

Home of the Cougar Cubs

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Important Dates:

December 13 -
2nd Grade Winter
Program, 6:30 PM

December 19 -
Early Release,
12:00 PM

December 20 -
January 2 -
No School, Winter
Break

January 3 -
School Resumes &
RAH for December

Please check the
Lost and Found
for missing items.



Dear Families,

We have new journalists this month. They are Brandon B., Liber D., Justin L., Lydia Y., C.J. M., and Andreu L. Inside you will find fun articles about Christmas, traveling tips, and snakes and spiders.

For holiday enjoyment, visit these fun websites:

www.northpole.com or www.billybear4kids.com and click on the Holiday link. For fun practice with reading go to www.starfall.com or www.rif.org (Reading is Fundamental) and visit the kids' section. Your friends and family from all over the world can enjoy each edition of our newsletter by going to www.lwsd.wednet.edu/lkwd_elem/index.html.

Our lost and found is overflowing. Please check the red foyer and the bag in the office for items your child may have lost. All lost and found items will be donated at the end of December.

Happy Holidays! Lakewood Elementary would like to wish our students and their families a wonderful holiday season. We hope you enjoy time with family and friends.

Jill Clark
Computer Lab



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Traveling Tips

By Liber D. and Andreu L.

Whether you're going over the river and through the woods, or leaving on a jet plane, you will need some ideas to keep you busy while you travel this holiday season.



- Traveling Tip #1: Go to the bathroom before you leave.
- Traveling Tip #2: Have a great book to read.
- Traveling Tip #3: Bring along coloring books, drawing books, crosswords, sudoku, word searches, and a deck of cards.
- Traveling Tip #4: Make sure you have a pillow and blanket.
- Traveling Tip #5: Bring along a Tiger or other electronic game.
- Traveling Tip #6: Bring food and snacks.
- Traveling Tip #7: Play games like I Spy, name all the states and countries you can, find the license plates for all the states, find the letters of the alphabet on signs you pass.
- Traveling Tip #8: Make sure you have music to listen to.
- Traveling Tip #9: Bring portable games like Connect Four or magnetic checkers.

Travel safely and have a happy holiday!

Christmas Tree History

By Justin L. and C.J. M.



We always decorate a tree at Christmas and were wondering how this tradition began. It goes all the way back to the 7th century. A monk went to Germany to teach Christianity. He said the fir tree was the shape of the Holy Trinity. Soon, people began to bring in fir trees and hung them upside down from the ceiling as a sign of Christianity.

The first decorated Christmas tree was in Latvia in 1510. In 16th century Germany they were decorating their trees with apples, nuts, dates, pretzels, paper flowers, cheese and candles. The tradition of decorating a tree at Christmas spread across Europe. Queen Elizabeth brought the tradition to Britain, and was the first there to decorate with glass ornaments. People liked her tree so much that they copied what she did.

The Christmas tree tradition finally came to the United States in the late 1700's, but didn't catch on until the mid 1800's. In 1960 it was very popular to have an aluminum tree.

Justin goes with his family each year to cut down a fresh tree. C.J. has an artificial tree that he and his family decorate.

Scales and Legs

By Brandon B. and Lydia Y.

You are about to read cool stuff about poisonous snakes and tarantulas.



Not all snakes are poisonous, but some are. Some poisonous snakes are the vipers, like a cottonmouth or copperhead; elapids, like cobras and coral snakes; and sea snakes. They mostly live in tropical areas. Their poison is also known as venom. They use venom to get food and defend themselves. A type of viper is the pit viper. It has two pits on either side of its face that sense heat. It can tell that someone is 3 ft away by feeling his warmth. A pit viper has moveable fangs and gives birth to live young. The most dangerous pit viper is the terciopelo. A rattlesnake is a type of pit viper and gives a warning by rattling its tail.

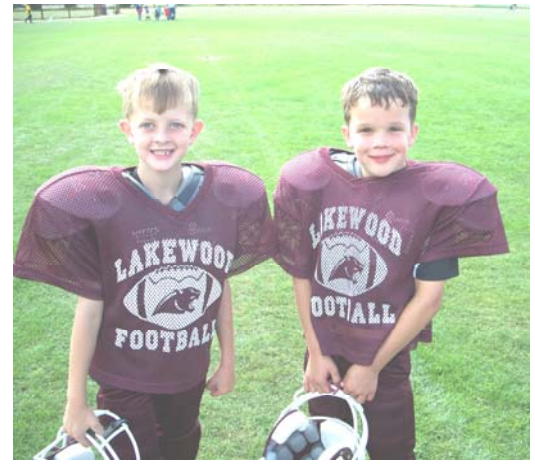
Tarantulas are huge and hairy with large bodies and strong legs. If a tarantula bites you, it is not harmful. It might be painful but not poisonous. North American male tarantulas can live up to ten years and females can live up to 25 years. Just like snakes, they can molt, or shed their skin. Males can molt 15 times before going to adult size. Tarantulas are nocturnal. Most tarantulas eat insects, but the large ones in South America eat small animals. Tarantulas can't chew. They inject their prey with venom, crush it, and then suck their juices.



Superbowl Champions

Congratulations to the Lakewood Pee Wee Cougars! They won all ten of their games this season and are the Conference Champions for 2007 in their division. We applaud all the team members for working hard. They are Matthew R., Justin L., Gavin T., Cody F., Austin L., CJ M., Kyler R., Joey G., Matthew M., Nathaniel S., Kolby G., Andy S., Jaden M., Brock S., Anthony C., Tristen S., Dash G., Davie L., Wyatt E., Zachary J., Lucas B., Tobias D., Dahlton S. and Camden B. Their coaches are Ron Rumble, Scott Rumble, Troy Newman, Casey Groves, and Jason Schubert.

Way to Go!



Lakewood Elementary Holiday Food Drive

November 26th ~ December 7th

Lakewood Elementary students and staff will be collecting non-perishable food items from November 26th until December 7th. Food donations will help provide holiday baskets for families in our community and the Arlington Food Bank. Your donation is appreciated.

Please save your Campbell's Soup UPC labels over winter break. Thank you to those who have been sending them in, keep them coming.

Mrs. Reynolds



The Book Fair was a huge success! Our sales were over \$4600.00; we will be able to add many new books to our library. Thank you to the many volunteers whom so generously gave their time to help out. Thank you to our families for supporting our library.

Large and Beautiful Wreaths with Festive Red Bow \$15

It's that time of year to begin thinking about the beauty of the holidays. This means once again you have the opportunity to order and receive a beautiful evergreen wreath constructed by our own Lakewood High School horticulture students and sold by the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America to fund their activities.



Your continued support means a lot to us. Check the school website for an order form, attach your check for \$15 made out to Lakewood High School FCCLA and be sure to get it to Linda Steiner at the high school at least 3 days before your desired pick-up date; or to preorder your wreath, contact Mrs. Steiner at lsteiner@lwsd.wednet.edu. Ninth graders enrolled in health class, Human Development students and FCCLA members will be happy to take your orders. Their classes are competing for a prize so you can help out a particular student if you like and get some decorating plans in place all at one time. If you have questions, contact Mrs. Steiner at 360-652-4505. Thank you for supporting Lakewood High School and FCCLA.

Linda Steiner, FCCLA adviser