

Chalkboard Notes



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Open House Schedule:

Nov. 16 - Williams Creek
(Albert) School

5501 South Ranch Road 1623

10:30 am—3:30 pm

SPECIAL: Handmade Quilts Display and a quilt in progress with documents to help you learn to quilt—hands on!

More information and map at www.historicschools.org

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MEUSEBACH CREEK SCHOOL

received a 1948 school globe in August. The 12-inch Crams Globe is a true geography teaching artifact. For some young visitors, it is the first “real” globe they have seen

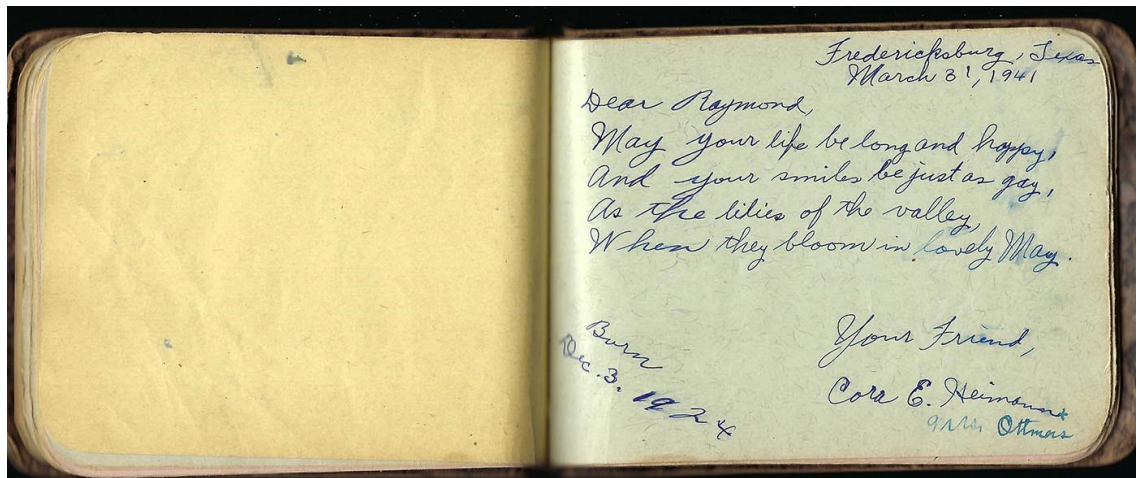


since geography is taught with a computer. Our Globe Inventory shows 10 out of 12 historical member schools have real school globe.

SCHOOL AUTOGRAPH BOOKS

Nebgen School and Williams Creek School featured Student's Autograph Books at past Open House events. Autograph books originated around 1558 among students and scholars from Germany and the Low Countries who collected signatures and dedications from their schoolmates. Examples of early student autograph books are included in The National Art Library and in some of our historic country schools.

Raymond Gold's Autograph Album. Raymond attended Rheingold School. His Album dates from 1941. It is filled with sayings and poems signed by his classmates. Many wrote their birthdate with



year on their page. Jo Jenschke of Nebgen School (also Friends GCCS President) was able to borrow the album from Sophie Lochte for the Chalkboard. President Jo drove it to Jane for scan/photos. Thank you to Jo, Sophie, and the Gold family



Wrede School Library has an original 1883 Schreiblesebibel (writing/reading bible). To protect it, they made a copy, punched holes, threaded string through the holes to "tie" the copy together. Today a string-tied copy allows visitors to view an early book without touching the original. This technique was copied from our early schoolbooks in Gillespie County country schools.

A Ramp Goes Up at Meusebach Creek

Leola Mills' grandson recently built a new handicap entrance for Meusebach Creek School/Community Club. The cement ramp makes it safer for everyone. Thank you Jacob Mills and team for an important and generous Boy Scouts project.



FRIENDS GCCS Publicity: Ads placed in the TEXAS HERITAGE Magazine for 2023 to share our Gillespie County Schools Driving Trail established in 2006. Find The Trail online at www.historicschools.org.

A box of 500 Friends' brochures went to Texas State Fair by partnering with TEXAS HILL COUNTRY TRAIL REGION/Texas Historical Commission. The Fee was funded by combination of Friends' Annual BBQ Fundraiser, Grants from local Hot Funds, and donations

REMEMBER: Friends' Float in "Light the Night" Christmas Parade on Friday, December 2, 2022, downtown Fredericksburg, TX. Parade time is 6:30pm, so come early for a spot and celebrate the Season and our historic country schools.



Contact Directors-at-Large, Jane Woellhof at 830-990-8059 or Jim Lindley at 830-997-2103 to submit newsletter items.

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