

## ODA Elementary Science Students Receive Discovery Channel Award

Seven One Day Academy elementary students competed in the Austin Energy Science Fair in February. Two of the students, Megan Dawson and Kevin Cross, also received the Discovery Channel Young Scientist award.

The Young Scientist award "allows them to participate in the Discovery Channel's search for a young scientist to feature on their television channel," said ODA science teacher Marie Cole.

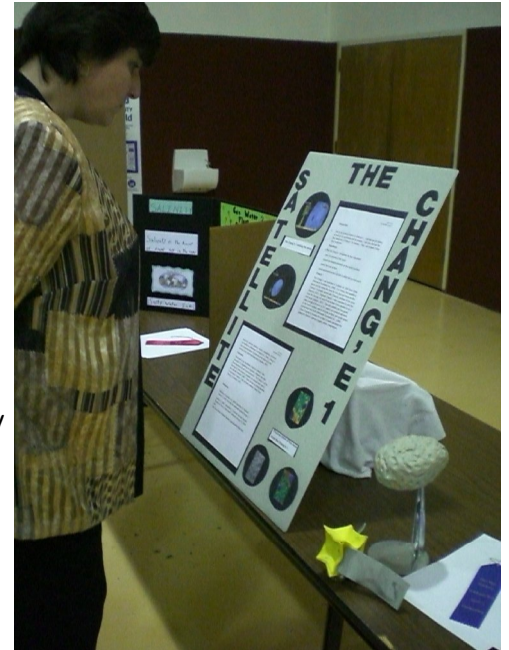
Several of the students' presentations included Miranda Zapata's "How rocks are formed," Emma Cole's "Solar System," and Kevin Cross' "The Change 1 Satellite." Kevin wrote

about the history of the satellite and whether it is still operating. Kevin said he came up with the idea out of curiosity: "I didn't know a lot about space, and thought it would be a good idea." The other elementary participants were Jake Depwe, Rebecca Birkenmeier, and Sam Baker.

"We are very proud of our elementary division participants!" said Marie Cole.

-Michaela Hood

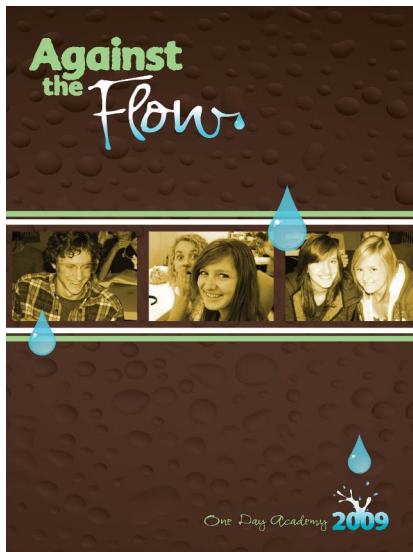
ODA teacher Debra Pahlow views Kevin Cross's project display at the ODA Academic Fair in January. Photo courtesy of Laura Peisker.



## Yearbook, Anyone?

Yearbooks are here, and with them come colored pens and wacky signatures. Those are not the only things that make the yearbook great. Have you ever stopped to think about who took the photos? Who wrote the cool stories that we will read years from now? Before I was part of the yearbook staff, I never paid any attention to who wrote the articles and I certainly didn't pay attention to who may have taken the pictures. I never could have imagined how hard (and fun) it would be to put a yearbook together.

Camera, notepad, pen, question sheet, and lots of courage—these are all things the yearbook staff have handy when in 'the field' (when we vis-



ited other ODA campuses). My first day in 'the field' was quite embarrassing. Who would have thought that walking up to a senior student and asking him his favorite sport would be a hard task? Trying to get candid pictures of students was hard too: every time we had a good shot lined up, students would run from the camera.

After a short time, we figured out how to obtain decent pictures.

At the start of class, we were always equipped with candy, cameras, and water bottles; we were all set to get down to business. We always seemed to be able to put sunshine in every task—but, don't be fooled, we got a lot of work done and with the help of our yearbook teacher and advisor, Mrs. Peisker, we made

our deadlines.

We all worked together; even our Editor-in-Chief wrote stories, took photos, etc. Ashley Bright, Anna Bright, Emily Curtis, Alex Gould, and I (Sami Shamard) made up the team of reporter/photographer/layout artists, while Ashley also helped proof the yearbook. Emily Peisker, Kelsey Johnson, and Laura Peisker had the additional jobs of Layout Designer, Sports Editor and Editor-in-Chief, respectively.

This class was a great experience for me; I learned a lot and made some new friends. If any of this sounded cool, then you should sign up now. Oh, and don't forget to pick up your yearbook!

-Sami Shamard

Yearbooks are available at all campuses—ask your campus supervisor if you would like to purchase one, or contact Susan Peisker at [s.peisker@onedayacademy.com](mailto:s.peisker@onedayacademy.com).

## Why Teleprompter Jokes are (Sigh) Probably Not Such a Great Idea

As many of us are well aware, there are those who believe that anything and everything remotely bad that occurs is the fault of the President. Why? Because Presidents are so...imperfect. Whether he is having difficulty defining terms such as "is," his choice of Vice President struggles in the spelling department, he has spent years supporting a rather unpopular war, or he has exponentially raised the national debt after having been in office only a couple months,

they all persist in being remarkably un-Godlike.

Where differences come into play, however, is the amount of flak they get over the various choices they make in the course of their terms. Bill Clinton, for instance, was something of a Golden Boy for a remarkable period of time. Then certain complications came into play, wherein the defining of *is* was shown to be a much harder feat than one might have thought. After that, books such as

the one on my father's bookshelf were published, detailing his lies and generally unwise moments.

