



TIPPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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FELICIA THOMAS, PRINCIPAL

OCTOBER 2024

Important Dates

Sept. 30-Oct. 4	<i>College Week (Flyer attached)</i>
Sept. 30	Parent ESL Classes begin – 8:00 am
Oct. 7 – 18	Read-A-Thon Fundraiser – Packets go home with students on 9/30/24
Oct. 8	Field Trip to Dewberry Farm for Kindergarten students
Oct. 10-11	Nature Trails for 3 rd /5 th grades
Oct. 14	Student/Staff Holiday
Oct. 15	Hispanic Heritage Night – 5:30 pm
Oct. 17	Fall Picture Day
Oct. 18	End of 1 st nine weeks grading period
Oct. 21-30	Pumpkin Extravaganza
Oct. 22	Field Trip to Houston Zoo for 2 nd grade students
Oct. 24	Field Trip to Oil Ranch for 1 st grade students
Oct. 28 – Nov. 1	<i>Red Ribbon Week</i>
Oct. 31	Book Character Parade
Nov. 4	Staff Professional Day/Student Holiday
Nov. 5	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
Nov. 11	Veteran’s Day Ceremony
Nov. 14-20	Fall Book Fair
Nov. 19	Curriculum Night for Reading, Math and Writing – 5:30 pm
Nov. 22	Turkey Trot FUN RUN
Nov. 25-29	Thanksgiving Holiday Break
Dec. 4	Fall Picture “Retake” Day
Dec. 20	End of 2 nd nine weeks grading period

Principal’s Corner

Dear Tipps Elementary Parents,

At Tipps Elementary, we believe in fostering strong partnerships between home and school to ensure the success of our students. As part of that, we understand that sometimes concerns may arise. When they do, we encourage you to follow these steps to make certain that issues are resolved quickly and effectively at the campus level:

- 1. First, speak with your child’s teacher:** The classroom teacher is often the best resource to address concerns about your child’s day to day experiences. Most issues can be resolved by speaking directly with the person closest to the situation.
- 2. Next, contact the Assistant Principals:** If you feel that our concern hasn’t been resolved after talking with the teacher, our Assistant Principals are available to provide additional support.
- 3. Finally, reach out to the Principal:** If further assistance is needed, we encourage you to reach out to the Principal to further discuss and confirm that your concerns are addressed.

We are committed to working with you to resolve any issues as we all share the same goal: creating a positive learning environment for all our students.

In addition to resolving concerns, we ask that you support your child’s learning at home. You can do this by:

- **Checking in daily:** Ask your child about their day and listen to their experiences.
- **Reading together:** Reading with your child not only supports academic development, but also creates an opportunity for meaningful bonding.
- **Supporting your child’s teacher:** Speaking positively about their teacher and reinforcing the

importance of school can make a big difference in your child's attitude toward learning.

We are also excited to announce that we are working on sending out **volunteer opportunities!** If you are interested in volunteering, we ask that you complete a **volunteer orientation** first. Afterward, you will be added to our Remind group, where we will share upcoming opportunities to help. To sign up for volunteer orientation, please fill out this form: [Volunteer Sign-Up Form](#)

We are incredibly proud of our students and are continually working to help them develop strong social skills. Social interactions are key to their growth and success, both inside and outside the classroom.

To reinforce social skills at home, we encourage you to check out this free, one-hour training on social skills development: [Project Class Workshop](#) This resource offers practical tools you can use at home to help your child navigate social interactions with confidence and empathy.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we are building a brighter future for our students!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Thomas, Principal

Birthday Ads on Marquee

Celebrate your child's birthday on our digital marquee. Ads are \$10.00 each and are available for purchase in School Cash. Please allow at least one-week lead time for your ad request to be processed. All proceeds will benefit our PBIS program.

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

Spirit Shirt Purchase Information

Student spirit shirts are available for purchase in School Cash. Be sure to get your new Tipps Spirit Shirt! Shirts are \$12.00 each. This shirt commemorates our 20th anniversary. <https://cypress-fairbanksisd.schoolcashonline.com/>



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. Students are considered tardy if they arrive after 8:20 am.

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.cfishd.net
2. Select – Schools
3. Select Tipps Elementary
4. School Webpage will open

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 - @tipps elementarycfisd



Twitter - @TippsElementary

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 or cash payment to the front desk.

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

Counselor's Corner

The Gifted & Talented Screening Deadline for new and current students in grades 1 – 11 is November 30, 2024.

Requests for mid-year screening for the HORIZONS program may be submitted by parents by accessing the online acknowledgement in the Gifted and Talented link located in the Parent Portal of the [Home Access Center](#).

Parents will need their login information to complete this process. Please review the attached flyer for more information.

News from the Library

October is a very busy month for the Tipps' Library. The Read-A-Thon Fundraiser will start on October 7th and end on October 18th. Students will bring packets home on Monday, September 30th.

The "Pumpkin Extravaganza" returns starting October 21st and will wrap up on October 30th. Be sure to review the rules regarding student submissions. All pumpkins must be picked up by the end of the day on Wednesday, October 30th.

We will end October with the annual Book Character Parade. The attached flyer outlines the rules for this event. Make sure that your book character and costume are school appropriate. Our students are very creative, and this is always a fun event for the campus.



Field Trip Chaperone Expectations

As part of our efforts to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all students during field trips, I'd like to outline our expectations for chaperones. If you're interested in volunteering as a chaperone for any of our upcoming field trips, we kindly ask that you visit the school to have your State issued Driver's License scanned in our RAPTOR system and receive a Field Trip chaperone tag the morning of the event. This is a standard procedure to ensure the safety of all students under our care. (Note – no ID's that are scanned to a phone can be accepted.)

Chaperones will be expected to accompany their assigned group of students throughout the duration of the field trip, following the designated itinerary and ensuring that all safety guidelines are adhered to. Your presence and guidance are invaluable in enhancing the educational experience for our students outside of the classroom.

Please note that while we appreciate the enthusiasm of younger siblings, we kindly request that they do not accompany chaperones on field trips. Our focus during these outings is on the students and their learning experiences, and we want to ensure that chaperones can dedicate their full attention to the students they are supervising.

By working together to uphold these expectations, we can ensure that our field trips are not only educational but also safe and enjoyable for everyone involved. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

