

THE LIONS LINES

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HAMILTON ELEMENTARY

NOVEMBER 7, 2011

SCHOOL EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 7 4th Grade Author visit
6:00 PM PTO Evening Mtg.
- 8 Student Council General Mtg.
Election Day - Pct. 805 votes in Gym
4th Grade CBA Writing
5th Grade Math Benchmark
Please no lunch visitors!
- 9 2nd Grade Garden Day
5th Grade CBA Reading
Please no lunch visitors!
- 10 Blue Choir practice 7:50 AM
Thanksgiving Feast/KISS 4, 5, 3
- 11 Red Choir practice 7:50 AM
9:30 AM Veterans Day Program
Thanksgiving Feast/KISS K, 2, 1
- 14 Classroom Spelling Bee
- 15 Lifetouch portrait retakes
Gr. 2-5 Science Benchmark
- 16 3rd/5th Nature Trail Field Trip
- 17 Blue Choir Practice 7:50 AM
3rd/5th Nature Trail Field Trip
- 18 Red Choir Practice 7:50 AM
4th Gr. Garden Day
Student Council School store during lunches
- 21-25 Thanksgiving Holidays
- 29 Grade Level Spelling Bee
- 30 Gr. 1-4 Math Benchmark
Progress Reports go home

DECEMBER

- 1 Gr. 1-2 Math Benchmark
Gr. 2 LA Benchmark begins
Gr. 3-5 Writing Benchmark begins
- 2 Full Choir Practice 7:50 AM
PTO Spirit Cart open during lunches
- 5 3rd Gr. Rehearsal – 9 AM
3rd Gr. Program - 6 PM
- 9 2nd Gr. Garden Day

**PLEASE NO LUNCH VISITORS ON
TUESDAY, NOV. 8TH &
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9TH
DUE TO CBA TESTING & LUNCH
SCHEDULE CHANGES**

**No LUNCH VISITORS FOR
* K, 2, 1 ON NOVEMBER 10**

**No LUNCH VISITORS FOR
* 3, 4, 5 ON NOVEMBER 11**

***THESE GRADES WILL NOT BE EATING
IN CAFETERIA DUE TO THANKSGIVING
FEAST.**



Veterans Day Program

November 11 at 9:30 a.m.



Picture retakes are scheduled for Tuesday, November 15. Any students that were not here on picture day, will have their picture taken. If you are requesting a retake for your child, they must present the original package to the photographer at the time the retake photo is taken.

ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE:

- * Pajama Jam
- * VIPS Opportunities
- * Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Program



Our Thanksgiving Feast/K.I.S.S. (Kids Invite Someone Special) will be held November 10 and 11 in the cafeteria.

Thank you to all the families that have taken advantage of the RSVP! Your visitor tags are being sent home with your child today. Please check your child's backpack for the tags. To ensure that you have the tags with you when you arrive to the school, you may want to place it in a safe place such as your wallet or purse.

THANKSGIVING FEAST/K.I.S.S

DATES

Thursday, November 10

4th 10:45, 5th 11:45, 3rd 12:45

Friday, November 11

Kdg 10:45, 2nd 11:45, 1st 12:45

**Visitors allowed for the posted grade levels only, all other grades will be having a picnic in the classroom. RSVP form attached.*

Salute to the Stars Gala

The fourteenth annual *Salute to the Stars Gala* was held at the Berry Center on Thursday, October 20, 2011. This event, which was sponsored by the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation, served two very important goals-- raising funds to assist with staff development grants and student scholarships, as well as honoring the 2010-11 Spotlight teachers. We know that you join us in thanking our table sponsor, Wright Healthcare Group, as well as the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation for honoring Hamilton Elementary's 2010-11 Spotlight teacher Christina Tomec, and providing funds for students and teachers. If any business or individual is interested in sponsoring a table for next year's *Gala*, please contact Marie Holmes at 832.381.2333.



Thank you to our fabulous PTO for the cookies and milk they provided for the Hamilton staff in October. What a treat it was!