Was such negative heckling justified? Arguably. President Clinton had, after all, grossly embarrassed the United States. Is it really, then, appropriate to bring up the subject of respect to the office of presidency?

George W. Bush is, perhaps, a more fitting example. Unless you've been living under a rock in North Tahiti for

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## Onboard the USS Lexington

David Bulgerin turned over again in the berth, but his mind was stewing over stories of ghosts, and all the other exciting things he had experienced that day. But, finally, sleep won out.

Kyle Rowland, on fire patrol, got almost no sleep at all.

David, Kyle and I were privileged to spend the night on board the USS Lexington in March with our Boy Scout troop, 8787.

"I really liked our trip to the USS Lexington because we got to go to the aquarium and sleep in the crew berthing, although I was not able to sleep much because I was on fire patrol with other older scouts," said Kyle. "On the fire patrol we went on all the tours at night; we got to go to all the rooms on the ship to check for fire. We had to stay up pretty much

all night, but we got to watch movies at their theatre."

The USS Lexington is a retired Navy aircraft carrier from World War II lying at anchor in Corpus Christi that welcomes groups for overnight stays. As boy scouts, we were required to keep our shirts tucked in at all times, to be respectful to adults, and to follow many other military-style rules while on board.

After a lunch of chili cheese dogs in the mess hall, some scouts headed to the aquarium nearby. While watching the dolphin exhibition, one of the members of our troop got to play ball with them.

At the end of the day, everybody ate pasta for dinner. Then, we watched a movie called *Fighter Pilot*

on a huge theatre-like screen. Thrilling ghost stories came next. We even went down four floors to the engine room to see where ghosts have supposedly appeared. Then we

were off to bed in the crew living quarters.

When it was time to leave the USS Lexington the next morning, I wished I could have stayed another night.

"Even though I was tired," said Kyle, "I had an awesome time at the Lexington."

"It was great because it was a World War II aircraft carrier with a lot of history in it," said David. "I liked getting to go on all the tours and getting to see where the crew works and sleeps."

It was impossible to get bored with all the things one could do on the ship. I liked the camaraderie, but most importantly, I liked the way my experience on the USS Lexington inspired a love for my country.

*-Maverick Moses*



Troop 8787 poses near the USS Lexington. Photo courtesy of Israel Quintanilla.



The USS Lexington resides at anchor in Corpus Christi. Photo by Maverick Moses

## Teleprompter Jokes, cont.

most of your natural existence, you're aware that there are *several* different viewpoints on, oh, the war in Iraq for instance. Maybe one of these opinions is somewhat kind in regards to the former president. In short, President Bush was treated badly. Is still treated badly. Whether you agree with him or not, surely it's obvious that calling someone a "moron" and "stupid cowboy," et al, is simply not acceptable., especially when that person is the *President*, the "leader of the free world," for crying out loud.

There has never been a perfect President. Some are more amazingly-

not-perfect than others. But the American people are falling into an unsettling trend of *hating*, rather than simply employing constructive criticism, and that is *not* justified regardless of what the President in question has or hasn't done.

The duty of a free citizen towards the elected leader is not to slobber adoration over them—hint, hint, Media—or to declare them perfect in all things, or both. However, the citizen does have a duty to support and, yes, pray for their leaders, as the Bible directs.

So, as our newest, definitely imperfect President sets about employing

Keynesian economics, which failed miserably for twenty years in Japan (but never mind that), our nation as a whole finds itself at an epic, fantasy-novel-like crossroads. Either we can do to him as we did to poor old President Bush—which might be tempting but is definitely not Biblical—or we can rally behind him, pray for him, and inform him irately but politely when he's messing up. And we can all try *really, really* hard not to make teleprompter jokes. Even though it's tempting. Very, very tempting.

-Lauren Manske

## Clipboard

One Day Academy is hosting its first annual **Homeschool Resource Fair** on June 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at High Pointe Baptist Church. The featured vendor is Rainbow Resource Center, known for offering a vast selection of homeschool materials at discount prices. Also featured at the fair are local support groups from around the Austin area and One Day Academy's ministry partners, such as Royals athletics, Teen Court, Generation Joshua, robotics teams, and more. Admission is \$2 at the door; children are free. Families can purchase low-cost meals or bring their own food to eat in the cafeteria there. High Pointe Baptist Church is located at 12030 Dessau Road, east of I35 between Parmer and 290E.

Don't miss the One Day Academy **End-of-Year Party**, to be held once again at Hyde Park Quarries on Saturday, May 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Live music, a poetry slam, a one-act play, and a fashion show are scheduled, as well as the usual impromptu football games. Please bring food to share.

The Quarries are located at 11600 N. Mopac. You can access the entrance via the northbound frontage Road of MOPAC north of Braker Lane. Follow the frontage road as it curves under the freeway and head straight down the driveway before curving around to the south. If you are coming from the north, you must exit at Braker, turn around and follow the directions above; the southbound frontage road, coming from the north, does not have access.

The **2009 yearbooks** are here! Please see the campus supervisor to pick up your book or purchase a new one for \$60. Financial assistance is available; please speak with the supervisor or contact the yearbook advisor, Susan Peisker, at [s.peisker@onedayacademy.com](mailto:s.peisker@onedayacademy.com). You can also purchase 2008 yearbooks.

## One Day Monthly Word Search

-Maverick Moses

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