



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."

PERSPECTIVES of Dr. & Mrs. Anderson

For here the affective domain is the critical consideration in the healthy mental, social, emotional, and, yes, the intellectual development of children. The cognitive and psychomotor domains are truly distant cousins when it comes to surviving childhood today.

How a child feels determines everything! It dictates whether or not he or she will want to come to school and, when there, if they will learn anything at all. For without a warm learning environment coupled with nurturing relationships, children can turn to critical mass.

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Suddenly, nothing makes sense. A loving child can become someone you do not understand and, perhaps, no longer know. The intrinsic motivating factors that sustained his or her internal drive and the will to thrive have withered or died.

And parents passionately treat the symptoms of boredom, anxiety and frustration but not the cause - the etiology of which stems from a simple factor easily overlooked in a complex life. A life that drifts from a focus on joyful living to a meaningless day to day existence, with parents and the government demanding more and more, "accountability". That missing factor is simply joy - the creation of a happy childhood filled with the unconditional love of parents and teachers who place a premium on the qualities of life that make it worth living.

*- Getting there isn't half the fun -
 it's all the fun. -*

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 4	First Day of Fall Semester
Oct. (T.B.A.)	Fall Break Holidays
Nov. 21 - 23	Thanksgiving Holidays
T.B.A.	Fall Adventure Trip
Dec. 5 - 8	T. A. G. T. Conference
Dec. 24 - Jan. 6	Winter Break Holidays

*- A boy becomes an adult three years before his parents think he does, and about two years after he thinks he does. -
 (Lewis Hershey)*

ADVENTURE FOUND IN NEW ORLEANS

We truly found adventure in New Orleans as we ventured into Cajun country. Highlighting our trip was a brief hike (who passed out on the sidewalk?) to the New Orleans School of Glassblowing and Printmaking. We witnessed the making of gorgeous Venetian Glass and actually made our own prints and glass beads.

We also enjoyed an afternoon at the Aquarium of the Americas and thrilled to the 3-D Omni-Max theater presentation on the Galapagos Islands .

Our bravest chaperone, Raymond, was especially nice, escorting our older (and wiser?) students to the Voodoo Museum. It was rumored they looked for a doll to stick pins in. We won't say who it was to look like, but Frank Adams has been complaining of aches and pains lately.

Needless to say, the cuisine was different and our opportunities to shop and talk and swim were plentiful. Thanks to Samantha Herek for the idea of a New Orleans adventure. (cont'd on page 2)

In creating this unique place for our children and others, to play and learn and grow, we were driven by the strong impulse to create a feeling, more than anything else. A feeling such that warms us, as when memories of the past come back to comfort the present.

Our location, the building that the children enter each day, the wild flowers and animal friends, the gravel road, the fresh air and spacious view, the simplicity, everything is carefully selected for the effect it has upon the feeling of the children who spend so much of their childhood here.

As John Denver's music so poetically conveyed it, "Driving down the road I get a feeling I should have been home yesterday. Country roads, take me home, to the place I belong." This feeling - that I belong, to a place, to a time and to someone who cares, is why we are here.

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Our first activity of the school day, having the time to visit, play and greet the morning, also plays a part in the warmth of feeling found here. Mornings begin with a hot cup of coffee for ourselves and others and the time to visit with our students and parents. Until 9:00 a.m. our children laugh, talk and greet each other and play.

- So Dad, why don't you put
your name after every quote? -
(Alex Anderson)

FUN & STUDY TRIPS

We enjoyed another visit to the **Science Place** in Dallas. The primary exhibit students focused upon was, "Engineer It", in which they were able to design boats, build bridges, windmills, airplanes and more and then test their performance using scientific methods and technology. The wonderful gift shop proved to be a treasure-trove of novel games, science toys and souvenirs.

In addition, everyone relished our afternoon of fun at **Skatin' Texas**. We also took an afternoon to relax, browse and add to our literary collections at **Half Price Books**.