Garden Volunteers Needed:

Our wonderful butterfly and vegetable gardens have been planted and need some TLC! If you would like to volunteer at the school, and have limited time, this is a great opportunity. We need volunteers to water the gardens on a regular basis-- especially the vegetable garden. This can be done after school hours and on the weekends, or even before or after car rider line. Our broccoli and cauliflower plants wilt very quickly, so any time you can give is greatly appreciated!

Please email Allison Lemel if you are interested in being a Garden Care Volunteer!

SPELLING BEE

Today your child should be bringing home a 2011 Spelling Bee List . All students will participate in the Class Spelling Bee, but it is not mandatory that they study the words. The list is provided for those who would like to try to qualify for our Grade Level Spelling Bee, as well as our Campus Spelling Bee. If your child would like to study the words, please make sure he/she also continues to keep up with their assigned classroom homework. In addition to being able to spell well, the student who goes on to represent us at the District Level needs to be a role model, having good work habits and behavior.

If you have any questions, please email michelle.chatagnier @cfisd.net.

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| Monday, November 7th | Class Spelling List goes home |
| Monday, November 14th | Class Spelling Bee |
| Tuesday, November 15th | Qualifiers List goes home |
| Tuesday, November 29th | Grade level Spelling Bee |
| Wednesday, November 30th | National Spelling Bee List goes home |
| Monday, January 9th | Campus Spelling Day |



My School is Cool

Just a reminder that we are participating in Willowbrook Mall's *My School's Cool Program*. If you do any holiday shopping at Willowbrook Mall, remember to show your receipts after shopping 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!

If you forget to show your receipt at the mall, we can also collect your receipt at the front office.

BOX TOPS REALLY ADD UP!

Thanks to all the boys and girls that turned in their box tops from September through October! The boys collected 2,334 box tops while the girls collected 2,473 box tops! Together they brought in 4807 box tops. This short collection period earned \$480.70! This is great team work!

As we begin a new collection period, continue to collect those box tops. Thanks to all who help to earn money for our school - Box Tops really do add up!

Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Program

We appreciate all Kroger shoppers who have linked their *Kroger Plus Card* to participate in this year's Neighbor to Neighbor program.

If you are a Kroger shopper and would like to link your Kroger Plus Card to help earn money for our school, a letter explaining how to connect the barcode is attached to this newsletter.

This accumulation period will end April 30, 2012.

The Office of Community Programs presents "Pajama Jam", a Parents' Night Out event for children who can use the bathroom independently through the 8th grade to be held at Aragon Middle School on Friday, December 2 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The night includes dinner (pizza, juice and cookies), arts and crafts, gym games and more! The registration deadline is Monday, November 28, \$20 per student, \$45 for families of three or more. For more information, please visit www.cfisd.net and click on the Club Rewind logo – then, look for the Pajama Jam information.

HOPE FUN RUN

This past Saturday over 2,500 students from all over the Cy-fair School district participated in the HOPE FUN RUN. We are so proud of all 78 students that represented Hamilton Elementary in the race.

The following students won a medal for their grade division:

Tyler Johnson - 1st grade - 1st place
Cassie Lawson - 2nd grade - 3rd place
Ava Drovin - 2nd grade - 7th place
Luke Flader - 2nd grade - 4th place
Olivia Orlando - 3rd grade - 3rd place
Lauren Phillips - 3rd grade - 7th place
Ayden Alm - 3rd grade - 8th place
Taylor Lawson - 4th grade - 1st place
Grace King - 5th grade - 2nd place
Emma White - 5th grade - 8th place



Annual Food Drive Nov 28 - Dec 2

Nov. 28 **Monday** – We are collecting canned vegetables (no fresh veggies).

Nov. 29 **Tuesday** – We are collecting canned fruit/ fruit juices (no fresh fruit).

Nov. 30 **Wednesday** – We are collecting pasta and beans.

Dec. 1 **Thursday** – We are collecting personal items (ex. Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap).

Dec. 2 **Friday** – We are collecting canned soups.

