



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

A school should be a place, unlike all others, where children feel embraced and happy and safe: A place to visit later in the warmth of treasured memories as we recall the truly meaningful feelings of belonging, friendship and compassion. A place where we rediscover, when it seems most needed, that life has heartfelt moments to transcend every trial, where we can see the child that once we were.

**"A school should be a place,
unlike all others . . ."**

Now, we are caught in life ever flowing as we lovingly remember a wondrous haven of learning, so far from the anguish of today and feel again how heartening it was at last to say, "I see what I have been searching for and I am not lost anymore."

In such places of the heart, once we stayed, and now we remain. The warmth of inviting feeling, the tears of joy from laughter unrestrained that seemed to be, and remains never ending, the lasting friendships and lessons of life that endure even to today. This is the school of our remembrance, the one parents search for today.

**" . . . I see what I have
been searching for and
I am not lost anymore. "**

Such is this place of our creation, where our children stayed. A loving conception, cradled in memory and born of the necessity to save gifted children this day.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Stanley Miles has joined us as instructor and, importantly, mentor. With a B.S. in Biology and extensive experience teaching life and physical sciences, his additional passions in native and traditional American history and folklore holds a special fascination for everyone. His additional life experiences provides new depth to our curricular offerings. (Our students love building Indian dwellings, among other things, under his guidance.) (continued on page 2)

*- The infinite exists in the imagination:
not the object of knowing imagination
but of imagination that is uncertain about
its object, suspends further thinking and
calls infinite all that it abandons.*

*Just as sight recognizes darkness
by the experience of not seeing
so imagination recognizes the infinite
by not understanding it. -
(Proclus 85 AD)*

STUDY TRIPS

One of our most intriguing trips ever was to the **Palace of Wax and Ripley's Believe It or Not**. No, we didn't believe everything and some of it was really scary. However, one of our newest scholars, Kylie Shelton (she's 4), was brave enough to lead a contingent of older students and Dr. Anderson (he's, well, never mind) through the *fear* exhibit. All survived pretty well until the tornado room. Kylie lost it and Anderson was just, shall we say, lost. (Rumor has it he is now somewhere in Kansas! (see p. 2)

*- Art is the signature
of civilizations. -*

(Beverly Sills)

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 20	Last Day of Fall Semester
Dec. 23 - Jan. 6	Winter Break Holiday
Jan. 6	First Day of Spring Semester
Jan. 20	Martin L. King Holiday
Feb. 17	President's Day Holiday
Mar. 17-21	Spring Break Holidays

*- Seven days without laughter
make one weak. -*

(Joel Goodman)

FOSSIL RIM WILDLIFE & RIVER BEND ADVENTURE

What a privileged opportunity to witness children totally engrossed in what they are observing, becoming highly motivated and learning without any real effort or even being cognizant of instruction taking place. And all this happening day after day from eight in the morning until nine or ten in the evening, while rain continually pours down in an effort to dampen our spirits. It didn't have a chance. Not at the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center. Not with such a wide variety of fascinating activities and vigorous undertakings, often hilarious.

This semester's Adventure Trip proved to be an awesome lineup of exciting and challenging experiences, thanks to the dynamic & dedicated staff at Fossil Rim.

It included two park tours of the wildlife center (one behind the scenes), a chuck wagon dinner complete with Texas Story Telling, firing an old west long rifle, the Living Texas Program, dying T-shirts with natural dyes, a docent guided nature hike, a very special program on birds of prey featuring some darling owls, a radio telemetry program, (see page 2)

- We come to love
not by finding a perfect person
but by learning to see
an imperfect person perfectly. -
(Sam Keen, To Love & Be Loved)

NEW STAFF, continued

Eija Tammi skillfully guides our young scholars through lessons in the German. Eija holds a business degree in foreign trade and the Master of Arts degree in German and Swedish studies from the University of Helsinki. She is also a certified Exercise, Wateraerobics and Kickboxing instructor and offers private lessons in these as well as Finnish, German and Swedish.

