, wall clock and more. We have some samples in the school office if you would like to check them out. These make great Mother's Day presents. We are working on the art work for this at school over the next two weeks. They will be completed by March 11 & 12 so you are welcome to park your car and come in to see the painting. The children create great works of art (with a little planning on the part of the staff) and they turn out great on the products. However, the order forms and payments **are due Tuesday March 2**. (This allows us to let the company know what the order is and expedites the order when it is sent in the week of spring break.) NOTE: If you have another child that you would like to participate in this, we can send an extra order form. Just let us know- email (scienceschool@natureandscience.org) or phone (214-428-5555 x 1381) and we will send it home. You can create your artwork at home on a piece of 8 ½ x 11 inch cardstock paper and send it to the school by March 5.

When we return from spring break, we will become young entomologists and start our study of insects and arachnids. We will discover the differences between insects and arachnids and learn about spiders' egg sacs and webs. The children will collect information on fair park insects when we go on an insect hunt with our clipboards and pictures of insects. This unit will continue into April.

Classroom reminders: Please leave toys or other special things (jewelry, money, etc.) at home or in your vehicle. Sometimes these are hidden in pockets so you may not know they are coming to school. As the weather gets warmer, please remember no flip flops. Sandals are okay as long as they have a strap on the back so they will stay on the feet. Remember to label everything with your child's name. Please call the school at 214-428-5555 ext. 1381 if your child will not be coming to school or email us at scienceschool@natureandscience.org.

March tuition payments are due now for those paying monthly. Please remember to put your payment in an envelope, seal it and write on the outside tuition payment. This procedure should be followed with any payment sent to the school. If you have given us charge card #, your payment will be put on this account.

Registration materials for the 2009-10 school year and summer 2010 have been emailed. Some classes are filling so please return forms with fees to assure your child's place. If you know anyone interested in our school, please let them know and let us know. We would be happy to send them information and invite them to visit. School families are our best advertisers.

MNS offers many other summer options for children of all ages. The Discovery Camp information is available online at www.natureandscience.org. There are also parent child classes available under Little Explorers.

We received information on a school lunch program from Greenz School Lunch Program. People can order lunches for children and they are delivered to the school. The cost per lunch is \$4.95 plus \$.75 delivery plus tax. Please look at the brochure and check out the website at www.greenzsalads.com/schools. If there is enough interest, we can set up a program with them for at least 2 days/week. They would like a minimum of 6 lunches/delivery.



Don't forget to cut out **BOX TOPS** for education and send them to school. You can find them on General Mills cereals, Pillsbury® refrigerated and freezer products, Yoplait® yogurt, Betty Crocker® and Bisquick® baking products, Fruit Roll Ups®, Fruit by the Foot®, Kleenex® and all Ziploc® products.