

2024-2025 Cottage School Program

Weekly News – Week of September 2

Good habits are worth being fanatical about.

~ John Irving

As we enter the fourth week of the school year already, have you noticed your child(ren) developing any habits as they tackle their schoolwork or prepare for the school week? Studies show that habits, good or bad, can form after just three weeks, though for habits to stick long term, at least six weeks are typically needed. Studies tout the benefits of building good habits, consistent and reliable behaviors that allow you to prioritize what's important and approach each day with a plan. Bad habits do the opposite and ultimately lead to stress and feeling overwhelmed. Fortunately, bad habits can be broken.

It's in our nature as humans to need routine and structure, and nothing gets us there more effectively than solid habits. What habits, even just one, are important to your family during the school year? If you're not sure, ask your child. If they're not sure, talk as a family and start a daily practice to instill a behavior that would benefit everyone in the home. It's never too late.

Happy Labor Day!

In Partnership,

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Announcements

IMPORTANT/NEW INFORMATION:

1. Monday, September 2--Labor Day, NO SCHOOL for Staff or Students

2. CSP MONDAY STUDENTS--Friday Make-up Day on September 6th

- Due to the Labor Day holiday, there is no school for Monday students on Monday, September 2nd. Students will instead attend school on Friday, September 6th.
- All students must bring a lunch from home on this Friday as no hot lunch is served.
- Students may wear denim bottoms with a uniform top on Friday Make-up Days.

3. September hot lunch menu for all students in grades 1-6 can be found [here](#).

NOTE: If a student forgets to order a hot lunch at the start of the school day, the only hot lunch menu item available to that student will be sunbutter and jelly. If a student arrives late for school but arrives before our lunch order has been submitted to Sodexo, that student may still order hot lunch as long as the front office is notified upon signing in for the day and as long as it is prior to 8:30 AM. If a parent knows a student will be arriving to school later than 8:30 AM, that parent can call the front office prior to 8:30 AM and place a lunch order for the student.

4. Grandparents' Week is next week!

- The week of September 9th, grandparents (or a "grand-friend" in lieu of a grandparent) are invited to visit CSP classrooms. Specific schedule is as follows; grandparents attend on the day the student attends class:

Monday/Tuesday Students (grades K, 2, 4, and 6)

Kindergarten, Room 130, 8:15-8:50 AM

4th Grade, Room 121, 8:50-9:25 AM

2nd Grade, Room 128, 9:25-10:15 AM

6th Grade, Room 123, 10:00-10:30 AM

Wednesday/Thursday Students (grades 1, 3, and 5)

5th Grade, Room 123, 2:00-2:30 PM

1st Grade, Room 128, 2:35-3:00 PM

3rd Grade, Room 121, 3:00-3:25 PM

5. NEW THIS YEAR! TCA East Campus Adopt-a-Book during Grandparents' Week!

- NEW this year is an opportunity for grandparents to adopt a book in the TCA East Library to dedicate to a grandchild in the Cottage School Program. More details can be found [HERE](#) and in the flyer below!

6. Student Fees

- Student fees are now posted in Infinite Campus and they can be paid in the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#); information about how to pay fees in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal can be found [HERE](#).
- Fees can be paid from your Infinite Campus portal. We encourage you to attach your bank account as a payment method in Infinite Campus to avoid paying higher transaction fees. Paying with an e-check will only incur a \$0.35 fee for the entire transaction, but card payments will incur a 3.5% transaction fee. If you have previous years' fees to pay, you will have to change the year in the dropdown menu at the top of the Fees page in order to select and add the older fees to your cart.

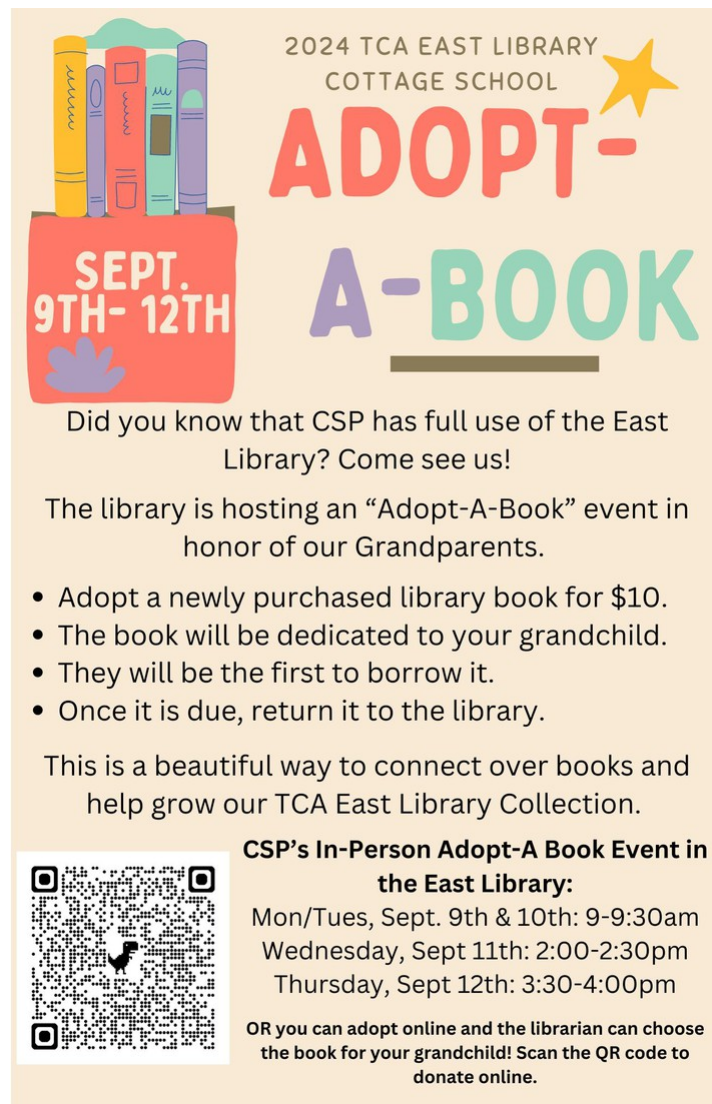
7. School Accountability Committee (SAC)--Tuesday, September 10