According to Eija's philosophy teaching is more about creating a warm and encouraging atmosphere for learning, giving guidance and providing a variety of different learning strategies. Her key to learning (and ours) is motivation.

We are also proud to announce the addition of **Celeste Scott** as our new instructor in Art. Her warm and inviting personality, coupled with a positive and pleasant demeanor, has everyone anxious to attend art classes.

And our very own **Annie Anderson** is now a staff member. She is a college student and a highly experienced and respected actress in community theater.

One of her favorite assignments is to engage each student in working extensively with higher level thinking skills games and activities, which she loves to do. Playing such games is a requisite component found in the syllabus of each student at the Anderson School.

Annie also utilizes her extensive experience in playing and performing with the violin, mandolin and other instruments, as she tutors our students.

Welcome back Annie! (She was in our very first class of five students in 1995.)

- The only good is knowledge
and the only evil is ignorance. -
(Socrates)

FOSSIL RIM TRIP, continued

discovery Table, making tracks, Anthropods, Careers Question & Answer time, campfire, a fossil hunt, bug collection and identification, studying habitat preservation, and the fabulous activities at the Riverbend Retreat Center which included challenge course activities as well as paddle-boating and fishing (Alex caught the most and I taught him everything he knows, well - we did go fishing once.)

A special thanks to the superb staff for our fun-filled and eventful days and evenings. And thanks to our dedicated parents who endured much to provide a truly awesome week: Brock and Angela Smith, Julie Kline, and Elsie Hally, (the Indians now call, "Rain in the Face") winner of another feather in her cap for driving home during the rain with a driver's side window that refused to come up. (Her hairdresser quit when she walked in on Friday.)

- 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 Harris)

STUDY TRIPS, continued

The **Kimbell Art Museum** featured an outstanding exhibition on the evolution of works by Mondrian. Our self-guided tour followed lunch at the Kimbell, with many of our parents able to join us. The cuisine was excellent. Let's do this again!

Our sojourn to the ever popular **Museum of Science and History** was again a treat. We viewed the **traveling exhibit**, "Secrets of Aging" (Dr. Anderson was really interested in this!), enjoyed a **planetarium** presentation, browsed through other exhibits and viewed two **Omni Theater** movies: "Mexico" which took us on a visual journey through dramatic scenery, to the country's rich past and vibrant culture and watched the enchanting, "Australia: Land Beyond Time", with interesting cultures, animals and geography.

The **Log Cabin Village** was informative and fun and we enjoyed a picnic lunch with time for play.

And once again, we enjoyed the fresh air along the trails of the **Fort W. a Nature Center**. Coupled with a picnic lunch, it proved to be a refreshing day.

Next, we ventured to the new **Cowgirl Museum** to explore, with the aid of an insightful docent, many of the pathways of pioneering women in America. What a breathtaking building! This tops the list of places to see the metroplex.

The **Anne Frank Exhibit**, proved to be emotional for everyone. As we were guided through this terrible time in history by our sensitive and knowledgeable docents, we felt deeply empathetic and more understanding of the life endured by this gifted child, as she struggled to exist. The day ended with popcorn and a literary classic: the movie **Tuck Everlasting**.

Following Thanksgiving we were delighted with the Box Theater production of "**Hamlet**". What a evening of outstanding drama!

This semester we will also venture to the **Botanical Garden** & visit the **National Boy Scout Museum** in Irving.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

What a terrific evening of great food and conversation and much laughter. Photos of the merriment and hilarious makeovers will soon be on our website (www.andersonschool.net). Thanks Tracy and Samantha Herek for hosting this wonderful evening at the **Woody Creek Ranch**. A great time was had by all.

- Choose you mate carefully, it's the
person most likely to cause you harm. -
(LeVonna Anderson)

Editor's Note: She's just full of these!

CAMPUS VISITATIONS

Parents or Guardians interested in visiting the Anderson Private School may call 817-448-8484 for an appointment.