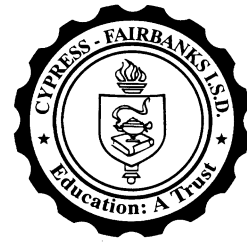
HORIZONS Mid-year Testing/Students K-11 Open Referral Period October 1st through November 30th

Parents who wish to refer their child must follow the process described below:

- Please access the HORIZONS website at <http://cfisd.net/dept2/curricu/gifted/gifted.htm> and review a PowerPoint presentation entitled, *Should I Refer My Child for the HORIZONS Program?*
- If testing is appropriate, request a *HORIZONS Parent Survey and Permission to Test* form from your elementary counselor or secondary director of instruction. The form may also be accessed on the HORIZONS website.
- Return the *HORIZONS Parent Survey and Permission to Test* form to your elementary counselor or secondary director of instruction no later than Wednesday, November 30th. Students will not be screened unless the parent permission form is turned in on time.
- Kindergarten students will be tested on their campus during the school day in January 2012, and students in grades 2-11 will be tested on their campus during the school day prior to spring break. Specific testing dates will be provided to parents by the campus at the start of second semester.
- Kindergarten students who qualify for HORIZONS will receive services beginning in March with parent permission.
- Students in grades 2-11 who qualify for HORIZONS will receive services at the beginning of the 2012-13 school year with parent permission.



Enjoy your
Thanksgiving Holidays
November 21 – 25



Office of Community Programs

When: Friday, December 2, 2011; 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Where: Aragon Middle School (16823 West Road, Houston 77095)

Who: Children up to 8th grade (For children who can use the bathroom independently)

Cost: \$20 per child, \$45 per family (3+ children)

Theme: Pajama Jam!! Wear your favorite PJs!!

Dinner: Pizza, juice and cookies included!

Activities: Dancing, crafts, team building, cartoons, and much more! Children are divided into small groups by age/grade for activity rotation.

Club Rewind membership is not required. For more info: 281-807-8900. To enroll, complete the bottom portion of this form and return with payment to a Club Rewind representative at your home campus by **November 28, 2011.**

Important Parent/Guardian Information: Payment MUST be included with this form. Please make checks payable to CFISD - Pajama Jam. Payment is non-refundable and non-transferable. **Deadline to enroll: November 28, 2011.** An additional \$5 will be charged per child for forms received after November 28, 2011 at 6 p.m. After the deadline, forms are only accepted at the Office of Community Program or at the actual program event. The Office of Community Programs is located at 22602 Northwest Freeway, Cypress, TX 77429 in between Arnold Middle School and Cy-Fair High School.

Student's Name: _____ Grade (list Pre-K if younger than school age): _____

Male or Female: _____ Parent's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone/ Pager/ Other Emergency Phone #'s: _____

Parent's E-Mail: _____

Special Instructions/ Needs/ Allergies: _____

Person authorized to pick up my child (MUST INCLUDE DL #): _____

In the event I cannot be reached to make arrangements for emergency medical attention, I authorize the facility staff or person in charge to take my child to North Cypress Medical Center (21214 Northwest Freeway, Cypress, TX 77429). I give consent for this facility to secure any and all necessary emergency medical care for my child.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I recognize that in the event my child's behavior becomes severely disruptive, unsafe to him/herself or others, or my child does not respond to intervention, I will be called to pick him/her up immediately and I will not be reimbursed for payment. _____Initials

I recognize that I may not arrive to pick up my child smelling of alcohol or displaying any other erratic behavior. _____Initials

If I arrive after 11:00 p.m. to pick up my child, I recognize I will be charged a late pick up fee of \$1 per minute/child after 11:05 p.m. _____Initials

***DO NOT RETURN TO THE SCHOOL STAFF.
FORMS MUST BE TURNED INTO CLUB REWIND STAFF MEMBERS ONLY***

Staff Use: Check #: _____ Amount: _____



VIPS ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE ARTS TRAINING

This elementary language arts training is designed for volunteers and parents helping Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade students. You will learn how to read aloud interactively to a class of students in order to help boost their comprehension.

