

CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY MUSIC NEWSLETTER

May, 2008

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COORDINATOR'S CORNER

By Loretta Bourn

As the end of the year rapidly approaches, I want to thank each music teacher for the help and support given to me during my first year as Coordinator. The year has been exciting and challenging, and I look forward to 2008–2009!

This newsletter contains information on several area music courses offered during the summer. The Kodály and Orff courses sponsored by Aldine ISD seem especially convenient and affordable. However, be sure to take time to rest and recharge!

Finally, my best words of encouragement during these next few weeks of school must focus on the importance of structure and planning. For many years, my belief has been that there is a direct correlation between the end of the year and the role of structure—the closer the last day of school, the greater the need for structure and consistency.

Have a melodious summer!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

**TAKS=S 4: Through the Arts
Knowledge Becomes Success,
Year 4**



Hilton Airport Austin Hotel
June 13 – 14, 2008

<http://www.cedfa.org/2008Registrationform.pdf>

**The Kodály Teacher Training Program
Training Classes in Levels I, II, & III**
(for K-5 Music Specialists in the Greater Houston Area)

Sponsored by Aldine ISD

June 9 – 20 (8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. M–F)

Hill Intermediate School

2625 W. Mount Houston

Houston, TX 77038

Registration Information

May 2 – May 23, 2008: \$125 †

After 5/23/08, please call for availability

Send registration payable to Aldine ISD to:
Colleen Riddle

M. O. Campbell Educational Center

Performing Arts Department

1865 Aldine Bender

Houston, TX 77032

Phone: 281.985.6107; fax: 281.985.6181

† cost of books and materials not included

Orff Schulwerk Levels I & II

June 16 – 27, 2008 (8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.)

Trinity University

Office of Conferences and Special Programs

106 Oakmont

San Antonio, Texas

Fee: \$625

<http://www.trinity.edu/departments/music/Orff2008.pdf>

2nd Annual Drum Retreat

Cultural Connections Training Series: Fun-filled day of drumming and dancing on the Big Brazos River.

June 21, 2008 (8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

Big Brazos World Village/The Multicultural Experience

P. O. Box 567

Hearne, TX 77859

Phone: 626.975.2120; fax: 979.279.6699

www.bigbrazos.com; bbwvinc@aol.com

**Please remember to
complete and return the
music inventories sent to
teachers in late March.**

Orff Teacher Training Level I

(for K–5 Elementary Music Teachers)

An AOSA-approved course sponsored by Aldine ISD

July 7 – 18 (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. M–F)

Marcella Intermediate School

16250 Cotillian

Houston, TX 77060

Registration Information

Early Bird, through May 23, 2008: \$100†

May 24 – June 15, 2008: \$125†

After 6/15/08, please call for availability

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Kodály Levels I & II Teacher Trainings

July 14 – 29, 2008 (M–F)

Moore School of Music

Instructors: Janet Scarcella, Rhona Brink

Guest Clinicians: Charles Hausmann, Cecile Johnson

Fee: \$700 plus materials

Access a brochure at the website:

<http://www.pcs.uh.edu/documents/brochure2008.pdf>

Texas Choral Directors Association (TCDA) Convention

July 30 – August 2, 2008

Convention Center

San Antonio, Texas

TMEA 2008 HIGHLIGHTS



Missy Jurick from Copeland Elementary presents a session on composition groups at TMEA on February 16, 2008.

MUSIC MEMORY 2008 CONTEST



Nineteen schools took part in the Music Memory 2008 Contest! This is the largest participation to date. Several changes were implemented for this year's contest. Teachers' support and participation was greatly appreciated.

ROCKIN' RECORDERS WEBSITE

<http://www.studiokay.com/recorder/Homex.html>

The "Rockin' Recorders" Website is an excellent resource for teaching recorders. The information/material may be used alone or in conjunction with another recorder program. There are links for teacher and student resources.

