

THE LIONS LINES

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HAMILTON ELEMENTARY

DECEMBER 5, 2011

SCHOOL EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 5 3rd Gr. Rehearsal – 9 AM
3rd Gr. Program - 6 PM
- 6 8:00 AM Student Council Officer Mtg.
- 8 7:50 AM Choir Practice
8:00 AM Recreational Chess
- 9 7:50 AM Choir Practice
2nd Gr. Garden Day
- 13 8:00 AM Student Council General Mtg.
- 14 7:50 AM Choir Practice
- 16 7:50 AM Choir Practice
2nd Gr. Grandparents Day 10:30 AM
- 19 Holiday Parties for K-2, PPCD, 2:30 PM
Choir Concert - 6 PM
- 20 Holiday Parties for LS, 3-5, 2:30 PM
- 21-30 Winter Break



You're invited to the Hamilton Elementary

5th Grade Choir

Holiday Concert

Monday, December 19

6:00 PM in the cafeteria.

Come & join our talented 5th graders as they share

holiday songs new and old.

You can even participate in a sing-a-long.

HOLIDAY PARTY SCHEDULE



Monday, December 19
Kdg., 1st, 2nd & PPCD
2:30-3:15 PM

Tuesday, December 20
LS, 3rd, 4th, 5th
2:30-3:15 PM

If you plan to attend your child's classroom party, look for the RSVP form that is attached to this issue.

"I Need A Vacation"
Presented by 3rd Grade
Monday, December 5
6:00 PM

Hamilton Hoodies Are Back!

Baby, it's cold outside -- finally! Just in time for Christmas, the PTO Spirit Shop presents new Hamilton hoodies. At just \$23, they're cozy, warm and available in either deep navy or cheery red, whichever your little Lion prefers! The Spirit Shop is also welcoming winter with our plush fleece Hamilton throw blankets. Available in either royal blue or red with white embroidery, they're perfect for curling up with while sipping your hot chocolate during the holidays!

To order a hoodie and/or blanket, just send the **attached order form** to school with payment by **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9**, and your order will be sent home on **Friday, December 16**.

ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE:

- * Holiday Party RSVP
- * Hamilton Hoodie Order Form
- * Six Flags Read to Succeed Letter
- * Understanding Reimbursable Meals
- * Volunteer Information

Library News . . .

Name That Book - Initial 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teams have been formed for students choosing to participate in NTB. Students have until December 9th to finalize their team. If your NTB'er would like practice questions to keep at home, please email parent coordinator Cynthia Baldwin at Baldwins@texasbaldwins.com.

FREE 6 FLAGS TICKETS - If your student reads for 6 hours for fun before January 17th, s/he can earn a FREE ticket to any 6 Flags theme park for this summer break and a prize from the library. See attachment for full details.

Give the year-long gift of reading this holiday season! Renew an old subscription or start a new one at www.qsp.com. Enter our school code 1079939 and a portion of your order will help put new books on our library shelves!

Kudos to our PTO for the delicious breakfast they provided for the staff prior to the Thanksgiving break. What a great way to start the day by indulging in a variety of breakfast goodies! Many thanks, PTO!

We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who gave their time to assist in the cafeteria with the Thanksgiving Feast. Directing visitors and serving food greatly helped all staff and guests enjoy a holiday meal with their Hamilton Lion!

Notes from the Music Room

Third Grade Program - Third Graders will present "I Need a Vacation" on Monday, December 5th at 6:00 PM. Come and enjoy our students for an entertaining performance.

Fourth and Fifth Graders - Fourth and Fifth graders will be playing recorders the weeks of Dec 5th and 12th. If your student has not purchased or brought their recorder to school, please take care of that as soon as possible.



JUST A REMINDER IF YOU ARE DOING YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT WILLOWBROOK MALL, THAT WE ARE PARTICIPATING IN MY SCHOOL'S COOL PROGRAM. REDEEM YOUR POINTS BY TAKING YOUR RECEIPTS TO CUSTOMER SERVICE AT WILLOWBROOK MALL OR SEND YOUR RECEIPTS TO LORI SASSOS AT OUR FRONT DESK.

LOST & FOUND

Please be sure to check the Lost & Found for jackets and/or lunch boxes. Items not claimed will be donated on Dec. 20th.