- Interested in joining CSP/CP's SAC? Come to the first meeting Tuesday, September 10, 10 - 11 AM in the TCA East Conference Room (childcare not provided). Meetings are held each quarter throughout the school year with the purpose of discussing budget priorities, safety, the school improvement plan, and other items pertaining to the operation of both CSP and CP.

8. Volunteer Application Process--NEW

- Interested in being a field trip chaperone, attending a field trip, or helping out in the classroom in some capacity (i.e. class parties, art show preparation, field day)? All individuals who are around students are required to be cleared as volunteers and undergo a background check. A few important things to note:
 - Field trip chaperones are filled on a first-come, first-served basis via your child's classroom teacher.
 - If a field trip venue permits, parents sometimes choose to drive themselves to the venue and pay their own entrance fee. A volunteer application must still be completed for all who might be interested in doing this. (Please remember attending a field trip is not always possible unless one is a chaperone.)
 - Volunteer paperwork must be completed even if one is not working directly with students (such as art show preparation).
- **Please click [here](#) to start the application process.** It should only take about five minutes. For Step One, please read the Volunteer Guidelines, print out the last page and sign, and either hand deliver or email to Tiffany Jolly in the CSP office (tjolly@asd20.org). For Step Two, the most important thing to remember to do is to select one "function"/volunteer classification only: "**Legal Guardian (Non-Overnight)**." Email Stef Hille, shille@asd20.org, if you have any questions.

9. Typing Pal will be made available to students in 3rd-6th grades in early September. More information to come.

A graphic for the Adopt-A-Book event. At the top left, there is an illustration of four books (yellow, red, blue, and green) standing upright. Below them is a red rectangular box with the text 'SEPT. 9TH- 12TH' in white, with a small purple flower icon at the bottom. To the right of the books, the text '2024 TCA EAST LIBRARY COTTAGE SCHOOL' is written in a small, black, sans-serif font. Below this, the words 'ADOPT-' are in large, bold, red letters, and 'A-BOOK' is in large, bold, green letters. A yellow star is positioned to the right of the word 'ADOPT-'. Below the title, there is a paragraph: 'Did you know that CSP has full use of the East Library? Come see us!'. This is followed by another paragraph: 'The library is hosting an "Adopt-A-Book" event in honor of our Grandparents.'. Then, there is a bulleted list: '• Adopt a newly purchased library book for \$10.', '• The book will be dedicated to your grandchild.', '• They will be the first to borrow it.', '• Once it is due, return it to the library.'. Below the list, there is a paragraph: 'This is a beautiful way to connect over books and help grow our TCA East Library Collection.'. At the bottom left, there is a QR code. To the right of the QR code, the text reads: 'CSP's In-Person Adopt-A Book Event in the East Library: Mon/Tues, Sept. 9th & 10th: 9-9:30am Wednesday, Sept 11th: 2:00-2:30pm Thursday, Sept 12th: 3:30-4:00pm'. Below this, it says: 'OR you can adopt online and the librarian can choose the book for your grandchild! Scan the QR code to donate online.'

A Note from the East Campus Librarian

Hello CSP Families!

Did you know that you have access to the East Campus Library and not just your students? You can come and check out materials (4 items per account) and have them for 2 weeks! Parents are welcome as soon as 8:00am until 8:20am. If you are here during school hours, feel free to stop by, however, if Mrs. Hinkin has a class with her in the library then we ask that you wait until after school or come back when she isn't with a class. The library is also open from 3:30pm-4:00pm.

Your student is also welcome to come by and checkout books! Without a parent, your student(s) can come in at 8:05am until 8:15am OR at the end of the day. However, we do ask that your student spends no more than 5min as we have to make sure the library isn't a "holding" area for late carpoolers, but rather an environment of finding great books and interacting with the library staff to help them find great books! You also have online access to audio books and e-books. Checkout our library page <https://www.tcatitans.org/schools/east-elementary/grade-level-information/east-elementary-library> for more information.

If you have any questions, contact the East Campus Librarian: Mrs. Hinkin, ahinkin@asd20.org



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