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## All Things Positive

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Winning is coming in fourth, exhausted but excited, because you came in fifth last time.  
~ Denis Waitley

## Freshman Fun at Health Museum

On November 11, Ms. Warfield, Mr. Hiser, Ms. Taylor, and Ms. Finley took passing ninth graders — with no office referrals — in the school of Medical and Health Sciences on a field trip to the Health Science Museum in downtown Houston.

The purpose of the trip was to learn more about



protein synthesis, which was an important but difficult concept for them to grasp.

During the trip, students saw a cow eye dissection and had a lesson on protein synthesis, which included a hands on building of double helix key chains that they were allowed to keep.

They also took a tour and participated in a scavenger hunt inside the Amazing Body Exhibit. The field trip concluded with a picnic lunch at Herman Park.

*Left: Amanda Tran flashes a smile as she holds up her double-helix keychain.*



*Students enjoy different activities at the museum*



## Former Brook Student Returns as Medical Guest Speaker

On November 9, students in the medical school had the opportunity to listen to a guest speaker — a second year surgical resident at Ben Taub, working in the ER.

Jon Wilks is a former Brook student, who graduated in 1997 and then attended Rice University.

During his lecture, Mr. Wilks emphasized how im-

portant math and science classes are to medicine.

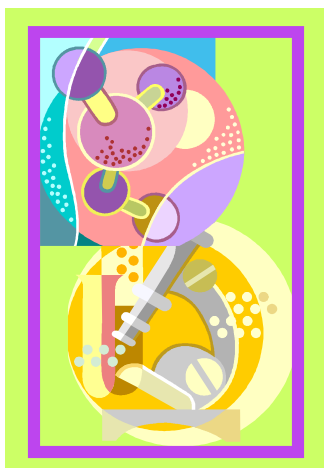
He also described some cases he has seen in the Emergency room and of treating teenagers in drunk driving accidents.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Wilks was the last drum major to take Brook to State, and he is now visiting

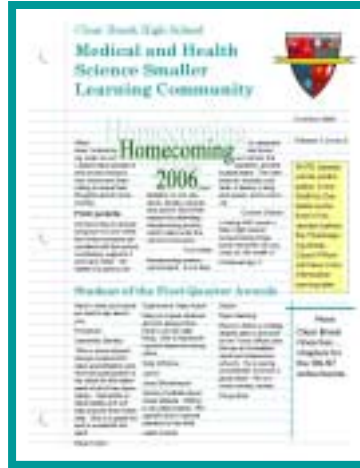
when Brook is going to state again.



*Surgical resident Jon Wilks poses with Mrs. Jones*



# Keep On Top of things With Your SLC Newsletter



Each of Clear Brook's Smaller Learning Communities has its own newsletter. The SLC head sends it out to all of the teachers in that SLC. It also goes out to parents and students via email.

Earlier this year, we collected emails from students in advisory. If you want to get on the mailing list, email Ms. Finley at [sfinley@ccisd.net](mailto:sfinley@ccisd.net) with your name, and the newsletter you are interested in receiving.



## Random Spotlight



Patrick Jones teaches Algebra 1 and II in the school of Fine Arts. A few of his hobbies includes reading and playing video games.

Besides Texas, Mr. Jones has also resided in New Mexico.



Eileen Storey is an English teacher for the School of Visual and Performing Arts. And no wonder! Her hobbies include pottery, mosaic art, art history, gardening, and Japanese flower arranging.

Ms. Storey has attended Temple University in Osaka, Japan, among others and has also resided in Rome, Italy, and London England.



Philip Moody is a choir director in Brook's Medical School; he is the Artistic Director of Cuore, a new opera company in Houston, Director of Music at his church, , and has founded a men's choral ensemble in Minneapolis.

Outside of the music sphere, he enjoys volleyball, rock climbing and repelling.