



# TIPPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



TITLE I SCHOOL

FELICIA THOMAS, PRINCIPAL

April 2024

## *Important Dates*

March 29	Good Friday Holiday
April 5	Report Cards go home
April 15	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
April 16-17	STAAR Testing – 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> grades
April 23-24	STAAR Testing – 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> grades
April 25	Chick-fil-A Spirit Night – 4-7 pm
April 30	Progress Reports go home – 4 <sup>th</sup> nine weeks grading period
May 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade Field Trip - Houston Zoo
May 2	Kindergarten Field Trip – Dewberry Farm
May 3	1 <sup>st</sup> grade Field Trip – Oil Ranch
May 3	Last Day for Parent Lunch Visits
May 6-10	Staff Appreciation Week
May 7	F.A.M.E. Night – 5:30-7:00 pm
May 7	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip – Downtown Aquarium
May 8	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade Field Trip – Children’s Museum
May 10	4 <sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip – George Ranch Historical Park
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday
May 28-29	Field Day – More details to follow
May 31	Last Day of School – Report Cards go home with students

## *Principal’s Corner*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of another school year, I want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude for your unwavering support throughout this journey. Your involvement, encouragement, and dedication to our school community have truly made a difference in the lives of our students and staff.

As we look ahead to the remaining months of the school year, I am excited to announce that we are forming a Playground Committee to enhance our outdoor recreational spaces. The well-being and enjoyment of our students during their playtime are paramount, and we believe that involving parents in this process will ensure that our playground/play areas reflect the needs and preferences of our community. We will be reaching out soon with details on when our first committee meeting will take place and how you can get involved.

Additionally, I would like to extend an invitation to our upcoming CPOC (Community and Parent Outreach Committee) meeting on May 20, 2024, from 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM. This meeting will provide an opportunity for you to share your valuable insights, suggestions, and feedback on how we can continue to improve and enhance our school environment. Your voices are crucial in shaping the future direction of our school, and we highly value your input.

Together, let's work hand in hand to ensure that we finish this school year on a strong note. Your continued support and partnership are integral to our success, and I am confident that by working together, we will accomplish great things for our students.

Thank you once again for your commitment and dedication. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events and meetings.

Warm regards,  
Mrs. Thomas, Principal

## *Title I Notice to Parents*

As a parent at a campus receiving Title I funds, federal law allows you to ask for information about the certification, college major, and advanced degrees of your child’s teacher(s). You also have the right to request information about the qualifications of a teacher aide or paraprofessional providing direct services to your child. If you would like to receive this information, you may contact the Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D. Human Resources Department at 281-897-4099.

## ***Attendance Incentive***

All students who have perfect attendance are eligible for our monthly attendance drawing for a new bicycle. We have had 6 winners so far and our next drawing will be on April 1, 2024. Make sure you are at school each day so you can be entered in the bicycle giveaway.

## ***Birthday Ads on Marquee***

Celebrate your student's birthday on our Digital Marquee. Cost per ad is \$10.00 and can be purchased in School Cash. Ads will run for one week - a few days before/after the student's birthday.

Please remember that we must receive your ad payment 5 days prior to your student's birthday in order to guarantee placement on the Marquee.

**Due to summer construction, we will close ad sales on May 17, 2024. We will resume birthday ads in August.**



## ***Lunch & Bus Tag Replacement***

Parents can pay for lunch/bus tag replacement fees in School Cash. There are 2 options to choose from. You can either select Bus Tag Replacement or Lunch Tag Replacement at a cost of \$5.00 each. All students must have a bus tag to board the bus.

## ***Lost Library Book Payment Option in School Cash***

In order to make payments for lost library books easier for our families, you will now have the option of paying for a lost book in School Cash.

There is a custom form that can be filled out for the student along with the amount that you are paying. This eliminates sending cash to the campus and provides payment options of either debit or credit cards. If your student owes a fine, please send an email to: [tipps@cfisd.net](mailto:tipps@cfisd.net) and your student will be attached to this custom form allowing you to pay for lost book(s).

If your student finds the book and returns to the library; a refund can easily be issued in School Cash.

## ***Tipps School Website***

Check out our school website by visiting:  
[www.cfisd.net/Tipps](http://www.cfisd.net/Tipps)

There is a lot of information about our school including calendar information and newsletters.

### ***Follow us on Social Media***



Facebook - @tipps elementarycfisd



Twitter - @TippsElementary

## ***Art Fundraiser Update***

Thank you to all who participated in the Art Fundraiser. Orders will be delivered in April. All proceeds go to the Art Program to purchase extra materials/supplies for the Tipps Art Program.

## ***PBIS At Home Lesson***

The lesson this month focuses on "Always Safe at Home."

Please review the following with your family:

- Know your name, address and parent phone number
- Don't open the door to strangers
- Stay out things your parents told you to stay away from for your safety.

## ***Tigers R.O.A.R.***

***R*** is for Responsible

***O*** is for Ownership

***A*** is for Always Safe

***R*** is for Respectful

## ***Summer Renovation is Coming***

Tips Elementary will be undergoing renovation this summer. Our campus will be closed to all visitors starting on Monday, June 3, 2024. It is very important that you collect all your student's belongings including their final report card, jackets, lunch kits, etc... before our campus is closed.

Certain projects have already started over Spring Break. Our roof is being replaced and work has begun on the restrooms in the main hallway. More information will be shared with you as the construction phase draws closer.

## ***Pre-Registration for 2024-2025 Pre-K and Kindergarten***

Pre-Registration for students entering Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year will be open from April 8 – 12, 2024. This process is online only.

Visit: [www.cfid.net/CFISDregister](http://www.cfid.net/CFISDregister)

If you have questions, please contact our front office at 281-345-3350.

## ***News from the Library***

Due to summer construction/renovation; **the library will close for book checkouts on April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please remember to turn in any books that were checked out so that they can be packed up and stored over the summer.

If you student owes money for a lost book, you can pay for the book online in the School Cash Payment Portal. Please contact the Front Desk if you would like to be linked to the option for online library lost book payments.

Don't forget the Mobile Library will be on site for book checkouts on April 27<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Glencairn Community Center on Kieth Harrow Blvd. across from Lieder Elementary School. This is a great way to continue reading and exploring new books.

The Spring Book Fair is slated for May 2 - May 10<sup>th</sup>. Ms. DonLevy will share more information as it gets closer to the Book Fair.



## ***Field Trip Chaperone Expectations***

As part of our efforts to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all students during field trips, I'd like to outline our expectations for chaperones. If you're interested in volunteering as a chaperone for any of our upcoming field trips, we kindly ask that you visit the school to have your State issued Driver's License scanned in our RAPTOR system and receive a Field Trip chaperone tag the morning of the event. This is a standard procedure to ensure the safety of all students under our care. (Note – no ID's that are scanned to a phone can be accepted.)

Chaperones will be expected to accompany their assigned group of students throughout the duration of the field trip, following the designated itinerary and ensuring that all safety guidelines are adhered to. Your presence and guidance are invaluable in enhancing the educational experience for our students outside of the classroom.

Please note that while we appreciate the enthusiasm of younger siblings, we kindly request that they do not accompany chaperones on field trips. Our focus during these outings is on the students and their learning experiences, and we want to ensure that chaperones can dedicate their full attention to the students they are supervising.

By working together to uphold these expectations, we can ensure that our field trips are not only educational but also safe and enjoyable for everyone involved. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

