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D.A.R. Short Story Winner!

(local & state!)



Naya Sifuentes, one of **Mrs. Hanes' 4th graders**, is the proud recipient of the Nacogdoches Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution's Junior American Citizens Committee award for best short story. She won at both the local level and statewide. This year's theme was "The 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier: Rise and Shine for Duty, Honor, and Patriotism." **Naya's** story was entitled "The Unknown Soldier". **Bonnie Stovall**, CES librarian, did an amazing job of preparing the students for this contest and assisted in the composing and editing of their stories. **Gina Carver**, Technology Coordinator, guided them in their typing of these entries. The winners will be announced at the March DAR meeting and luncheon.

Leo the Lion Visits CES



Charlotte Stanaland from the Alcohol & Drug Council of Deep East Texas has been coming for the past 10 weeks teaching the **Too Good for Drugs** program to **1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders**. This curriculum teaches students life skills that focus on setting goals, making good decisions, and communicating feelings. Special guest, **Leo the Drug Free Lion**, recently visited and reminded the students about the importance of being better equipped to make the right decisions in the future regarding behaviors and choices.



SCIENCE WEEK



CES Science Week was a great success for all who experienced it! **Dr. Cyndi Maurstad** and students from the SFA STEM Center, **Kaitlin Wiesman** from the Texas Forestry Museum, and **Christy Bedrich** from Pawsitive Animal Encounters all came during the week and shared interesting facts about many types of animals with the children. The classes loved learning about the array of animals first hand and participated in great dialogue with the guest speakers. On Friday, in addition to the **2nd grade Rainforest presentations**, the **1st - 5th graders** presented their **Scientific Method Science Projects**, sharing the processes they went through and their conclusions.



Let all that you do be done with love.

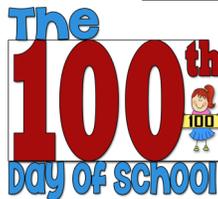


1 Corinthians 6:14

Christ Episcopal School has again chosen the Nacogdoches United Way as its 2022 Lenten Project recipient because it helps out local families in our area. All classes will participate in raising money for this organization during the season of Lent. Our CES family believes in service-learning projects and understands the importance of helping others in need in our community. The students are excited and are making plans about how to raise money for such an important cause. The 2022 Lenten Project will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2, and will end on Maundy Thursday, April 14.

The class that raises the most money per student will choose the design and colors for Father Michael Caldwell's beard. The goal this year is \$1,200.

See <https://www.unitedwaynac.com/> for more information regarding the Nacogdoches area United Way.



Mrs. Chelsea's Pre-K 4 class celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing like 100 year olds enjoying life and counting to 100!



SCHOOL GARDEN SALAD BAR



Mrs. Findley's third graders harvested fresh lettuce from our CES garden and enjoyed a delicious and healthy salad bar in their classroom. Giving them good nutritional choices today will help them make good nutritional choices in the future!

Calendar of Events

- Monday - Friday, February 28 - March 4** Pre-K Parent Conferences
- Tuesday, March 1** Mardi Gras, Pancake Supper, 5-7 pm
- Wednesday, March 2** Ash Wednesday
Texas Independence Day
Faculty Meeting, 3:30 pm
- Monday - Friday, March 7 - 11** Spring Break, NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday, March 16** Non-Uniform Individual Picture Day *optional*
Board Meeting, 6 pm
- Thursday, March 17** St. Patrick's Day
- Friday, March 25** End of 3rd nine weeks (K-5th)

Mission Statement: Christ Episcopal School is a diverse community of learners who participate in an enriched academic program in a nurturing Christian environment which fosters a dedication to service to others and a love of lifetime learning.