



It's Time for Annual Parent Surveys

Sweet Home School operates on a continuous school improvement model. This means that we are continually looking at ways to improve our school through educational opportunities for all students, faculty and staff professional development, and overall fiscal responsibility to maximize the services we receive for every dollar spent.

As part of our on-going evaluation of these im-



provements, we would like input from parents. This annual survey included in this bulletin is important in providing feedback that the district will use to de-

termine the effectiveness of some of our programs and services. Adding your name to the survey is optional, but we do encourage each family to complete the survey and send it back by January 16th.

Thank you for your input and your support for our school.

PTO CHILI SUPPER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31st

***Raffle Ticket Money Due
Friday, January 23rd***

Sweet Home School Bulletin Board

Basketball Schedule for January

Jan. 15 Meyersville @ Sweet Home
Jan. 22 Sweet Home @ Ezzell
Jan. 29 Westhoff @ Sweet home

Games start at 1:00 p.m.



Mid-Year Assessments continue:

Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade will take the TPRI (Texas Primary Reading Inventory)
(First 2 weeks of January)

Math TAKS Benchmark: Grades 3, 4, 6 & 7
Tuesday, January 13th

Reading TAKS Benchmark: Grades 4, 6 & 7
Wednesday, January 14th

January 12th

First Day of the Third 9-Weeks Grading Period

January 19th
PTO Meeting
5:30 p.m.

"Souper Bowl"

This year our fifth grade students will have an opportunity to give back to the community through a canned food drive. Our theme "Souper Bowl" ties in with the NFL's Super Bowl. During the week of January 26th – January 30th each student is asked to bring canned food or dried food items to replenish the Yoakum Food Bank. The homeroom class that donates the most will get to take the items to the food bank followed by some free time at the park.

Our 5th graders are eligible to be selected to join the Student Leadership Team at Sweet Home. This activity will give all 5th graders a chance to demonstrate their leadership skills.

**Our Food Bank Goal:
500 items.**

January Birthdays



4—Caitlin Cox
4—Devin Flores
7—Cory Janak
9—Carson East
12—Sydney Green
15—Kaylee Bennetsen
16—Mrs. Steinmann
17—Mrs. Hale
18—Madison Meyer
20—Travis Monk
22—Emily Rudolph
23—Rayleigh Biehunko
24—Emmie Bertoni
26—Nicole Brown
26—Matthew Moeller
30—Margaret Alvarado

MAKE A DIFFERENCE MONDAYS

One Monday per month, students from grades 3–8 may be invited to participate in our Make A Difference Mondays project. Students work from 3:30–5:30 p.m. at school on various projects. Right after school the students gather to brainstorm on a list of to-do activities. They divide up into work teams and get started. Some projects from the fall have been: writing and publishing the Cougar News Bulletin, assisting with organizing the school's recyclable material, trimming bushes, cleaning school buses, organizing library books, and teacher classroom help with moving and organizing materials. We look forward to more students being involved throughout this spring semester.



Student volunteers learn citizenship skills that will serve them for a lifetime.

TAKS Testing Dates 2008-2009

Tuesday, March 3rd

TAKS Reading (3rd, 5th, 8th)

TAKS Writing (4th, 7th)

Wednesday, March 4th

TAKS Reading Continued (*Dyslexia Students Only*)

Tuesday, April 7th

TAKS Math (5th, 8th)

Tuesday, April 28th

TAKS Math (3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th)

Wednesday, April 29th

TAKS Reading (4th, 6th, 7th)

TAKS Reading Retest (3rd, 5th, 8th) if needed

Thursday, April 30th

TAKS Science (5th, 8th)

TAKS Reading Continued (*Dyslexia Students Only*)

Friday, May 1st

TAKS Social Studies (8th)

Tuesday, May 19th

TAKS Math Retest (5th, 8th) if needed

June 30th

Math Retest (5th, 8th)

July 1st

Reading Retest (3rd, 5th, 8th)

