



Cy-Fair ISD & VIPS: Volunteers Rock!!

CY-FAIR ISD VIPS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM CALENDAR January – April 2010

*This calendar provides pertinent information regarding scheduled trainings and events, which are **open to all volunteers and staff**. Look for it in your schools the middle of the month.*

Please check the Partners in Education on-line calendar at www.cfisd.net, for date changes that may have occurred after this calendar was published.

All events are held at The Berry Center unless otherwise noted

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| <u>December Reminder:</u> | 1 st | VIPS Multicultural Meeting |
| <u>January Events:</u> | 8 th | PIE Mentor Training |
| | 12 th | Sooper Puppy Training |
| | 12 th | PIE Mentor Training |
| | 14 th | Applecore Deadline |
| | 14 th | VIPS General Meeting |
| | 26 th | Junior Achievement Volunteer Training |
| <u>February Events:</u> | 2 nd | VIPS Multicultural Meeting |
| | 9 th | Galveston Bay Training |
| | 11 th | VIPS TAG Team Meeting |
| | 18 th | VIPS General Meeting |
| | 23 rd | Galveston Bay Training |
| <u>March Events:</u> | 9 th | Junior Achievement Volunteer Training |
| | 25 th | VIPS General Meeting |
| <u>April Events:</u> | 23 rd | VIPS Spring Workshop |
| | 29 th | VIPS General Meeting |

Be an Applecore contributor and share news about your volunteer program with the district! Articles can be submitted to the newsletter chair at sarah.silverman@yahoo.com or to the PIE office at karen.mann@cfisd.net. Photos of volunteer activities are also welcome. Please, no student pictures.



Meetings:

- 1. VIPS Multicultural MeetingTuesday, December 1
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 2
9:30a.m. to12:00 p.m.

All volunteers, staff and community members are invited to this interactive meeting where we will explore ways to actively involve families of all cultures in the education of their children and as volunteers in our schools. The mission statement for these meetings is: "The purpose of the CFISD Multicultural Committee is to raise the level of cultural understanding and respect by sharing information with the CFISD community to encourage cultural sensitivity and parental involvement to strengthen student success."

- 2. VIPS General MeetingThursday, January 14
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 18
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 25
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 29
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

All volunteers and staff are invited. Meet your fellow volunteers and staff from other schools and share experiences. Get all of the latest information from the District. Each month will feature guest speakers highlighting different services throughout the District. These meetings will also include "Best Practices" from our schools, recognition of our district and state award winners and the 2010 VIPS Executive Board slate of officers and networking.

- 3. TAG Team MeetingThursday, February 11
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The VIPS TAG Team is a group of dedicated volunteers who are committed to working directly with students to help them reach their full academic potential. The TAG Team is currently working in targeted elementary schools in curriculum areas. Training is provided by the campus helping teacher. TAG Team members are asked to make a commitment for the school year. Tutoring occurs weekly and each participant is asked to commit to at least one-half day every week. This session will provide potential volunteers with all the information needed to be competent, caring tutors on the TAG Team. Along with this training, an application and background check are required.

- 4. VIPS Spring WorkshopFriday, April 23
7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Every school should plan to send their VIPS Liaison and incoming VIPS Coordinators to the Spring Workshop. A variety of workshops will be offered covering everything you need to know to kick off a successful volunteer program in 2010-2011. There will be many opportunities to network with other schools and to share ideas on how to make the next school year the best ever at your school. Mark your calendars now to share in this fun-filled and rewarding day! Look for details about workshops in the coming weeks. New and experienced volunteer liaisons, coordinators, chairpersons, officers and all interested volunteer leaders are encouraged to attend.



VIPS Training

1. **PIE Mentor Training**.....Friday, January 8
 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, January 12
 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A Mentor is a suitable role model committed to serve as a guide and a friend while helping a student with his/her educational and personal development. We ask for a commitment of approximately one hour per week for the school year. The mentor will meet with the mentee only on campus and during school hours. Appointment times for the mentor and mentee to meet may be flexible and will be worked out with the campus Mentor Liaison. Along with this two hour training, an application and criminal background check are required.

2. **Sooper Puppy Training**.....Tuesday, January 12
 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

You will receive training to present any one or all of the five part series dealing with life lessons for **first grade** classes. It features Baxter, the "Sooper Puppy", and his friends facing dilemmas and arriving at solutions by making good choices. Issues dealing with self-esteem, thinking ahead, anger, decision making and honesty are explored. Aids such as instructions, sample questions, props and activity pages are utilized. Don't miss out on this fun and wonderful activity.

3. **Junior Achievement Volunteer Training**.....Tuesday, January 26
 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 9
 9:30a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Junior Achievement pairs its economic program with the Social Studies curriculum providing students examples of jobs and life skills to be successful. Volunteers from all career fields (as well as stay-at-home parents) go into the classroom to teach mini-lessons appropriate for each grade level, K-12. All materials are provided including a script for each lesson. A commitment of approximately 30 minutes each week for 5 weeks is needed to present the program to one class.

4. **Galveston Bay Training**.....Tuesday, February 9
 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, February 23
 9:30a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Learn how to present a FUN and interactive Texas Education Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) based lesson to **4th Grade** students. Through the Galveston Bay Program, students learn about how important our bay and waterways are to them and what measures can be taken to protect this life-giving estuary.

How to register for training

With the exception of Hearing and Vision Certification, register for training by emailing the PIE office at vipsrsvp@cfisd.net. Provide your name and the name and date of the training you wish to attend. Registration is required to guarantee a seat and training materials. *Adults only please.*