

# THE POUNCE



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## TAKS “ACADEMY” FOR PARENTS

Parents of students in grades 3–5 are cordially invited to participate in our first TAKS “Academy” for parents on Thursday, September 10 from 6:30–8:00 p.m.

At the “Academy” parents will get a first-hand look at the knowledge and skills that their children are expected to master on the State’s annual TAKS tests in reading, math, writing (grade 4), and science (grade 5). Teachers will also give parents ideas and tips on how to reinforce their children’s skills at home. Strategies will be shared for helping students overcome test anxiety.

There will be door prizes given to some lucky par-

ents and plenty of fun to go along with the learning!

Accountability and testing are standards in today’s educational world. This will be a great opportunity to better understand what that means at the elementary level. Please mark your calendars to attend this important workshop!



## SCHOOL-WIDE PICTURE TO BE TAKEN ON SEPT. 4

Wieland students and faculty will have their picture made on Friday, September 4 in front of the building in our first-ever School-Wide picture to celebrate this year’s theme “Catch the Wave!” The photographer will take the picture from an elevated position thanks to Sun State Equipment, who are donating the use of a “cherry picker” for the photo. Students are asked to wear blue on that day for the picture, which will be taken around 8:15 a.m.

## PRINCIPAL THOUGHTS

Throughout the hot and dry summer we thought long and hard about a theme for the 2009-2010 school year. Maybe it was the intense heat that made us think of a tropical theme and waves and waves of water! Whatever the inspiration, we decided that a great theme for this year is

“Catch the Wave to Success!”

Metaphorically, the wave stands for the present and the future. We want our students to successfully surf whatever the future holds for them. Our goal is to prepare them with the knowledge and skills and the de-

termination to succeed. With the district’s aligned curriculum bundles (our surfboards), and instruction based on best practices, we know that our students will be “hanging ten” with the best the world has to offer! Grab your board and come along for the ride!

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### Upcoming Events

- School-Wide Picture Day—Friday, September 4
- Labor Day Holiday—Monday, September 7 NO SCHOOL
- TAKS “Academy” for Parents of Grades 3–5—Thursday, September 10 6:30–8:00 p.m.
- Patriot Day Flag Ceremony—Friday, September 11 at 8:00 a.m.
- CATCH Committee Meeting on Monday, Sept. 14 at 3:15 p.m.
- Constitution Day; Cub Scout Rally
- Professional Dev. Day for Teachers—Monday, Sept. 21 NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS
- Family Literacy Night—Tuesday, Sept. 22 from 6:30–8:00 p.m.
- Fall Individual Pictures—Thursday, Sept. 24
- “Wieland Mile” Walk/Run & Eyeglasses Drive—Friday, Sept. 25 at 3:20 p.m.
- Saturday Science for Grades 4 and 5—Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9:00–11:00 a.m.

## Box Tops for Education

It's time to get ready for another great school year with Box Tops for Education! Each Box Top coupon is worth \$.10 for our school! You can visit [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) for a complete list of Box Tops for Education products and for great ideas to earn cash for our school.

Please have your child bring box tops to his/her teacher, or you can deliver them directly to the main office.

## CAAC Meeting Held

The Wieland Elementary Campus Academic Advisory Council met on Monday, August 31 to finalize and approve the 2009-2010 Campus Improvement Plan. Minutes of the meeting are available for viewing in the main office.

The next CAAC meeting will be held on Monday, October 5 from 3:30–5:00 p.m. The meetings are open to all who wish to attend.

Parents, return this coupon to the main office for your child to be eligible to receive a prize at the next POPS Rally!

Yes, I have read the September edition of *The Pounce*.

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Parent's Name

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Date

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Student's Name

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Teacher

## *FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT PLANNED FOR SEPT. 22*

On the first official day of Autumn, Tuesday, September 22, Wieland students and parents are invited to "Family Literacy Night." This fun event will celebrate reading with many fun activities, refreshments, and a surprise guest reader! The event will be held from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now and don't miss it!



## Wieland Mile Walk/Run & Eye- glasses Drive

The first Wieland Mile Walk/Run will be held on Friday, September 25 at 3:30 p.m. In conjunction with this fun fitness event, we are having an eyeglasses drive. If you have old frames and lenses that you would like to donate, we are collecting glasses to be given to the local Lion's Club. Old glasses can be recycled to benefit others in need. You don't have to donate glasses to participate in the Mile Walk/Run, but if you have glasses to donate, that would be great! This is just one more opportunity for Wieland to make the world a better place!

## STRIVING STARS PROGRAM BEGINS AT WIELAND ON SEPTEMBER 8

The Striving Stars program for students in third, fourth, and fifth grades will begin after school on Tuesday, September 8 at Wieland. This program, formerly known as the 21st Century After School Program, will initially begin slowly serving between 50 and 75 qualifying students from 3:30–5:45 p.m. The program will include time for homework help, tutoring, fine arts enrichment activities, and physical recreation. The program, funded through a competitive state grant and through Title I funds, is available to students who meet the state's "at-risk" definition. Registration information will be sent home with initial round of students the first week of September. Additional students will be added throughout the semester until our maximum number of students is served, which should be around 125. More information will be coming home with students as the program is developed.

## Saturday Science Starts for Students in Fourth and Fifth Grades

Fourth and fifth grade students will have the opportunity to explore science through fun activities and projects on Saturday, September 26 from 9:00–11:00 a.m. Registration for "Saturday Science" will come home with students soon!

