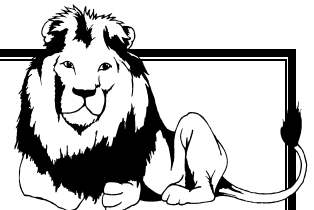


SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THE LIONS LINES

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SCHOOL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Storyteller visits
5:30 PM - Kdg, PPCD Curr. Night
7:00 PM - 5th Gr. Curr. Night
- 9 Celebrate Teddy Bears – *Students bring their teddy bears to school*
PAWS store during lunches
- 12 Gr. 1-5 LA Benchmarks begin
Library Book Fair Night 4:30-7:30 PM
5:30 PM - 1st, Life Skills Curr. Night
- 13 VIPS Breakfast
9:30 AM PTO Mtg.
Storyteller visits
- 14 Library Book Fair Night 4:30-7:30 PM
- 16 Celebrate Little League Day- *Students wear jerseys and/or caps*
- 19 Planetarium arrives for 4th Grade
- 20 Storyteller visits
- 21 Progress reports go home
- 23 5th Gr. Garden Day
PAWS store during lunches
- 27 Storyteller visits

CURRICULUM NIGHT

- o **September 6**
 - 5:30 PM – Kdg, PPCD
 - 7:00 PM – 5th Grade
- o **September 12**
 - 5:30 PM – 1st Gr, Life Skills

If you did not receive this newsletter electronically, please email Dr. Bartlett at catherine.bartlett@cfisd.net. It is possible that your email was mistyped or hard to read. We want to make sure that you are kept in the loop with the great happenings at Hamilton!

Dear Parents,

If you are finding small red "dollars" in your child's backpack or pockets, **don't throw them away!** This is valuable currency at HES with our new **PAWS** program. Students at our campus have all discussed these core expectations with their parents and our assistant principals. Demonstrating **pride** in our campus, displaying a positive **attitude**, making **wise choices**, and using **safety** will provide students with the opportunity to earn PAWS dollars. The dollars may be "spent" at our PAWS store on the 2nd and 4th Fridays during their lunch. Students may choose items such as passes (hat, lunch with a friend, line leader, etc), paw charms, pictures with staff members, or even save up to be a library helper! We are excited to have a structured way of rewarding our fabulous Lions and have found many reasons to "show them the money" with such a great start to our school year!

Wanted: Representatives to serve on the Hamilton CPOC (Campus Performance Objectives Committee). We are looking for three parents of HES students, two business representatives (owns a business in our zone), and two community residents (lives in our zone but does not have children at HES). If you are interested in hearing about the progress toward our campus goals throughout the year as a part of this important committee, please email Dr. Bartlett at catherine.bartlett@cfisd.net. The committee meets five times a year after school.

ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE:

- Library Main Events
- Fun Run Registration
- Box Tops Jump Start
- Kroger Bar Code Letter
- Adult Computer Classes

Access information – your way

- Newsletters can be viewed online at <http://schools.cfid.net/hamiltonel/index.stm>, click *School Information, Newsletters*.
- Newsletters are emailed to Hamilton Key Communicators. Paper copies are available by request only.
- The Hamilton Student Handbook is posted online.
- An online calendar of school events can be found online at <http://schools.cfid.net/hamiltonel/index.stm>, And click on online calendar.

All this information and more can be found by navigating the cfisd website at www.cfid.net

PE NEWS:

In PE, we have had a great first week of school!!! We have been playing cooperative games, and working on cardiovascular activities!

If you are interested in the **20th Annual Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D. K-12 FUN RUN**, it will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at Langham Creek High School. Entry is \$10 (which includes a t-shirt). We have attached a form that needs to be turned in to Ms. Longmire by September 14th.

THANK YOU!

The entire staff would like to thank all of our awesome volunteers for their help on the first day of school. The first day is an extremely busy day with many details that need to be attended to and we are so very appreciative of their time and efforts in assisting with the kick-off of our school year! Let's hear it, team, for our Hamilton volunteers!!

Library News . . .

What a great start of the year for our library! All students have gone through orientation and checked out books. Please be sure your child keeps their books safe from liquids, food, and pets while at home, and return them on library day.

Kinder & 3rd grade – Tuesday

1st & 4th grade – Wednesday

2nd & 5th grade – Friday

We have an awesome team of library volunteers to help things run smoothly. We do need volunteers to serve on the sub list. Subs are called when the regular volunteers can't make their regular shift. If you are interested in volunteering for our library, please contact Sarah Forbes at snforbes@att.net.