Students studying for the technician class amateur radio license were hosted by neighboring ham John Clifford, (NK5K). He graciously gave us a **tour** of his "ham shack" on the upper level of his beautiful home and demonstrated overseas radio communications. Several of our "Hams" were also treated to a trip to the **Arlington Hamfest**. Thanks again to Frank Adams for the transportation.

One afternoon we took advantage of the beautiful weather to **picnic** and **play** at beautiful Z. Boaz park. Thanks to Ky Cleveland for guiding us on our **hike** along a death-defying trail. And a special thanks to Devin McCamey for creating and instructing the awesome game, "**Quidditch for Muggles**" and to Bonnie McCamey for her assistance. Everyone had a great time learning and playing. And, to conclude the school year, we had a fun-filled afternoon at **Gameworks**.

- *Arthur: It's times like this, when I'm
stuck in a Volgon air lock with a man
from Betelgeuse, about to die of
asphyxiation in deep space, that I really
wish I'd listened to what my mother told
me when I was young.*

Prefect: Why? What did she tell you?

Arthur: I don't know; I didn't listen. -

(Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy)

NEW ORLEANS (CONT'D)

A special thank you to our patient and helpful chaperones: Frank (which way did they go?) Adams, Raymond (I don't know.) Schultz, Sheryl (we're over here, Frank!) Jordan, Dr. Diane (didn't we pass this before?) Walters, and Julie (I'm just along for the ride) Kline.

Plans are underway for an adventure (need I say more?) trip to southeast New Mexico in the Fall as we go in search of U. F. O. 's. And next Spring we will again spend a week studying astronomy high in the Davis Mountains of far west Texas, where we will utilize the astronomical facilities of the McDonald Observatory, have a private tour of the complex and a close-up look at the third largest telescope in the world. Accommodations for sleeping will again be at the beautiful Indian Lodge nestled in the mountains.

Adventure trips create opportunities for our students to see, appreciate and learn more about this fantastic country. They provide our children the occasions to depend upon one another, to play, laugh, share and create friends. But most important, they create the wonder that stirs the imagination and moves us to want to learn more about ourselves and the vast world around us.

- *How good is man's life,
the mere living! How fit to employ
all the heart and the soul and
the senses forever in joy! -*
(Robert Browning)

NEW WEB SITE

(www.AndersonSchool.net)

We are proud of our new Web Page which features information, maps, news, and numerous photographs of the activities in which our students participate.

A special thanks to our dear friend and computer guru / mentor, Keith Eichman, (EikonConsulting@AndersonSchool.net) for creating and designing this exceptional and beautiful web site.

BOARD APPROVES 4 YEAR OLD SCHOLARS

We are pleased to announce the approval by the Board of Directors for the admission of qualified children **four years of age**.

This program will commence on September 4 and will be offered for one-half day sessions with classes starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 12:00 p.m.

Parents interested in enrolling children this age should contact the Campus Director, LeVonna Anderson.

- *Don't be afraid to take a big step
if one is indicated.
You can't cross a chasm
in two small jumps. -*
(David Lloyd George)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW "HAMS"

We congratulate our three new amateur radio operators who recently passed the F. C. C. (Federal Communications Commission) examinations for the technician class license: **Samantha Herek** (KD5OQW), **Chris Swancy** (KD5OQV), and **Matthew Burkhardt**.

These Anderson School scholars participated in classes hosted by the school and studied in earnest to successfully complete requirements for this class of license. A special thank you to Frank Adams and J. R. Ewing for instruction, inspiration and motivation.

- *Regret for the things we did can be
tempered by time;
it is regret for the things
we did not do
that is inconsolable. -*
(Sydney J. Harris)

CAMPUS VISITATIONS

Parents interested in visiting the Anderson School for the Gifted, Talented and Creative are asked to call 817 - 448 - 8484 for an appointment.