

St. Stephen's Episcopal School

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**Many thanks to Cindy Cabler who answered our call
for an office volunteer... You're the best, Cindy!!!**

Safeguarding God's Children

Recognizing and Preventing Sexual Abuse



This training program is required for all persons who work with our students in a paid or volunteer capacity. There is no charge for the course, but you must register with "Miss" Margie in the school office.

Saturday, December 5

9am - noon

SSES Library

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, October 3: Marathon Kids KickOff
(more info below)

Tuesday, October 6 : School Portraits

Sunday, October 11: SSES sponsors Coffee Hour at
St. Stephen's Church
(more info below)

Monday, October 12: Bring a Friend to School Day
RSVP to School Office
by October 7

Saturday, October 17: City of Kyle Parade

Saturday, October 24: 5K Run for the Hills/FunRun
www.ststevefunrun.eventbrite.com/
Registration 7:00 - 8:00 am
5K Run 8:00 am
1K Run 8:45 am
Kiddie Run 9:00 am
\$18 Adults
\$10 Students, Military
\$7 Kiddie Run
\$50 max. per Family

Fall Fest 9:30 - 11:30 am
Homecoming Dance 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Friday, November 13: Community Workday

Monday, November 16
thru Friday, November 20: BookFair

Wednesday, November 18: Grandparents/Special Friends Day
GeoBee
Thanksgiving Feast



Austin Marathon Kids Kick Off Celebration

When: Saturday, October 3, 2009

AISD: 9am

Non AISD: 11am

Where: UT Mike Myers Track and Field Stadium

<http://www.utexas.edu/maps/mainareas/stadium.html>

On Saturday, Oct 3rd, thousands of Central Texas area children and parents ceremonially begin running/walking 26.2 miles in increments of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile at a time over six months, coloring in their Marathon Kids Running Logs©.

They also are challenged to eat 26.2 days a month of 5-a-day fruits and veggies, coloring in their "Fuel Logs". Together in a free, glorious, ceremonial Kick Off Celebration, they will start the first mile of their marathon, with other Central Texas families and University of Texas Athletes.

If you would like to participate with other SSES families Coach Peters asks that you meet at

Gate 1 at 11am.

Weather Info: The event will go on rain or shine!

Parking Info: Free parking is available in the parking garage at the corner of Robert Dedman and Clyde Littlefield, and the surrounding lots. UT Campus Police will direct you accordingly. Please leave time to allow for traffic as it

is a busy day all over town! Click here for maps of the UT campus: www.utexas.edu/maps

- + Wear light, comfortable clothing**
- + Bring extra water, hats, shades, and sunscreen!**

+ Parents MUST run with Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd graders.

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**On October 11th, in conjunction with the school sponsored coffee hour and the SSEC Jubilee, the students of St. Stephen's Episcopal School have been invited to lead in worship at the 10:30 service!**

**Students in grades 1-8 are encouraged to come in their dress blues to sing during the offertory as part of a masschoir. We will be performing an arrangement of a hymn that the children know very well, accompanied by the church's adult choir and the Halftime band! This is a wonderful opportunity for the school and church communities of St. Stephen's to get together and join our voices in song and praise! Mrs. Jones will**

be sending home more information and you are welcome to contact her if you have additional questions. Please come!

If you will help with the Coffee Hour (from 11:30 to 12:45-ish) please contact Nancy Funderburk at [nfunderburk@gvtc.com](mailto:nfunderburk@gvtc.com).

In addition to singing in the choir we will also be looking for students willing to serve as greeters and to help serve at the coffee hour.

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2009-10 School Directories Available
In School Office:
\$5.00 each; Proceeds benefit PFO

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER** *by Lisl Bambas*

The middle school is conducting a fundraising event beginning next week to raise money for our middle school trip this spring. The students are learning Spanish using the Warren Hardy method which encourages early conversation. We are hoping to earn enough money to travel to San Miguel and take a course there at the Warren Hardy School. While there we will have the opportunity to see the beautiful Colonial buildings, practice our Spanish, and perform a service activity at one of the local prechools.

We are selling Dutch flower bulbs. These bulbs will do well in our area. We will be sending out brochures and order sheets in next Tuesday's folder. The orders are due back October 19th.

If you want to see these products ahead of time, go to the website <http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com>

and click on products. We are not set up to sell the bulbs online.

## FOCUS ON STUDENT WORK

### You Can Touch It If You Like

by: Lilly Marie Venable

"The water in this pool is soft. You can touch it if you like." That's what Mr. Heinichen told us as we inspected his rainwater pool. Rainwater doesn't have scale. That's why it had the effect of being soft. We were at Tank Town, a rainwater collection facility, and we were learning all about how to collect and use rainwater. Mr. Heinichen's pool was 13 feet deep, in ground, and all of the water inside it was from the sky, cloud juice, as he called it. It had started to rain lightly on us as we continued our tour.

We learned many facts about rain water and water conservation. For instance, rainwater has been collected for over 11,000 years. That's a while. One hundred years ago, people who wanted to collect rainwater had to dig their tanks IN the limestone. That must have been difficult work. Plus, water is a universal solvent. It slowly dissolves everything that it touches.

That light rain turned into a torrential downpour while we were building our team skills at Pedernales Falls State Park. But instead of running for cover, we frolicked out in the field. We skipped, sang, and danced in the wonderful rain that was so desperately needed by the thirsty ground. We pondered how long it would rain, and after 15 minutes of waiting, we decided to head over to Sports Country Camp in Dripping Springs, Texas. The springs were literally dripping when we got there.

It continued to rain for most of the afternoon. It was steady and beautiful. The steady pitter patter of drops of rain on a tin roof is one of the most peaceful events God creates. Everything about rain is marvelous. A few of my classmates decided to get blue plastic cups and set them outside on the porch railing. They wanted to collect all the rainwater they could and drink it. And it worked! Within an hour, the cup was filled with little more than an inch. They savored the pure taste for as long as they could make it last.

Overall, I learned about respecting and conserving water. It is one of the foundations of life, and Earth would not be Earth without it. We need water for our species to survive. Without it, the human race would cease to exist.

## Parakeet Needs Home

Sunray, a male yellow parakeet hatched from an egg laid right here at SSES is looking for a good home.

This sweet, sociable bird is really good company, sings a lot, hops on your shoulder and preens you.

He will come to your home with his own his cage, toys, and all food supplies.

Interested? Contact Sheila Armitage

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