Training will be presented by:

Diane Rountree

Primary Curriculum Coordinator



Monday, November 14, 2011

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The Berry Center

8877 Barker Cypress Road

CFISD parents and volunteers interested in helping their child with these skills or helping in the classroom are invited to attend.

Register with the Partners in Education office at vipsrsvp@cfisd.net. Be sure to include your name, school and date and title of the training. Registration is necessary to guarantee training materials and seating.

Contact the PIE office at 281-894-3950 if you have any questions.

ADULTS ONLY PLEASE



Customer Letter



Step One:

Read through this letter to understand the advantage of being a part of the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program.

Step Two:

Take the letter with you to your neighborhood Kroger store the next time you go shopping.

Step Three:

Present the letter with your organization's barcode to your cashier upon checkout. After they have scanned your KrogerPlus Card you will be enrolled for the current year of the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program. Every time you shop at Kroger and use your enrolled KrogerPlus Card, Kroger will contribute a percentage of your eligible purchases to the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation fund. Once a card is scanned with the barcode, it will be active for the remainder of the program year.

Q & A

How many Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor accounts can an organization have?

One per organization.

Can a household "link" their KrogerPlus Card to more than one organization at a time?

No, the system allows for one organization per household. To change organizations, you must present your KrogerPlus Card and the new organization's barcode to the cashier.

Do I have to enroll each program year?

Yes, all organization's and participants must re-enroll for each program year. Enrollment is June 1, 2011 through Dec 31, 2011 The Neighbor to Neighbor Program accumulation is **July 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012.**

How much can my organization earn?

The Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program will donate \$1 million annually. Each organization will earn a percentage of the \$1 million equal to the percentage of total earned contributions attributable to that organization.

Kroger Cashier: 1. Scan customer's KrogerPlus Card 2. Scan the attached Organization's barcode.

The customer's KrogerPlus Card is now enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program & contributing funds to their organization. When you scan the barcode, the description on the receipt will say "**Loyalty Div 0.00**". This means the barcode was properly scanned. The following Friday, the customer's receipt will display a message at the bottom of the receipt saying "**Your card is contributing to Neighbor to Neighbor #12345**"

HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Please feel free to contact a Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program Representative with any additional questions at 866-995-7643 or email to neighbortoneighbor@kroger.com. Additional information is also available at www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com.

VIPS
ELEMENTARY MATH TRAINING

Presented by Christine Melancon,
CFISD Elementary Math Coordinator

Participants will learn the approach to the 4-step process,
model drawing, and actions used in the math classroom.



Tuesday, November 15, 2011

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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If you would like to help your child or if you would like to volunteer to help other children in math, please join us for this training.

Register with the Partners in Education Office at vipsrsvp@cfisd.net. Be sure to include your name, school and date and title of the training.

Call the PIE office at 281-894-3950 if you have any questions.

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VIPS General Meeting

Thursday, November 17, 2011

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Berry Center
8877 Barker Cypress
Entrance Number 2

All VIPS Coordinators and Liaisons are strongly urged to attend.

All volunteers and staff are welcome!

(ADULTS ONLY PLEASE)

- ✓ Special guest speaker -
 - Denise Kubecka, CFISD Director of Career & Technology
- ✓ Meet our new superintendent, Dr. Mark Henry
- ✓ Learn about the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation
- ✓ Information about upcoming trainings and volunteer opportunities
- ✓ Best Practices
- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Don't forget the following items are due by this meeting:
 - *Pin order forms
 - *Applecore articles
 - *2012-2013 CFISD VIPS Theme and logo contest entries

Questions? Call the PIE office at 281-894-3950

Staff Development Course # 25212

MERRIER SHOPPING

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, November 12

8:30 am - 10:00 am

Join Santa for a Sing-A-Long, Breakfast,
Crafts and Treats in the Food Court

Making Your Holidays Merrier!

Visit www.shopwillowbrookmall.com for more details.



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