Our Book Fair is just around the corner 9/12 thru 9/16. Students will visit with their reading teachers on Monday or Tuesday. We also have Family Nights from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., or you can shop online at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/hamiltonlions>. We need volunteers to work the entire fair and especially on the Family Nights. If you can volunteer, please sign up through PTO Manager. Thank you for supporting the library!

Chess Club is Coming!

Parents,

We are looking for a volunteers to take our Chess Club to the next level. We need someone with a love of kids and competition to help us research and establish our Chess Club as a tournament team. We would like to compete with another school or 2 this Fall and then enter 1 competition in the Spring. We are in need of parents/volunteers to work with Mrs. Kistler to coordinate these competitions and get us up and running. Please contact charlotte.kistler@cfisd.net or call her at 281-370-0990 to discuss!

KROGER NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

Hamilton Elementary has once again enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Program. Last May, we were presented with a check in the amount of \$4,306!

Attached for your convenience is a letter explaining how to connect the barcode to your Kroger Plus Card. Even if you participated last year, you will still need to link your card for this year.

If you are a Kroger shopper, it is an easy way to help our school raise money. The accumulation period is through April 30, 2012.

BOX TOPS REALLY ADD UP!

Thank you for collecting Box Tops for Education! We are ALWAYS collecting box tops and it is another easy way to help our school earn money. Most box tops are worth 10 cents and this time of the year there are numerous products with bonus box tops worth even more. Last year we collected enough box tops to earn \$2,300! So box tops really do add up!

For the month of September, let's see who can bring in the most box tops – girls or boys! There will be a girl collection box and a boy collection box in the front office for students to drop of their box tops. To help jump start this year's program, we have attached a collection sheet. You can attach your box tops to the sheet and turn in or you can place the box tops in a plastic bag or envelope. There is no limit on how many you can turn in!

We'll chart the progress and announce weekly who is in the lead! Good luck to both our boy and girl teams!



Hamilton Elementary is a participating in Willowbrook Mall's My School's Cool Program. It's easy to earn points for our school when you shop at Willowbrook Mall. After you finish shopping, show your receipt to customer

service which is located in the center of the mall in front of Sephora. They will tally the receipts, stamp and record the points for Hamilton Elementary. If you forget to show your receipt at the mall, don't worry – we can also accept your receipt at the front office. Thank you for your support!

Adults (18 years and over) interested in learning more about computers may **register** for computer classes on Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Instructional Support Center of Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. The building is located at 10494 Jones Road (The 3-story building on the corner of Jones Road and Fallbrook.) There is a limited class size; registration will be on a first come first serve basis. The schedule may be accessed through the district's website at www.cfisd.net. Click Departments/Technology/Instructional Technology/Community Computer Courses. You may call Instructional Technology at 281-897-6443 to have a schedule mailed to you.

Classes include:

Technology Basic Skills (3-hour class)	
MS Word 2010, Part 1 (6-hour class)	
MS Excel 2010, Part 1 (6-hour class)	MS
Word 2010, Part 2 (6-hour class)	MS
PowerPoint 2010 (6-hour class)	MS Excel
2010, Part 2 (6-hour class)	
MS Access 2010, Part 1 (6-hour class)	MS
Access 2010, Part 2 (6-hour class)	

Each 6-hour class is \$90.00 and the 3-hour class is \$45.00. All classes offer hands-on experience. All fees are due at registration in the form of exact cash or check ONLY. Classes may be canceled if the minimum class size is not met. **NO REFUNDS ARE ISSUED UNLESS A CLASS IS CANCELED by Cy-Fair.**

For further information, please call the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Instructional Technology Department at (281) 897-6443.

Girl Scout Rally

Girl Scouting is a great way to help your daughter develop character, reach her potential, and make new friends. Girls can participate in a variety of activities such as camping, horseback riding, fashion shows, tea parties, crafts, service projects, and more. All girls ages 5 - 17 are welcome to join the fun. Parents and girls are invited to check us out at the Hamilton Elementary **Girl Scout Rally on Wednesday, September 21st, at 7:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. We will be forming new troops and signing up adult volunteers. Please contact Susan Kelley (281-469-1371, susankel@sbcglobal.net) or Michelle Kerbow (281-970-5888, mkerbow@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.