



# GBCHI NEWSLETTER

GALVESTON-BRAZORIA COOPERATIVE FOR THE HEARING  
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## Contact Information

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now located at  
Hall Elementary in  
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**RJ Wollam Elementary**  
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(409) 925-3526  
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Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**Hall Elementary**  
5931 Meadowside  
League City  
(281) 284-5300  
2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Creekside  
Intermediate**  
4320 West Main St  
League City  
(281) 284-3500  
6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Alvin High School**  
802 South Johnson  
Alvin  
(281) 331-8151  
9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Congratulations to Kate & Rex Frazier!

**Kate and Rex are the  
proud parents of a  
son, Quinn Thomas,  
born on May 8<sup>th</sup>. He  
weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz.  
and is doing very  
well.**

## Good-bye and Good Luck!

Jennifer Talbert and Lauren Myers are both leaving GBCHI this school year. They will be greatly missed. Jennifer will be a new team leader at the elementary level and Lauren will become the Inclusion Specialist at Creekside Intermediate. We wish them both good luck with their new jobs!

## Recent Events

We had our first annual GBCHI Field Day & Picnic for all students and families on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at Challenger Park. Students from all four campuses attended, as well as many family members. Hot dogs and chips were served and all of the students had a great time. Thanks to the high school students and their teachers for organizing planned activities with prizes for the students throughout the day. It was a great opportunity for all of the students to get together.

## Dates to Remember:

**The first day of school will be August 27<sup>th</sup>  
(all campuses)**

If you are changing to Hall Elem or Alvin HS please register in August.

Registration Hall Elementary (281) 284-5300

- August 13 -27 1:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m
- Hall Orientation: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 P.M.  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 P.M.

<p><b>Sign Language News</b></p> <p><i>Dates for Basic Sign Language Classes in the fall:</i></p> <p><i>Beginner – 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.</i>  <i>Advanced – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.</i></p> <p><i>September 10<sup>th</sup></i>  <i>September 17<sup>th</sup></i>  <i>September 24<sup>th</sup></i>  <i>October 1<sup>st</sup></i>  <i>October 8<sup>th</sup></i>  <i>October 15<sup>th</sup></i></p> <p>at Hall Elementary Library  5931 Meadowside  League City</p> <p>Free sign language video classes for parents are available at <a href="http://www.familysigns.org">www.familysigns.org</a>.</p> <p>Also, locate signs on the website: <a href="http://www.aslbrowser.com">www.aslbrowser.com</a></p> <p><b>Become Immersed in Sign Language at the Communication Skills Workshop for Parents at Texas School for the Deaf Austin, Texas July 1-5, 2007</b></p> <p><b>Please call the office at 281-284-0350 for more information</b></p>	<p>GBCHI Newsletter</p> <p>June 2007</p> <p><b>Visit our GBCHI Website:</b>  <a href="http://www.ccisd.net">www.ccisd.net</a></p> <p><b>Click on Special Programs and then GBCHI</b></p>	<p><b>SORENSEN COMMUNICATIONS</b></p> <p><b>Our parent meeting with Sorenson Communications was well attended on March 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about getting free video relay equipment in your home, please contact the office. The students are learning to use it at Hall, Creekside and Alvin High School.</b></p>
	<p><b>Videotape Resources Galore</b></p> <p>For those interested in sign language instruction and stories in sign language, we have a <b>library of videotapes</b> available for checkout. Check with Joy Shockley, our Interpreter Coordinator at 281-284-0350.</p> <p><b>Free captioned videos</b> are also available through the Captioned Media Program. Videos and DVD's are available to borrow and shipped at no charge. Families can sign up at <a href="http://WWW.cfv.org">WWW.cfv.org</a> or call 1-800-237-6213(voice) 1-800-237-6819(TTY)</p>	<p><i>Highlight Corner</i></p> <p><b>WAYS TO DEVELOP LISTENING AND SPEAKING SKILLS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure your child wears their hearing aid/implant all waking hours and that it is ON. If they don't have their hearing aids on they cannot listen and learn.</li> <li>• Call your child's attention to sounds and always associate sounds with what makes them (examples: telephone, doorbell, knocking, music, dog barking).</li> <li>• Get your child's attention and maintain eye contact when talking with them so they can see your facial expressions and lip movements.</li> <li>• Continually talk to you child when you do daily activities by naming items, explaining what you are doing and how things work (Example: describe items as you put them in the shopping cart).</li> <li>• Encourage and give your child a chance to talk.</li> <li>• Respond when your child tries to talk, Let them know speech has meaning.</li> <li>• Repeat the child's attempts at saying words and model good speech.</li> <li>• Set a quiet time every evening to read and/or talk together even if it's 5 minutes.</li> </ul> <p><b>REMEMBER YOU ARE YOUR CHILD'S MOST IMPORTANT TEACHER!</b></p>