Holiday Party RSVP

Monday, December 19
Kdg, 1st, 2nd & PPCD
2:30-3:15 PM

Tuesday, December 20
3rd, 4th, 5th & Life Skills
2:30-3:15 PM

In order to expedite the check in process we ask that you print and complete the form below. **Please return it to the school no later than Wednesday, December 14.**

Your visitor tag will be sent home with your student prior to the party date. 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.

If you do not take advantage of the RSVP, you will need to report to the front desk and present your drivers license to be checked in as a visitor.

If you are planning to take your student(s) home after the party, please notify the front desk by sending a note with your student.

Please check the day(s) you will be attending.

- Yes, I will be attending the Holiday Party on Monday, December 19 (*K, 1, 2, PPCD*).
- Yes, I will be attending the Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 20 (*3, 4, 5, LS*).

Visitor name (*as printed on driver's license or i.d.*) _____

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Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

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Hamilton Elementary PTO Spirit Sale Order Form



All orders due by Friday, December 9

HAMILTON HOODIES

It's finally cold outside, so keep your Lion snugly warm in our new Hamilton Elementary hoodies! Made from a sturdy cotton/polyester blend with a double-lined hood, these pullover-style hoodies are available in youth sizes in either navy blue or red. (See next page.)

Color: Navy Blue Red
Size (Youth): S M L XL
Price: \$23

HAMILTON BLANKETS

Measuring 50 x 60 inches, these cozy, full-size throw blankets are available in royal blue and deep red and are embroidered in white in the corner with "Hamilton" and a set of paws. To view the blankets, please visit the "Spirit Shop Page" at www.hamiltonelementarypto.com.

Color: Royal Blue Red
Price: \$20

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Please send full order form/payment to school with your child by FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9. Make checks payable to "Hamilton Elementary PTO." We'll send your order home on Friday, December 16. Thanks for your support!

Payment: Cash Check (# _____)

Contact Name: _____

Contact Number / E-mail: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Teacher: _____





Dear Families,

Your child's school is participating in an exciting program that encourages children in grades K through 6 to read for fun. *Read to Succeed* is a free program from Six Flags® and Discovery Education. Every student who completes six hours of recreational reading before the school's deadline noted below is eligible for a free admission ticket valid at participating Six Flags theme parks. Students will develop a greater appreciation for books when they see that you think reading is important too. You're sure to have fun as you investigate the world of reading together!

Here's what you need to know:

- Only students in grades K through 6 are eligible to take part in the Reading Club.
- Review the attached reading log. Your child should use this sheet to record what and how long he/she reads.
- Your child must complete six hours, or 360 minutes, of recreational reading. Please initial each entry and then sign the reading log to verify that the six hours of reading has been completed.
- Your child can read books, magazines, newspapers, or comic books. What doesn't count is any reading your child must do for homework or a class assignment. Kids can read silently, aloud, or with an adult—you can read to your child, or your child can read to you.
- Remind your child to return the reading log to his/her teacher by the date on the form. Late entries will not be accepted.

About the Tickets

Tickets will be distributed to students by your teacher/coordinator. The ticket is valid for admission on select dates during the 2012 season. Dates will be included on the tickets. Tickets are valid for students in grades K-6 only and are not valid for anyone over the age of 13. No exceptions. Each ticket is valid for one free admission only. Tickets are not for resale and are nontransferable. They cannot be replaced if lost, stolen or damaged.

Look for the Family Discount Offer!

Each *Read to Succeed* ticket will come with a discounted admission ticket offer for families so that they can celebrate their child's accomplishment. This discount information will be included along with the student ticket and can be accessed at DiscoveryEducation.com/ReadtoSucceed.

We hope that you and your child enjoy this free program and spend time reading together.

Happy Reading!

Please encourage your child to complete six hours of recreational reading and return the reading log to his/her teacher by:

_____ (Date to be filled in by teacher or school coordinator)

Cy-Fair ISD- Understanding Reimbursable Meals

There are essentially two types of foods offered in school cafeterias during the school day. Meals served through the federally funded USDA National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and foods served outside of these programs.

Schools are required by federal law to meet national nutrition standards. In return, the child nutrition department receives reimbursement funding for each meal served.

Most of the support USDA provides to schools in the NSLP comes in the form of a cash reimbursement for each meal served.



Cy-Fair Nutrition Services designed the menu (located online) to help students/parents understand the National School Lunch Program in Cy-Fair ISD. The students may select any entrée from the menu, fruit, side salad, vegetable, bread and milk for the established \$1.75 (elementary) and \$2.00 (secondary) meal.

