



TIPPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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FELICIA THOMAS, PRINCIPAL

AUGUST 2024

Important Dates

OPEN NOW	New Student Registration - ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY cfisd.net/cfisdregister
Aug. 9-11	Texas Sales Tax Holiday
Aug. 15	Meet the Teacher – August 15th 3:00 – 5:00 pm at The Church Without Walls
Aug. 19	First Day of School – Doors open at 7:55 am – Parents will be not be able to walk students to their classrooms
Sept. 2	Labor Day School Holiday for all Students and Staff
Sept. 15	Hispanic Heritage Month begins (ends on October 15th)
Sept. 17	OPEN HOUSE – 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Oct. 2-6	College & Career Week
Oct. 10-11	Nature Trails for 3rd/5th grades
Oct. 14	Student/Staff Holiday
Oct. 17	Fall Picture Day
Oct. 18	End of 1st nine weeks grading period
Nov. 4	Staff Professional Day/Student Holiday
Nov. 5	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
Nov. 11	Veteran’s Day Ceremony
Nov. 22	Turkey Trot FUN RUN
Nov. 25-29	Thanksgiving Holiday Break
Dec. 4	Fall Picture “Retake” Day
Dec. 20	End of 2nd nine weeks grading period

Principal’s Corner

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year at Tipps Elementary! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for the adventures and learning opportunities that await us. We are thrilled to reconnect with our students and families and to welcome new members to our community.

This year brings some exciting changes, including renovations to our school building. While we are eagerly anticipating the completion of these upgrades; the construction timeline is still uncertain. To ensure we start the year smoothly, we will be hosting our Meet the Teacher event at The Church Without Walls. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we navigate this temporary change.

We are also pleased to inform you that, despite the recent changes in the District's transportation guidelines, we will continue to provide bus transportation for all students at our campus. Ensuring our students have safe and reliable transportation remains a top priority.

For the first three days of school, we will open our doors at 7:45 AM to help ease the transition. Starting on the fourth day, our regular school opening time will be 7:55 AM.

We are committed to keeping the lines of communication open and encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns. Your support and involvement are invaluable as we work together to make this a successful and memorable school year for all our students.

Stay connected with us by following our school on Facebook and Twitter for updates, news, and important information.

Thank you for your continued support and flexibility. We are excited to welcome you back and look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Warm regards,
Mrs. Thomas, Principal

School Supplies for 2024-2025

Please visit our School Website at <https://www.cfisd.net/Tipps> for information on School Supplies. There is a limited number of EPI packets. All packets are \$56.00 each and can be purchased in the School Cash online payment portal.

Parents can purchase their student's supplies at area stores as well. (School Supply List attached).

Annual Student Information Update

Letters have been emailed to all current parents/guardians to access the parent portal in the Home Access Center (HAC) and complete the required updates for students who were enrolled and active in CFISD on the last day of school (May 31st) and will be returning for the 2024-2025 school year.

The last day to complete the annual student information update is Thursday, August 8th.

If you have moved and your student will be attending a different Cy Fair elementary school; the update is the easiest way to "transfer" your student to their new school. All that you need to do is update your address and load your proof of residency (Lease/Deed to Home) to the HAC.

The new campus will receive a notification and your student's records will be sent from Tipps to the new school. There is no need to register the student at the new campus.

PBIS Tipps' Tiger Behavior Strategies

TIGERS R.O.A.R.

R is for Responsible
O is for Ownership
A is for Always Safe
R is for Respectful

Tipps School Hours

School starts at 8:15 am and dismissal time is 3:40 pm. Doors open to admit students at 7:55 am.

Car Rider Tags

Car Rider Tags can be picked up at Meet the Teacher.

Car Rider Rules and expectations will be given out with your tags. Replacement fee for Lost Tags is \$5.00.

NEW SPIRIT SHIRTS Purchase in School Cash

Student spirit shirts are available for purchase in School Cash. Be sure to get your new Tipps Spirit Shirt! Shirts are \$12.00 each. Shirts will be on sale at Meet the Teacher. Please have exact change for your purchase.

Credit by Exam

Students in grades K-5 will have four opportunities during the school year to use "credit-by-exam" to accelerate to another grade level. Students will only have one opportunity to test for each grade level considered.

To apply to take the test to skip Kindergarten, a student must be 5 by September 1st, and registered in a CFISD school. To apply to take the test to skip Grade 1, a student must be 6 by September 1st, and enrolled in a CFISD school.

Students who earn scores of 80% or better on each component of the credit-by-exam will qualify to advance one grade. Only one grade level may be "skipped" each year. No retests will be given.

If you are interested in getting more information about credit-by-exam, please contact the school counselors at 281-345-3350.

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.cfisd.net
2. Select – Schools

3. Select Tipps Elementary
4. School Webpage will open
5. Back to School information is posted under Parents and Students.

Be sure to check the website for the most up to date information on the 2024-2025 school year.

Follow us on Social Media



Facebook - @tippsselementarycfisd



Twitter - @TippsElementary

MEET THE TEACHER

Due to our campus being under construction; the annual “Meet the Teacher” will be held down the street at the Church Without Walls located at 5725 Queenston Blvd., Houston, TX 77084.

Tables will be set up by grade level and you will be able to meet your child’s teacher, purchase a spirit shirt or school supplies (if available) and check/verify your student’s transportation.

DATE

Thursday, August 15th

TIME

2:00 – 3:00 PM - Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and 1st grade students

3:30 – 4:30 PM - 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students

Parents will park in the area to the right of the front of the church (North side of church closest to W. Little York) and enter at the doors by the blue bars in the front of the church.

SAVE THE DATE – Sept. 17th

Save the Date for the TIPPS Annual “OPEN HOUSE”. Join us on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:00 pm as we introduce you to a new school year! We can’t wait to share our goals and strategies to help your child be successful! More information will follow.

Bus/Lunch Tag Update

All students are issued 2 plastic tags, plastic sleeve, lanyard and plastic loop for the Bus Tag and the School Tag that is used in the Cafeteria and Library.

Replacement cost for each tag is \$5.00 and payable in School Cash.

All students who ride the bus must have a bus tag to board the bus. **Emergency replacement bus tags are \$1.00 each.**

1st Week of School

The first day of school is quickly approaching. In order to make the first week go by smoothly, please review the following information:

1. Doors will open at 7:45 am to receive all students the first three days of school and then at 7:55 for the remainder of the year.
2. No parent visitors will be allowed.
3. Breakfast and Lunch will be served to all students – Tipps provides free breakfast and lunch.
4. Transportation is very challenging the first day of school. Things improve greatly by the end of the week.
5. Buses will be running late, so do not worry. It isn’t uncommon for afternoon arrival to be delayed by at least 1 hour or more. For example, students may not board the bus and arrive home until 5 pm on the first day.
6. We ask that you be patient and wait at your home for the student to arrive in the afternoon.
7. You can assist the school/teacher by making sure that your student’s transportation information is correct so that we can place them on the correct bus or send them to day care or car rider lines at the end of the day.

