



The Anderson Private School NEWSLETTER

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"Sparks electric only strike on souls electrical alike. The flash of intellect expires unless it meet congenial fires." (Hannah Moor)

PERSPECTIVES

of Dr. & Mrs. Anderson

Where do we find the courage to make the tough decisions that protect the futures of our children? Where do we look for the resolve that safeguards those more precious to us than our own lives?

Sometimes, our fortitude is found deep in the eyes of our children, during moments when they do not see us. Or immersed in quiet reflection when we more clearly envision the values we ultimately cherish.

But often we find strength in others, in the love they impart through their demeanor, sincerity and uncompromising morality. The content of their character gives us cause to go forward another day and through our sacrifice, make the courageous decisions that create opportunity for our children tomorrow.

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strength in others . . . "**

Such individuals are often teachers who convey a serenity of manner in their unyielding inner strength. These unique people stand firm when all about them seem to sway in the emotional breezes. They are the calm in the eye of the storm. These mentors cut to the core to save those with enough self-doubt to flounder and fail. They are the stern masters of our integrity - the beloved teachers who ultimately come to be the real treasures of our childhood and saviors of all that we hope to be. The ones who show in a firm and tranquil way, that love is what courage comes to be.

*- Courage is the price that life exacts
for granting peace. The soul that
knows it not, knows no release
from little things; Knows not
the livid loneliness of fear,
Nor mountain heights where bitter joy
can hear the sound of wings. -
(Amelia Earhart)*

S. A. C. S ACCREDITATION

The Commission on Elementary & Middle Schools has certified that The Anderson Private School for the Gifted, Talented and Creative has been accepted as a candidate for accreditation as affirmed at the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

We are proud of this accomplishment and will take the necessary steps to complete membership requirements in this prestigious association.

A special thank you to Steve and Julie Kline, parents of Josh and Cameron Kline, for their support in this and many other endeavors.

And thanks to our other advisory committee members: Tracy Herek, mother of Samantha Herek, Angela Smith, mother of Cody Smith, Bonnie McCamey, instructor in applied technologies and mother of Brandon and Devin McCamey, Raymond Schultz, father of Kenton Tolbert, and Rick Zapata, father of Steve Zapata.

*- The purpose of life
is a life of purpose. -*

(Robert Byrne)

IMPORTANT DATES

May 20 - 24 Spring Adventure Trip
(McDonald Observatory)
Sept. 3 First Day of Fall Semester

*- Every single problem that you have in
your life is the seed of an opportunity
for some greater benefit! -
(Deepak Chopra)*

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

We have initiated a program that inspires children to learn the economics of life through free enterprise education. It includes a series of weekly hands-on instructional activities that reinforce economic principles.

The classes are mentored by Rick Zapata with support from Lockheed-Martin Corp. He is a volunteer executive who shares his professional and entrepreneurial experiences with students and demonstrates what it takes to be successful using the business and economics curricula of Junior Achievement. (continued on page 2)

STUDY / FUN TRIPS

We had a gorgeous day for picnicking and play at **Z. Boaz Park**. Our young men were indescribably clean (and exhausted) after establishing who was "King of the Mountain" (sand hill). And Julie Kline volunteered to lead us on yet another hike through the steep ravines and down the deep gullies, with Jake in tow, of course! What a trooper! (see page 2)

*- People think love is an emotion.
Love is good sense. -
(Ken Kesey)*

JR. ACHIEVEMENT continued

We are grateful to Rick and to Cassandra Sanford, Vice President of Education for Junior Achievement, and to Lockheed-Martin Corporation for this unique opportunity for our students.

STUDY TRIPS continued

We also ventured into the plentiful rows of **Half-priced books** to replenish of our stocks for evening reading. It's always fun to see the new arrivals.

And our annual pilgrimage to the **Fort Worth Stock Show** was a real treat. Much was learned including, "How to milk a cow." (you thought it was easy!)

The **New Car Show** was exciting and the 2002 T-Bird stole the show. Of course the Hummer is still a favorite (but it sure looks a lot like last year's model).

Our aviation enthusiasts were treated to an impressive visit to the **C. R. Smith Museum of Aviation**. This spectacular facility could only be topped by the knowledge and warmth of the museum staff. Thank you for the hospitality.

The **Thistle Hill House Museum** proved to be extraordinary. Our tour guide was exceptional and her intriguing stories, interpreting the life, design, social customs and tastes made possible by the booming cattle and oil business, made our visit memorable. Thistle Hill is one of the finest surviving examples of Georgian Revival architecture in the southwest.

Our morning spent at the **Butterfly Exhibit** in the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens was nothing short of fascinating. But look out Hollywood - Matt Swancy won the Best Acting Award for his portrayal of a hummingbird, as we learned all about pollination.

An afternoon at The **Kimbell Art Museum** was, as always, wondrous. The docents gave our students a superb introduction to several artists and art mediums.

Our visit to the **Modern Art Museum** proved to be engaging. The special exhibit featuring architectural designs and models of art museums from around the world was most intriguing. This sojourn provided our discerning critics with exceptional information. And we topped the afternoon off with some fun on the lawn of the Kimbell, playing a variety of games and basking in the sun.

Shakespeare's **Cymbeline**, directed by Michael Johnson and produced by the **Box Theater** at the Ridglea, proved to be a remarkable production for several of our more nocturnal scholars.

Our own Annie Anderson was outstanding in her role as Pisanio and who can forget Ky Cleveland, occasional visiting mentor at the Anderson School, in his remarkable performance. The nearly four hour production was so engaging that our students did not notice the time go by.

The **Japanese Gardens** proved to be almost overwhelming to the senses. What a unique place of serenity and tranquillity. Our guides were simply wonderful as they patiently took us down pathways of knowledge and understanding. From there it was on to the Egyptian cuisine of the **King Tut Restaurant** to be fed like a Pharaoh.

*- I do now know whether I was then
a man dreaming I was a butterfly,
or whether I am now a butterfly
dreaming I am a man. -*

(Chuang-Tzu)

C. P. R. & FIRST AID CLASS

Our students and staff successfully completed the Basic CPR and First Aid Class in accordance with the guidelines of the American Red Cross, Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute and the National Safety Council.

We relished the warmth and patience of our instructor, Chris Leech (of Premier Safety & First Aid), as he guided each of us to success in a thorough and fast paced

curriculum. We learned general first aid care for medical emergencies and sudden illnesses including bleeding emergencies, burn care, bites and stings, poisoning, severe allergic reactions, heat and cold, shock, strains and sprains and dislocations and fractures. And everyone completed hands-on instruction in basic CPR utilizing the latest training aids.

The course was a prodigious experience and every participant was awarded a certificate of completion. Congratulations for a job well done!

*- My mother had a great
deal of trouble with me,
but I think she enjoyed it. -
(Mark Twain)*

THE BABIES ARE HERE !

Our annual excursion to the neighborhood feed store for new hatchlings is always exciting. Having animal friends at school is a traditional part of the curriculum and adds a unique motivational dimension to the enrichment we provide. These little ones teach us so much about responsibility, love and friendship. And this year were we able to add some darling Guineas and really strange Turkeys to our large menagerie.

A special thanks to Alex Anderson and Ginger Bronson for the special care they provide on weekends and holidays.

*- If you feel you have both feet
planted on level ground,
then the University
has failed you. -*

(Robert F. Goheen)

CAMPUS VISITATIONS

Parents interested in visiting the Anderson Private School are asked to call 817-448-8484 for an appointment.

*- Honest criticism is hard to take,
particularly from a relative, a friend,
an acquaintance or a stranger. -
(Franklin P. Jones)*