

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

The Anderson Private School

for the Gifted, Talented and Creative

NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

September 6
First Day of the
Fall Semester

Sept. 12-15
Fall Adventure
Trip (Rough Creek
Lodge- Glen rose)

Oct. 3-7 & 10
Fall Break & Co-
lumbus Day Holi-
day



*Curiosity is
a gift we
each can
share.*

*Harvesting it
is simple:
Just be like a
child.
Wonder,
play, pretend
and live in
the moment.*

(Henry Miller)

Did You Know?

That Dr. Anderson was an Eagle Scout at the age of 12.



PERSPECTIVES of Dr. & Mrs. Anderson

WARNING

The following may be offensive to you. It is our fervent hope that it is offensive enough to move us to stop abusing our children with chemical substances that can only mask problems that need proper diagnosis, treatment or learning environment.

So what powerful message does it take to convince you that substances, such as Ritalin, do not belong in your child? The latest research, published within the last few months, is so terrifying that no one could pen this horror story and have it believed. Ritalin causes what? Chromosomal abnormalities? Leading to an increased risk for what? CANCER? And the makers of this drug are quoted as saying WHAT? There is no real proof that taking our product is harmful? Personally, we think trusting in your friendly, neighborhood, curbside dope pusher may be safer than a visit to the pharmacist. And, you are likely dealing with a more honest seller of substances that can harm you, than from a pharmaceutical company that markets carcinogens to children and says, "Now just relax, everything is fine".

But what really disturbs us, are school teachers and counselors, that to this day, place more of a premium upon the convenience of not having to provide for an active child, whose needs are simply not being met, by strong-arming the parents and demanding that their precious child be made nearly comatose, with doses of stimulative substances that they know virtually nothing about— in effect, practicing medicine without a license.

But why be so critical of these chemical amateurs, who most likely never took one college course in chemistry? Let's aim our enraged rhetorical cannon at the physicians who allow themselves to be pressured into prescribing substances that they should know more about. And, will these Doctors of Medicine, who are sworn not to harm life, continue to lie in bed with megalapoliptic pharmaceuticals, on mattresses overstuffed with your dollar bills.

Without proper longitudinal research conducted prior to the approval of drugs, as witnessed by the recall of so many prescribed substances, why would parents agree to force any chemical down the throat of someone they love? Why isn't the same effort that is used to coerce parents into turning their child into a lab rat, used to alter curriculums, schools and educator's attitudes?

And why do our citizens not elect school board members with some common sense or at least a little compassion for kids that are being subjected to increased risks of a slow and painful death, so that some lazy teacher does not have to modify what he or she does for a child in a classroom? We strongly suggest that candidates for school board membership wear their I.Q. scores, in large print, during the campaign. If it is below 50, well, you get the picture. Better yet, just ask them how they feel about policies they approve permitting the abuse of your child through chemical poisoning. They will probably not have much of a clue. And if you keep electing them, prepay the funeral.

STUDY, FUN & ADVENTURE TRIPS

The Spring semester found us touring both San Antonio and Austin, providing two unique adventures in one week. We toured the Alamo, strolled the River walk, dined atop the fabulous Tower of the Americas, spent a most informative day at the Witte Museum of Science, toured our beautiful State Capitol and the Texas Military Forces Museum (always a favorite when in Austin). [continued on page 2]

*The man who
does not read
good books has
no advantage
over the man
who can't
read them.*

(Mark Twain)

CAMPUS VISITATIONS

Call 817-448-8484

An Old Farmer's Advice

- * Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- * A bumble bee is considerably faster than a tractor.
- * Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.
- * Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- * Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
- * Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- * It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
 - * You cannot unsay a cruel word.
 - * Every path has a few puddles.
- * When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- * Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- * Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- * If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- * Always drink upstream from the herd.
 - * Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- * Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- * If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
 - * Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.

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STUDY & FUN TRIPS

We were intrigued as we watched millions of **bats** emerge from under the famous bridge in Austin. What an exciting evening of anticipation and fun playing on the lawn!

We were treated warmly by the lovely ladies at the **Daughters of the Republic of Texas Museum** and loved the hands-on exhibits, in which we truly got into the spirit by dressing the part (see photos on our webpage).

My Wish For You

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.
I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.
I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.
I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger. I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.
I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.
I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.



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*"Where precocious children
are nurtured and appreciated."*

Study/fun trips taken included the: **Japanese Garden, Bureau of Engraving & Printing Western Currency Facility**, featuring a guided tour from the elevated walkway, interactive displays and the mutilated currency redemption desk.

Other visits included the **Audie Murphy Museum** at Hill County College, the **Butterflies in the Garden Exhibit** featuring 12000 live, tropical butterflies from Central America and Southeast Asia, at the **Botanical Gardens Conservatory**, and a walk in the **Rose Garden**.

Then it was on to the **Greater Tarrant County Auto Show** (our guys simply cannot miss this one each year), **Bat World Sanctuary** in Mineral Wells, the **Museum of Science and History** for special exhibits and great movies at the **Omni Theatre**, the **Granbury Opera House** for a special production of, "Driving Miss Daisy", together with shopping on the historic **town square**, and dining at the fabulous **Edohana Japanese Restaurant** to celebrate the birthday of our own Cameron Kline.

We also enjoyed a guided tour of **Central Market**, coupled with a few moments of shopping (naturally!), the **American Airlines Museum** with numerous special exhibits and a scavenger

hunt, the **Kimbell Art Museum** to view the special exhibit, "Stubbs and the Horse", lunch at the fabulous **Rainforest Café** and a round of **Lunar Golf** to celebrate a birthday for Holiday Harris and a more than exciting visit to **Russell's Feed & Supply** for our annual purchase of baby ducks, chicks, turkeys and other fowl things, to love and care for and later put into our long term care facility (the petting zoo).

And we always enjoy **Movies** such as, "Robots", "The Interpreter", "Because of Winn Dixie", "Are We There Yet", "National Treasure" and "Shark Tale" together with outstanding **live theatre** including, "Twelfth Night" and the Kids Who Care production of, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever".



At the Japanese Gardens