



TIPPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



TITLE I SCHOOL

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OCTOBER 2023

Important Dates

- Sept. 30 Parent ESL Classes begin – See flyer
- Oct. 2-6 College & Career Week
- Oct. 16 Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
- Oct. 17 Pumpkin Extravaganza begins
- Oct. 18 Fall Picture Day
- Oct. 24 Curriculum Night – PK, K, 1st
5:30-6:30 pm
- Oct. 27 End of 1st nine weeks grading period
- Oct. 31 Book Character Parade
- Nov. 2 Chick-fil-A Spirit Night – 4 – 7 pm
6175 Hwy. 6 North
- Nov. 3 Report Cards Go Home
- Nov. 6-7 Staff Professional Days/Student
Holidays
- Nov. 10 Veteran’s Day Ceremony
- Nov. 17 Turkey Trot FUN RUN
- Nov. 20-24 Thanksgiving Holiday Break
- Dec. 1 - Dec. 8 Fall Book Fair
- Dec. 6 Fall Picture “Retake” Day

Title I Parent Notification

As a parent of a student at a campus receiving Title I funds, federal law allows you to ask for information about the certification, college major, and advanced degrees of our 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.

Principal’s Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for coming to Open House. We had a great turnout. We are excited about partnering with you to ensure your child has an enriching learning experience at Tipps Elementary.

We are focusing on attendance this year and ensuring that students are at school. When they are not here, they miss out on significant learning opportunities. We are giving away a bike each month to one lucky student with perfect attendance.

We always need your support, so please sign up to be a volunteer. You can help out on campus in many ways and be a part of the great things happening at Tipps.

We know that our students have some learning gaps, and that is why we offer tutorials. If your child brought home a tutoring permission slip, please make sure we get it back so we can provide the added instructional time for your child to continue to grow.

We have a new bus badge on and off system. You can track when your child badges on and off the bus and the bus location by downloading the app. Please follow this link for more information:

<https://txcypressfairbanks.myridek12.tylerapp.com/>

Remember that with our new hours, we will only make transportation changes before 3:00 p.m. And we can only release students to parents or guardians with a valid form of Identification. If you need to make other arrangements, please send a letter signed and dated with an image of your license. Our goal is to keep your children safe.

Kind Regards,
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 Marquee Ads

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.



PBIS Program Information

Tipps Elementary is a PBIS school. PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support. PBIS helps our student and staff create a positive and supportive learning environment for everyone at Tipps. We have developed a set of expectations for our student's behavior at school, and we teach these expectations to all of our students. The PBIS strategy at Tipps of R.O.A.R. builds on the following behaviors:

R - *Responsible*
O - *Ownership*
A - *Always Safe*
R - *Respectful*

Our staff uses the PBIS Rewards App to recognize students with points when they meet these expectations. Students can use their earned points to purchase items in classroom stores, schoolwide stores and other exciting incentive opportunities. We are excited to R.O.A.R. at Tipps!

Curriculum Night – October 24th

Please plan to join us October 24th for Curriculum Night for students in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and 1st grades. Event time is 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

This is an excellent opportunity to do a deeper dive into the lessons and units of study for your student(s). There will also be time for questions/answers with the teacher.

We look forward to seeing you!

Tipps School Website

Take a moment to visit our School Website! Important information is posted along with newsletters and other helpful contacts and links.

To access the website, follow these instructions:

1. Go to www.cfid.net
2. Select – Schools
3. Select Tipps Elementary
4. School Webpage will open
5. Current Banners are scrolling with important information for our families.

Be sure to check the website for the most up to date information on the 2023-2024 school year.

Follow us on Social Media



Facebook - @tipps elementarycfid



Twitter - @TippsElementary

Counselor's Corner

We are excited to announce College Week starting on Monday, October 2nd. Please review the attached flyer for the daily activities for students.

The District Counseling Department is sponsoring a workshop on October 18th at Cypress Woods High School starting at 5:30 pm on how to “Support Those At Risk”. The primary topic of discussion is an Introduction to Suicide prevention and how to help and support family or friends who are at risk. If you are interested in attending this event, please follow the link to join in this informative presentation!

<https://bit.ly/IntroToSupport>



Read-A-Thon Update

Tipps Elementary readers need to make sure to spend their prize money in the prize store. Any prize money not spent within 10 days after our Read-A-Thon ends will no longer be available. The prize store cannot be reopened once it is closed. All prizes will be shipped to the school.

<https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/PUCRa>

We are so proud of our readers! With your support, we were able to have a successful fundraiser and our students were able to enjoy reading. We can't wait to host a Read-A-Thon again next year! Tipps Elementary wants to say THANK YOU!

Fall Picture Day is Oct. 18th

Save the Date! Fall pictures are Wednesday, October 18th. All students will be photographed. Flyers will be sent home with students in early October. You can pre-order online at: mylifetouch.com The Picture Day ID is: **EVTFRGJHW**

If your student misses picture day, retakes will take place on December 6th.



Parent Lunch Visits

Parent Lunch Visits will begin on Friday, September 29th. Lunch Visitation is on Mondays and Fridays **ONLY**. Be sure to review the rules regarding visitation.

New for 2023-2024:

1. Only 2 visitors per student and this includes any siblings.
2. No strollers allowed.
3. Only legal guardians/parents can eat lunch with their student(s).
4. If there are too many visitors for a lunch period; your visit could potentially be impacted. School Administrators will make this determination based on the safety of all students.

Remember, all Visitors must show a valid form of

identification to be admitted to the building. Thank you again for your understanding.

Parent ESL Classes

Tipps Elementary will once again host Parent ESL Classes beginning Saturday, September 30th. Times are 8:00 – 12 noon. Please review the attached flyer for class dates. (No children allowed/No babysitting)

Parking is in the back of the school and you will enter at Door #14.

Library Updates

Save the Date! The pumpkins are coming. It is once again time to decorate a pumpkin like your favorite book character. Please consider using a foam or artificial pumpkin from a craft store. You may bring pumpkins to the library starting on Tuesday, October 17th. All pumpkins must be picked up by October 31st. (Flyer attached)

As we close out the month of October, we will celebrate with our annual Book Character Parade. Students always look forward to this and we can't wait to see your creativity on display. Storybook Character Parade will take place on October 31st. (Flyer attached)

Please review the attached flyer regarding opting out of Library Services. Be sure to follow the directions so that you can view the options and make selections for your students. If you should have questions, you are welcome to contact our School Librarian, Ms. DonLevy at 281-345-3350.

