

"Sparks electric only strike on souls electrical alike. The flash of intellect expires unless it meet congenial fires." (Hannah Moor)

The Anderson Private School FOR THE GIFTED, TALENTED AND CREATIVE

NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 17
Last Day of Fall Semester

Dec. 20-Jan. 3
Winter Break

Jan. 4
1st Day- Spring Semester

Jan. 17
Martin L. King Holiday

Feb. 21
President's Day Holiday

The world is not to be put in order, the world is in order. It is for us to put ourselves in unison with this order.
(Henry Miller)

Did You Know?

That Mrs. Anderson was voted the "friendliest" student by her senior class. (On her report card it was noted that she, "talked too much". Is that hard to believe?)



Brian Gann, Cameron Kline, Jake Kline and Corey Marshall prepare to do battle at Ripley's, "Believe It or Not".

PERSPECTIVES of Dr. & Mrs. Anderson

The encounter of our lives with those who truly make a difference is incomprehensible in its brevity.

We are reminded daily of what it was like to be a teenager. Of course, surviving adolescence today is much more challenging. With drop-out rates nearing forty-five percent, divorce rates over fifty percent and incarceration and suicide rates at all time highs, many of our children are simply not surviving.

But there was a time when life was about as good as it would ever get. Ike was President and, apparently, he had enough of war. Concerns of such gravity never crossed the minds of children during this simple and happy time. Which to my mind means

that Eisenhower was one of the finest Presidents we could ever have. I didn't even realize that he was in office. Which is why I still love him. He quietly ran the store, while we played in the back.

The absence of stress and our lack of focus on anything other than being a kid, contributed significantly to the this joyful time.

We were free to live our lives, focus our thoughts, and expend all that energy on ourselves and our friends. Freedom was a huge factor in our lives. Children were free to play, and teachers were really free to teach - remember, "academic freedom"? We wonder if the lack of freedom has anything to do with our troubles today?



Duncan Hata tutors one his many friends, "Mama Dog".

Forgiveness is the fragrance the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.
(Mahatma Gandhi)

STUDY AND FUN TRIPS

This semester, our community classroom was utilized by perusing the bountiful treasures of the beautiful **Kimbell Art Museum, Main Street** for video games, bowling and pizza and **Ripley's Believe It or Not and Palace of Wax**.

At the Kimbell, we enjoyed an audio-guided tour of the exhibition, "**Caravaggio to Dali**"

in one of the most beautiful buildings in America, considered a work of art itself.

And while we were there, we savored a delicious buffet lunch, featuring Shelby Schafer's famous homemade soups, salads, pasta dishes, sandwiches, quiche and desserts, dining in the beautiful Maillol Courtyard. We then had some leisure mo-

ments of relaxation and shopping at the fabulous Museum Shop.

Our agenda also included the **Museum of Science and History**, where we enjoyed lunch at the Courtyard Café. Our itinerary included two Omni Movie Theatre presentations: **Forces of Nature** and **Sacred Planet**. (see page 2)

*Love is the only force
capable of transforming
an enemy into a friend.*
(Martin L. King)

CAMPUS VISITATIONS

Call **817-448-8484** for an appointment to see the campus and visit with Dr. & Mrs. Anderson.

*There is so much good in the
worst of us and so much bad
in the best of us, that it's
rather hard to tell which of us
ought to reform the rest of us.*
(Sign in Springdale, Conn.)

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STUDY & FUN TRIPS, continued

We also enjoyed a visit to **Border's Books** with lunch at the **Purple Cow Diner** and a special treat viewing the new movie, "**Shark Tale**".

And we were treated to a terrific visit to the **Amon Carter Museum** and the fabulous **National Cowgirl Museum**. The bucking horse was made a bit more violent than programmers planned (by our students).

Another treat came with visits to **Walden's Bookstore**, a celebration of Samantha's Herek's birthday with lots of delicious pizza and an afternoon aboard the **Polar Express**, the wonderful new film release.

*Fifty percent of what I know today will
be obsolete in five years, but
I don't know which half.*
(James Hickman)

ANDERSON SCHOLARS ON STAGE

Three students, Josh Kline, Samantha Herek and Kevin Grubbs, are preparing for roles in the **Box Theatre** production of William Shakespeare's **Twelfth Night**, directed by our own instructor in Drama, Mythology and English Literature: **Michael Johnson**.

This outstanding production will be presented by the **Box Theatre** (at the Ridglea Theatre) each Friday, Saturday and Sunday now through December 12. Tickets available at the door or call **817-994-7201**.



**The Anderson
Private School**
*"Where precocious children
are nurtured and appreciated."*

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow, terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved. "I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life." "No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer.

At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel. "Is that your son?" the nobleman asked. "Yes," the farmer replied proudly. "I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of."

And that he did. Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in

time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.



*Samantha Herek relishes the thought
of special Mexican cuisine at our
end of year party.*