

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER
2008
MUDPUDDLES



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AQUACHAMPS!

By Mary Jackson

November 1st will be the one year anniversary of being at our new home in Wilton Manors. It's been a great move for our business allowing us to grow and reach out to more members of our community. Thank you to those AquaChamps families who have been with us year after year and to those of you who have joined recently. We hope you enjoy AquaChamps as much as we do!

As we always do month after month, we try to change what doesn't work and continue to improve upon what does work. When we first moved, what didn't work was having a swimming school without a pool. After five months of construction, our hole in the ground became a pool and we were on our way. We were able to put to use our new computer scheduling program which has taken us into the 21st century, some of us more easily than others. During the summer we added a 15 minute gap between our group classes to ease the congestion in and around our school which helped considerably. After a summer even busier than last, we now look towards the fall. This has always been my favorite time of year, possibly something to do with the sweltering heat of the Florida summer giving way to an ever so slightly cooler breeze.

There will be a few changes with the new season. We say goodbye and good luck to Miss Mileidy who will be leaving mid October to attend college in Spain. She was a great addition to our

staff and we will miss her! At the same time, we welcome Miss Kimber who will be joining our teaching staff. Many of you have already met Kimber when she was training with Dan and me. Also coming up later in the winter, we will be doing some ADA (American Disability Act) conversions to our building. We will try to have most of the work done during quieter times of the day and none of the work will involve the pool area. We do not expect it to interfere with any of our classes.

Another upcoming change will be in regard to our group class scheduling. As mentioned, last November we launched a new scheduling system which allows for online scheduling. We needed this program as we just could not keep up doing the scheduling in house. Our swim school is unique in that our group classes allow flexibility in scheduling, meaning that you are not locked into a session. You have the flexibility to pick and choose your swimming days, because of this online scheduling is essential. Most of you have the hang of the online scheduling by now. For those of you not yet as comfortable with the process, we are always happy to help walk you through it and email you the scheduling instructions. We know how frustrating it can be to be put on a waiting list for multiple days, if this happens please don't hesitate to call us so we can check availability for you. Our computer system is for the purpose of online scheduling and AquaChamps incurs additional fees when we schedule the classes in house. Therefore, as of November 1, 2008, any group classes (not including makeups) scheduled in house will be \$2 extra per class per child. Please understand that this new policy will apply to everyone.

Our winter schedules, November through February, are currently available for online scheduling. We will be sure to keep our pool nice and warm over the cooler months, so our swimmers can comfortably keep up their swimming skills. Remember, consistency is the key. Please read our reminder box on the next page for other important messages for parents. Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!



BIG HIGH FIVES for your advancement!

To Beginning Strokes-Intermediate:

Anna Davis, Jack Veitch

To Beginning Strokes-Beginning: Hannah Carter, Trent Jacklich

To Advanced Mudskippers: Riley Bauer, Chloe Casas, Logan Clark, Gigi Cockerill, Joseph Davis, Juan Fajardo, Salandrea Kelly, Alice MacKenzie, Max Siska, Alexander Strozier

To Beginning Mudskippers: Emma Archer, Trevor Banta, Clifford Berry, Olivia Berry, Alexander Blageov, Reese Clark, Zachary Davis, Quentin Guillemain, John Hess, Jack Homer, Colin Marshall, Emma Pliske, Kyle Revis, Amber Sarch, Huntley Shelton, Ray Warner

To Mini Mudskippers: Sebastian Cortinas, Amelie Flory

GRADUATES, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SUCCESS! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Don't forget to stop by our front desk to pick up your graduation certificate.

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

REMINDER BOX



November through February group class schedules are online now. Please log into our scheduling site through www.aquachamps.com to book your classes.

MAKEUP POLICY for Mudskippers & Beginning Strokes:

Please be reminded that each swimmer is allowed one makeup per month if you have called in the cancellation at least 3 hours in advance.

A FEW NEW RATES as of November 1, 2008:

- All group classes scheduled in house will be \$2 more per child per class. Please read page 1 of this newsletter for more details.
- Kids Klub cost will be \$40 for first child and \$15 for the second for the five hour session.

AQUACHAMPS CLOSED ON:

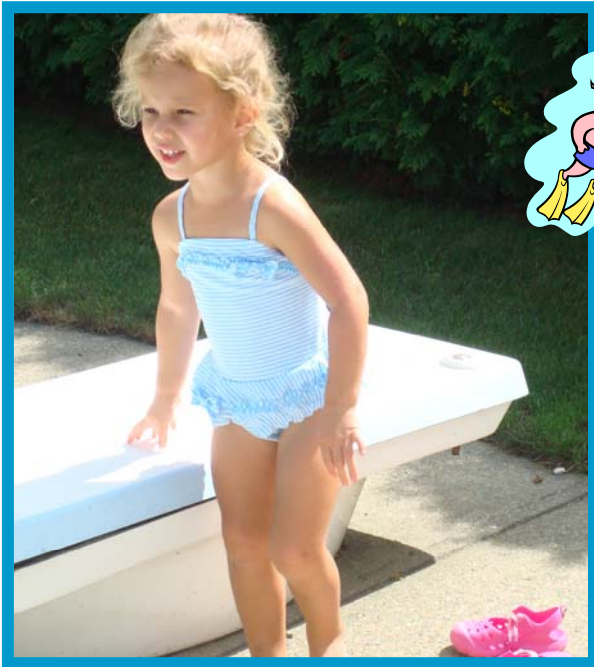
- Halloween...No afternoon classes
 - Thanksgiving...Nov. 27-30
 - Holidays...Dec. 22-Jan. 4
- We will be available for private lessons during this time.



Please, no cell phones on the pool deck. This is in consideration of our neighbors.

Thank you.

STARFISH SWIMMERS OF THE MONTH:



KATHARINE CALVET

AGE: ALMOST 3

Birthdate: November 14, 2005

Level: Mudskippers - Advanced

Favorite thing about swimming: Kick, kick, kick

Swimming since: Age 1

Favorite color: Pink

Favorite movie: "The Little Mermaid"

Favorite food: Spaghetti & ice cream

Swimming goal: To be really good and swim "all by myself"!

NAKEEM ROSE

AGE 4

Birthdate: December 15, 2003

Level: Aquabilities

Favorite thing about swimming: Kicking

Swimming since: For the last 3 months

Favorite color: All of them

Favorite movie: "Shrek" & Shrek 2"

Favorite food: Oatmeal & honey

Swimming goal: To be an Olympic star swimmer



*Starfish Swimmers, please come up to the office to get your
Starfish Certificate.*



WAY TO GO PATRICIA, HOLLY & DAN!

"Chloe in one week, can hold her breath, jump, stroke, swim to the wall, much more confident. Didn't think it was possible in one week!"

"The instructors knew exactly how to strengthen my childrens' weaknesses and overcome their individual obstacles in a short time."

"ACCESS TO SUCCESS IS THRU THE MIND" ~Coach Jack Nelson

YOU CAN IF YOU THINK YOU CAN

Anonymous Author

If you **THINK** you are beaten, you are,
If you **THINK** you dare not, you don't
If you like to win, but **THINK** you can't
It is almost certain you won't!

If you **THINK** you'll lose, you're lost
For out in the world we find,
Success begins with a fellow's **WILL**-
It's all in the state of **MIND**.

If you **THINK** you're outclassed, you are,
You've got to **THINK** high to rise,
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.

Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man,
But sooner or later the man who wins
Is the man who **THINKS** he can!!

Source: The Pacific Institute of America, San Francisco, CA

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