



TIPPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



TITLE I SCHOOL

FELICIA THOMAS, PRINCIPAL

December 2023

Important Dates

Nov. 30	Deadline for GT Testing/Referrals
Dec. 1-8	Fall Book Fair
Dec. 5	Schoolwide Curriculum Night
Dec. 6	Lifetouch Picture Retake Day
Dec. 6	Progress Reports go Home
Dec. 21	Holiday Class Parties
Dec. 22 – Jan. 5	Winter Break for all Students & Staff Members
Jan. 8	School Resumes for All Students
Jan. 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Jan. 19	End of 2 nd Marking Period
Jan. 26	Report Cards go Home

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 2 winners so far and our next drawing will be on December 1st. Make sure you are at school each day so you can be entered in the bicycle giveaway. Thank you to Elite Auto Experts, True Life Fellowship Baptist Church and Mr. Pickens for the donation of bicycles. We appreciate your support!

Principal’s Corner

Dear Parents,

As we approach the festive season, we find ourselves surrounded by joy, warmth, and the spirit of giving. It is a time for reflection, gratitude, and celebrating the bonds that make our community special. At Tipps Elementary, we are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of parents who play an integral role in shaping the educational journey of our students.

Embracing the Joy of Learning Together

The holiday season is not only a time for festivities but also an opportunity to emphasize the importance of attendance. Every school day is a chance for your child to explore, learn, and grow. Regular attendance is a gift that keeps on giving, providing your child with the foundation they need to succeed academically and socially. We encourage you to prioritize attendance, ensuring that your child doesn't miss out on the valuable learning experiences that each school day offers.

Building Success Through Home Support

As parents, you are your child's first and most influential teachers. Your involvement in their education is crucial to their success. This holiday season, consider these simple yet powerful ways to support your child's learning journey:

- 1. Establish a Routine:** Consistency is key. Set a daily routine that includes dedicated time for homework, reading, and other educational activities. A structured routine helps children feel secure and fosters a positive attitude towards learning.
- 2. Create a Learning-Friendly Environment:** Designate a quiet and comfortable space at home for your child to study. Remove distractions and provide the necessary tools, such as books, writing materials, and a computer if needed.
- 3. Encourage a Growth Mindset:** Reinforce the idea that learning is a journey, and mistakes are opportunities for growth. Celebrate your child's efforts, emphasizing the process rather than just the outcomes.

Nurturing the Home-School Partnership

A strong home-school partnership is essential for a child's holistic development. We value the collaboration

between parents and teachers in creating a supportive and enriching environment for our students. Here are some ways you can actively participate:

1. **Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences:** These meetings provide valuable insights into your child's progress, strengths, and areas for improvement. Your active participation allows us to work together to address your child's individual needs.
2. **Join Parent Committees and Events:** Participate in school events, workshops, and committees. Your input and presence contribute to a vibrant school community and enhance the overall educational experience.
3. **Communication is Key:** Stay connected with your child's teachers. Regularly check in on their progress and communicate any concerns you may have. Open lines of communication foster a collaborative atmosphere that benefits your child's learning journey.

As we celebrate this holiday season, let us cherish the gift of education and the opportunity to shape the future for our children. Together, as a united school community, we can create an environment where every child can thrive and reach their fullest potential.

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season filled with love, laughter, and shared learning experiences.
Warm regards,

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Mrs. Thomas, Principal

New School Hours

Please make note that our school hours have changed for the 2023-2024 school year.

New start time is: 8:15 am and dismissal time is now 3:40 pm. Doors open to admit students at 7:55 am.

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 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.

Updated Lunch Visit Schedule

The last day for December 2023 parent lunch visits is Friday, December 15, 2023.

GT Testing and Referrals

Gifted and Talented Screening referrals are due by November 30, 2023. This opportunity applies only to students who have not participated in screening this school year.

There are some changes to the process this year. All parents may request screening by accessing the online acknowledgement in the Gifted and Talented link located in the parent portal of the Home Access Center at <https://www.cfid.net/domain/10>

The major difference is that parents will need to use the HAC to nominate their child for GT Testing (grades 1-5), and HAC to "Opt-Out" (Kinder).

Testing will take place in January and GT placement will go into effect next school year.

There is no paperwork that will go home. If you have questions, you may send an email to our Counselor, Ms. Herndon at: Ursula.herndon@cfid.net

Tipps School Website

Check out our school website by visiting: www.cfid.net/Tipps

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

Follow us on Social Media



Facebook - @tipselementarycfid



Twitter - @TippsElementary

PBIS At Home

As we enter the Holiday season, we are taking a moment to reflect on Generosity and what it means and how we can show generosity.

Here are a few questions to ponder:

- What does Generosity mean to you?
- How can you show Generosity?
- What does Generosity look like in your family?
- How do you show Generosity to your friends or someone who is in need?
- Why is Generosity important to you?

Think of ways you can show Generosity to others during the Holiday season. Students are learning about this character trait during the months of November and December.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a proactive system approach to help parents and school staff create and maintain a safe, supportive learning environment while promoting life skills and reducing negative behaviors so that all children and **learn and succeed in school.**

TIGERS R.O.A.R.

R is for *Responsible*

O is for *Ownership*

A is for *Always Safe*

R is for *Respectful*

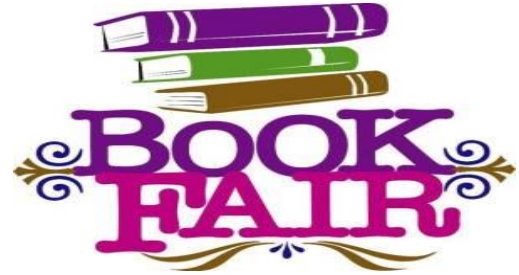


News from the Library

The Fall Book Fair is coming! Mark your calendars for December 1 – 8, 2023. There will be a special evening shopping opportunity on Tuesday, December 5th from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm during Curriculum Family Night.

Students begin shopping for books on Friday, December 1st.

Thank you for your support of the Book Fair!



Spirit Shop Orders to be delivered in December

If you placed in online order in the Spirit Store, the orders are scheduled to be delivered in early December. Parents who have a large order will be contacted to come pick up the order. Smaller orders will be sent home with students.

Thank you for your support!

