



TIPPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



TITLE I SCHOOL

FELICIA THOMAS, PRINCIPAL

Jan/Feb 2024

Important Dates

Jan. 26	Report Cards go Home
Jan 31	Lifetouch Class Picture Day
Feb. 14	Student Valentine Exchange – End of Day – No Parties or Visitors
Feb. 16	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
Feb. 19	Staff Professional Day/Student Holiday
Feb. 20	Benchmark Test – 4 th /5 th – Lang. Arts
Feb. 21	Benchmark Test – 3 rd – Lang. Arts & 5 th grade Science
Feb. 21	Progress Reports go home
Feb. 27	Benchmark Test – 4 th /5 th – Math
Feb. 28	Benchmark Test – 3 rd - Math
Feb. 29	Lifetouch Spring Picture Day
Feb. 29	Black History Program – 6:00 pm
March 11-15	Spring Break
March 18	Art Fundraiser Kickoff

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 4 winners so far and our next drawing will be in February 2024. Make sure you are at school each day so you can be entered in the bicycle giveaway.

Principal’s Corner

Dear Parents,

I hope this message finds you well and filled with the joys of a New Year. As we embark on another exciting semester at Tipps Elementary School, I want to express my gratitude for the unwavering support you have shown our school and the incredible teachers who dedicate themselves to nurturing your child's growth.

At Tipps Elementary School, we believe that education is a collaborative effort between the school and parents. Your involvement in your child's academic journey plays a crucial role in their overall success. As we kick off the new semester, I wanted to share some insights on how you can actively support your student's academic achievement from the comfort of your home.

1. Establish a Consistent Routine:

A structured routine at home helps children feel secure and enhances their ability to focus on their studies. Set aside dedicated time for homework, reading, and other educational activities to foster a positive learning environment.

2. Create a Reading Oasis:

Encourage a love for reading by creating a cozy reading space at home. Regular reading not only enhances literacy skills but also opens doors to a world of imagination. Engage in conversations about the stories your child reads to deepen their understanding.

3. Stay Connected with Teachers:

Open communication between parents and teachers is vital to your child's success. If you ever have concerns or questions about your child's academic progress, don't hesitate to reach out to their classroom teacher. Our dedicated educators are here to support both you and your child.

4. Reach Out to Grade Level Assistant Principals (AP):

In the event that your concerns persist or require further attention, our Grade Level Assistant Principals are here to assist you. They serve as valuable resources and are committed to addressing any questions or challenges you may encounter.

Please feel free to contact the appropriate Grade Level AP:

- Pre-K, Kindergarten 2, 4: Denise Thompson, AP
- Grades 1, 3, 5: Michele Ferdinand, AP
- ECSE/Life Skills: Keisha Berry, Sped Admin

A Note of Appreciation:

I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your continuous support of our dedicated teachers and the entire Tipps Elementary School community. Your partnership enriches the educational experience for every child, and we are fortunate to have such engaged and caring parents.

As we embark on this new semester together, let us continue to work hand-in-hand to create an environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful semester ahead.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Thomas, Principal

Parent ESL Classes

Parent ESL classes are being held at Tipps each Saturday through March 2nd from 8:00 – 12 noon.

Adults are welcome to register to attend the classes. (No childcare and no children please) Please park in the back of the school and enter at Door #14.

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.



Lunch & Bus Tag Replacement

Starting February 1, 2024, parents will be able to pay for lunch/bus tag replacement fees in School Cash. There will be 2 options to choose from. You can either select Bus Tag Replacement or Lunch Tag Replacement at a cost of \$5.00 each. Cash payments will only be accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thank you!

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: tipsps@cfisd.net and your student will be attached to this custom form allowing you to pay for lost book(s).



Tipps School Website

Check out our school website by visiting: 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

PBIS At Home

During the month of February, our focus will be on Responsibility at Home. The following are some examples of Family Wide Expectations:

- Put things back where they belong when you are finished with them.
- Turn things off when asked. Example – game system, phone, iPad, etc.....
- Make sure to put toys away rather than stash them under or on top of something.

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R is for Responsible

O is for Ownership

A is for Always Safe

R is for Respectful

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

If you would like to be considered to serve on the District Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, please follow the link below to fill out the SEPAC application.

https://cyfairisd.formstack.com/forms/committee_sepac

The Committee responsibilities include:

- Meet with the Director of Special Education and other Administrators 2 times a year as a group.
- Share useful Special Education information with parents of SPED students.
- Serve the Cy-Fair Community as a resource to offer a forum for dialogue and dissemination of information regarding issues of concern to students who face academic, social, emotional or physical challenges.

Deadline to complete the application: 2/15/2024

100th day of School

Help celebrate the 100th day of school on February 13, 2024. Students are encouraged to dress up for the celebration. Dress as a 100-year-old person or wear 100 pieces of anything. The sky is the limit!



Valentine's Day Exchange

Students can bring Valentine cards to school to exchange with other students in their class. (This is voluntary). There will not be any class parties, and we ask that you do not send any flowers, balloons, candy or any other type of food to school. Thank you for your understanding.



Art Fundraiser Kickoff on March 18th

The Original Works Art Fundraiser will begin on Monday, March 18th. Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade will bring home an artwork sample along with an order form. All orders are due by March 25th with order delivery in April 2024.

All proceeds to the Art Program to purchase extra materials/supplies for the Tipps Art Program.