A reimbursable meal, as established by the NSLP, consists of at least 3 of 5 food groups: Bread, Meat, Milk, Fruit and Vegetable. Students may be charged a la carte prices if they do not select enough of the food groups to qualify for a reimbursable meal. Cashiers may inform students that it would be less expensive for them to select another item in order for the meal to qualify for reimbursement.

Examples of a basic reimbursable meal: (Paid students = \$1.75/\$2.00, Reduced = \$0.40)

- Hamburger (meat and bread) and a milk
- Caesar Salad (vegetable) with chicken (meat) and roll (bread)
- Enchilada, rice, tossed salad, cornbread, fruit, baked beans, milk
- Pizza, watermelon slice, whole wheat roll, whole kernel corn, milk

Examples of an a la carte meal:

- Hamburger \$1.75 (meat and bread), water (\$.50) and cookie (\$.50). **Total = \$2.75**
- Pizza \$1.75 (meat and bread), cookie (\$.50), and a sports drink (\$1.00) **Total = \$3.25**

Cy-Fair schools have multiple lines at each campus to help with the high volume of students and to help speed service during lunch. The serving lines are set up so students can create a reimbursable meal at any point of sale. At an additional cost, a la carte items are offered at each point of sale. Students need to select menu items if they wish to spend only \$1.75/\$2.00 for lunch. All parents can monitor their student's lunch accounts online at www.paypams.com. If parents wish to restrict their child to only reimbursable meals, they can contact the cafeteria manager and she can place a note on the account.



VIPS MULTICULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, December 6, 9:30 a.m.

Berry Center

8877 Barker Cypress Road

(Use Entrance 2 and Follow the Signs)

Mission Statement

"The purpose of the CFISD Multicultural Committee is to raise the level of cultural understanding and respect by sharing information with the CFISD community to encourage cultural sensitivity and parental involvement to strengthen student success."

Is this Meeting for Me?

All parents, volunteers, school staff and members of the community are welcome to attend this informal meeting to discuss areas related to encouraging more parental involvement in our schools from multicultural families. We want to hear your challenges, share ideas that are working in our schools and applaud your successes in this increasingly important area.

Please RSVP to the Partners In Education Office at
vipsrsvp@cfisd.net

This meeting will be conducted in English. Adults only please.

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Cy-Fair ISD provides many opportunities for volunteers.

The Partners in Education department uses the information available through Virtual Volunteer to connect with thousands of Cy-Fair ISD volunteers.

Being an active Virtual Volunteer account holder with documented hours, you may receive any or all of the following through Virtual Volunteer email:

1. information pertaining to free volunteer trainings/meetings/events
2. volunteer recognitions from community business partners
3. special district committee meeting notices
4. requests to serve on district committees
5. district invitation to the end of the year VIPS Appreciation Event
6. communications regarding possible funding sources
7. district volunteer newsletter
8. annual volunteer conference registration

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

CREATE/UPDATE YOUR ACCOUNT TODAY!

Cypress Creek High School

Benefiting Senior Night After Prom (S.N.A.P.)

Barnes & Noble Bookfairs

Sunday, December 11th, 10am to 6pm

Barnes & Noble
1960 & Champion Forest

SAVE
THE DATE

- * Story time with Principal, Mr. Wells, in Children's area 2-3pm
- * Published author, Jackie Mims Hopkins, will be in attendance for story time and book signings
 - * Photos (for a donation) with Cy-Creek Mascot, Cheerleaders, Silvie's-times TBA and Santa Claus 3-5pm
 - * Cheesecake Factory Cheesecakes for sale at Starbucks
Orders can be made in advance or at the store. (14 pre-cut slices) YUM!
- * SAT, ACT & AP reading and study material available for purchase
 - * Cy-Creek School Library Wish-list will be available
- * Christmas Carols performed by Cy-Creek Band, Choir, Orchestra and Sr. Men ensembles
 - *Gift wrapping available (for donations)

Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online from 12/11/11 to 12/11/11

by entering Bookfair ID 10548139 at checkout.

A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases will benefit Senior Night After Prom.

****Bring your bookfair receipt dated Dec. 11, 2011 for \$10 or more to Chick-fil-A at 1960 & Cullen and receive a FREE Chick-fil-A[®] Sandwich.**

Offer valid Dec. 12-17, 2011. One receipt per person; not valid with any other offer.

