



Hillcrest High School Update

Each year, thousands of students throughout the country take Advanced Placement exams in hopes of receiving scores which can bring college credit and save time and money working towards a degree. The Texas Education Agency recently released AP results for school districts and campuses for the 2009-2010 school year. In Dallas ISD, 12,095 exams were taken by students in grades 11-12, with 2,763 exams (or 22.8 percent) being scored at passing level.

As reported by the Dallas Morning News, Hillcrest High School ranked third in the entire district, with a passing rate of 47.1 % of the exams taken. The top five schools were:

1. School for the Talented and Gifted: 565 exams taken; 64.1 percent passed.
2. Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts: 639 exams taken; 50.7 percent passed.
3. Hillcrest High School: 397 exams taken; 47.1 percent passed.
4. School of Science and Engineering: 1,024 exams taken; 40.4 percent passed.
5. Woodrow Wilson High School: 435 exams taken; 30.3 percent passed.

Congratulations, Hillcrest students and the teachers that teach them!!

Dates to Remember

August 15, 2011, Monday – Monthly Brush Pick-Up. Have large items and yard materials on the curb by 7:00 am Monday morning.

August 22, 2011, Monday – First day of school for Franklin Middle School and Hillcrest High School students.

October 16, 2011, Sunday – Meadows Neighborhood Fall Chili Cook-Off! 5-7:00 pm

Preston Royal Library Book Club

Sponsored by the **Preston Royal Library**
in association with the **Hillcrest Forest Neighborhood Association**

Preston Royal Library Auditorium
5626 Royal Lane

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Read the book and then come join the discussion!

Wednesday, August 24, 2011, 6:30 PM – ***The End of Overeating***
By David A. Kessler, M.D.

Wednesday, September 28, 2011, 6:30 PM – ***March: A Novel***
By Geraldine Brooks

Wednesday, October 25, 2011, 6:30 PM – ***The Help***
By Kathryn Stockett

Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 6:30 PM – ***The Cookbook Collector***
By Allegra Goodman

Wednesday, December 14, 2011, 6:30 PM – ***Little Bee***
By Chris Cleave

Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 6:30 PM – ***Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet***
By Jamie Ford

Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 6:30 PM – ***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks***
By Rebecca Skloot

Librarian Vaughn Burkholder will reserve several copies of each book selection. Please contact him in advance to check out a book to read in preparation for our discussion.

If you have questions, please contact the Preston Royal Library at 214-670-7128.

Our Newest Meadows Neighbor!

Congratulations to Mark and Victoria Backofen whose daughter, Brooke Ann, was born on Tuesday, July 5, 2011. Mom, Dad and baby are all doing well. Mark is the Meadows' long-time Treasurer. We thank him for his continued service and hope that he and his wife are enjoying first-time parenthood.

\$1 days at the Dallas Arboretum

What a bargain!! For the entire month of August, admission to the Dallas Arboretum is only \$1 per person (free for children younger than 3). So many beautiful blooming flowers, reflecting pools, spitting frogs (that will cool you down), Fairy Tales Castle exhibit, a great gift shop – what more could you ask for on a hot summer day? If you've never been there, you MUST see this Dallas jewel. If you have been there, time for another visit because there is always something new.

The Arboretum is open from 9am to 5pm daily. Parking is \$7. For more info, visit www.dallasarboretum.org

Good Eats in the Neighborhood!

(Restaurant review by Meadows neighbor, Kaky Wakefield)

Looking for affordable, tasty Italian fare in a clean, friendly environment with efficient service and the added bonus of being able to enjoy your own "adult beverages"??? The answer is the new restaurant Aboca's in the Meadow Central shopping center. My husband and I ventured in last week while the boys were at camp and were delighted. Our dinner was very tasty (Caesar Salad, pasta combo of Fettucine Alfredo /Chicken Lasagna and Chicken Pasta Aboca-chicken, capers and artichoke hearts). Our waiter, Chris, also one of the managers was very friendly and efficient. As it is BYOB, we brought in a bottle of wine which Chris kept chilled at our table in a wine bucket. We were "forced" to try the Italian wedding cake for dessert even though we protested we were too full. We finished it! Check out their website for more menu details. www.abocas.com

There were only 5 other tables dining while we were there and, if it is to survive, their business must grow. I encourage you to become patrons of our newest neighborhood eatery to prevent yet another spot from closing in that center. This one is a keeper, neighbors!

A Round of Applause...

...and many thanks to my husband, Mike Peterson, for his computer help with this newsletter each month. I could not do it without him!

Dog Days of Summer!!!
(Elvis knows how to keep cool!)

