



# 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

What a difference joy makes in the life of a child. It seems curious to us, but the affective domain is generally ignored or forgotten in schools today. We place so much emphasis upon achievement, winning and conformity, that how a child feels about him/herself, other children and the school itself, is really neglected.

We believe that anything can be accomplished with a happy heart. Joy is the long sought after elusive elixir, the cure, the fix for whatever ails the spirit. It is simple, easily achieved and universally available. So why is it such a rare commodity in educational settings. Why do teachers seemingly frown at expressions of joy, liting laughter and eloquence of glee? Why do parents approach us wondering if their child is learning, when playful laughter is what they hear? Such joviality would seem to prove their hypothesis: that this child could not be focused upon anything productive.

We really do have our work (or should I say play) cut out for us. And, with our new students, it only takes a day for parents to call and confess their joy at seeing the child they sent to school truly happy and excited about returning to school.

*- Sixty years ago I knew everything; now I know nothing; education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance. -*

(Will Durant)

## Aaron Rivzra

A few years ago fate favored those of us who whose lives were blessed and graced by this young man. Our time together was so brief. And the loss of such a dear friend and brilliant scholar, we cannot comprehend. But loving him, and being loved by him, has enriched our lives and shown us what courage and a love for learning, for life, and for us can be.

### His Love set Free

by Wm. C. Anderson

*Embraced by the winter's wind,  
Such warmth as we feel  
Is the fire of our remembrance.  
A warmth that calms the heart  
And sets our spirit free.  
Giving the mind to see  
far into the light.  
Past this night,  
To times we clearly see.*

*For now we know  
What his life has meant to us.  
And how, with no hope left inside,  
His smile made shadows fade.  
A portrait of love made clear.  
Reflecting in dreams and shining  
Back at smiles, laughter,  
A gentle way.  
This child, this gift,  
Who, given so little, gave so much  
To you and me.*

*As we came to know  
His endearing love,  
Of all that life could be,  
From one who cherished  
each of us,  
Every moment to be,  
His love set free.  
In searching eyes that sought  
A place in which to dwell,  
And in our hearts came to be.*

*- The imagination needs moodling, -  
long, inefficient, happy idling,  
dawdling and puttering. -*  
(Brenda Ueland)

### IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 7	First Day of Fall Semester
Oct. 4-8	Fall Adventure Trip
Oct. 11	Columbus Day Holiday
Oct. 18-22	Fall Break Holiday
Nov. 17-19	T.A.G.T. Conference
Nov. 24-26	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 17	Last Day of Fall Semester

*If you have food in the refrigerator,  
clothes on you back and a place to sleep -  
you are richer than 75% of this world.  
If you have money in the bank and spare  
change in a dish, you are among the top  
8 % of the world's wealthy. If you have  
your own computer, your are part of 1%  
in the world. If you have never  
experienced fear in battle, loneliness of  
imprisonment, agony of torture or pangs  
of starvation, you are ahead of 700  
million people. If you can attend a church  
meeting without fear of harassment,  
arrest, torture or death . . . you are envied  
by more than three billion people.  
If you can read this, someone was  
thinking of you as very special. You are  
more blessed than over two billion people  
in the world, who cannot read  
at all. -*

(Our thanks to Bob Puryear for this information)

### STUDY/FUN TRIPS

This semester began with enjoying several new movie releases including, *Peter Pan* (at the new Rave Theater), *Cheaper by the Dozen* and *Lord of the Rings*. We also visited several bookstores including Walden's and Borders.

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- A good education  
is expensive.  
But a poor one  
is unaffordable. -

## STUDY/FUN TRIPS, *continued*

Our agenda also included the annual **Fort Worth** (dare we say, "Fat") **Stock Show** along with the **Pate Museum of Transportation**, Neisters Restaurant coupled with an enjoyable afternoon shopping on the Square in Granbury, the **Greater Tarrant County Auto Show** (always a favorite), the **Kimbell Art Museum** for the Turner and Venice Exhibit, the **Museum of Science and History** where we viewed the touring exhibit, "Play It By Ear" along with **Omni Movie Theater** presentations, "Whales and Amazing Caves".

A special treat came with our annual visit to **Russell's Feed** to purchase baby ducks and chicks.

All are doing well and are residing the petting zoo along with a menagerie of other pets collected over the last ten years of trekking to the feed store.

A enchanting time was spent with our docent (Barbara) at the **T. C. U. meteorite gallery**. This tour proved to be exceptional, as was our trip to the **River Legacy Living Science Center** in Arlington.

Three of our scholars, Chris Stoll, Samantha Herek and Kevin Grubbs, participated in the **Box Theater** production of William Shakespeare's King Lear, directed by our own instructor in Drama, Mythology and English Literature: Michael Johnson.

An enjoyable morning was spent at **Putt Putt Golf** followed by a great meal at Tommy's Burgers. The **Nasher Sculpture Center** in Dallas was truly inspirational, as was lunch provided by the Mansion at Turtle Creek. A special thanks to Tracy Herek for helping with this wonderful opportunity!

Our gratitude also goes to Doug Cortes, John's father, for making arrangements for our students to spend a day with the Hon. Dennis M. Lynn of the **United States Bankruptcy Court** and the Hon. Charles Bleil, magistrate of the **United States District Court**.

A delightful pizza lunch was provided by Judge Lynn in his private library, which engendered many insightful questions. But the highlights of our day resulted from role playing by our students and Mrs. Anderson (she was grilled by everyone about a hypothetical, and hopefully not prophetic, bankruptcy).

We also visited with officers from the **United States Marshall's Service** and toured the jail. Is this called the ounce of prevention?

We ended the semester with a day at the **Japanese Garden** and with lunch at the fabulous **Garden's Restaurant**.

A trip to see "Troy" at the **Rave Theater** concluded our study of the Iliad and the making of this new film.

Visit [www.andersonschool.net](http://www.andersonschool.net) for photos of our weekly trips.

- *If we succeed in giving  
the love of learning,  
the learning itself  
is sure to follow.* -

(John Lubbock)

## Y.O. RANCH ADVENTURE

The week is as difficult to describe as it was (for Dr. Anderson) to survive. What did our children not do? The high ropes challenge course, swimming, archery, creating a cow (cloning has gone too far!), the forty-five foot climbing tower, learning the basics of grooming, saddling and horseback riding, fire arms safety and skeet shooting, fire building and cooking, exotic and native wildlife safari, natural history study, games such as, capture the flag, and so much more.

We will always cherish the special and dedicated **camp staff** that made our stay so memorable: Ronnie (Hang in there, it's only 45 more feet to the top) Rucker, Camp Director, Gail (Don't let it get wrapped around you or you might die) Filas, Gretchen (forget the snake and fear me if you don't wash those dishes) Franklin, Bobby (OK I'm cute) Cathey and Jane (If you get kicked, you were not close enough to the horse) Brown.

Our **Special thanks** to Cheryl Hata, Steve Kline, Dr. Scott Stoll, Greg Cortes, Alan Gann, and Tracy and Samantha Herek for their assistance to the children. Our incredible adventures could not be possible without your support. Visit [www.andersonschool.net](http://www.andersonschool.net) for photos of this fantastic trip.

- *Life lived for tomorrow  
will always be just a day  
away from being realized.* -  
(Leo Buscaglia)

## CAMPUS VISITATIONS

Call **817-448-8484** for an appointment to see the campus and visit with Dr. & Mrs. Anderson.