



TIPPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



TITLE I SCHOOL

FELICIA THOMAS, PRINCIPAL

NOVEMBER 2024

Important Dates

Oct. 28 – Nov. 1	<i>Red Ribbon Week</i>
Oct. 31	Book Character Parade
Nov. 1	Parent Lunch Visits begin
Nov. 4	Staff Professional Day/Student Holiday
Nov. 5	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
Nov. 7	Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night – 4-7 pm 6175 Hwy. 6 North
Nov. 11	Veteran’s Day Ceremony – 2:45 pm
Nov. 14-20	Fall Book Fair
Nov. 19	Playground Dedication – 5:30 pm
Nov. 19	Curriculum Night for Reading, Math and Science – 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Nov. 20	Kids Invite Someone Special Day Kinder/2 nd /4 th grades
Nov. 21	Kids Invite Someone Special Day PK, 1 st , 3 rd & 5 th
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
Jan. 7	School resumes for all students & staff

Principal’s Corner

Dear Tipps’ Parents & Guardians,

We want to take a moment to thank you for partnering with us in ensuring your child receives a great education! Your involvement and support make a huge difference in their success, and we are so grateful for the role you play in helping them thrive.

There are many ways you can continue to engage in your child’s elementary education:

- Volunteer in the classroom: Assist teachers during special activities, reading time, or classroom projects.
- Attend parent-teacher conferences: Stay connected with your child’s progress and work together with their teacher on academic goals.
- Join the PTA/PTO: Get involved with the school community, share ideas, and participate in planning events that enhance your child’s school experience.
- Help with homework: Encourage good study habits by being available to review homework and offer support.
- Read together: Foster a love of reading by spending time reading books with your child each week.
- Support school events: Attend field trips, family nights, or school assemblies to stay engaged in their learning environment.

Additionally, we are looking for room parents who will coordinate their class’s holiday and end-of-year parties! Room parents will also assist the teacher as needed throughout the year. If you’re interested, please reach out to your child’s teacher, or scan the QR code on page 3.

We also have other volunteer opportunities available for parents! Whether you have a little time or a lot, there is something for everyone. Check out the different ways

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

you can get involved by scanning the QR codes provided on page 3.

Thank you again for your continued support. Together, we are creating a strong, positive educational experience for your child!

Warm regards,
Mrs. Thomas, Principal

Spirit Shirt Purchase Information

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



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 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.cfid.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 elementarycfid



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

We have had great fun looking at all the pumpkins that students brought in for the Pumpkin Extravaganza. 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. Please make sure that your book character and costume are school appropriate.

The Fall Book Fair will run from November 14-20 with evening shopping on Tuesday, November 19th. The Book Fair will close at noon on November 20th.

Volunteering at Tipps

If you would like to volunteer at Tipps, we currently have the following opportunities:

Room Parent – Follow the link to sign up to help in your child’s classroom.



Library– Follow the link to view upcoming opportunities to help in our library.

<https://signup.com/go/wkaseZg>



PBIS Store – Volunteer to help sort our student prizes and deliver prizes to the classrooms.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0445A5A62CA5FD0-51750794-pbis>



If you are interested in volunteering but have not completed the volunteer orientation, go ahead and sign up to volunteer and we will provide an orientation when you come to the school. Once you complete the orientation, you will be added to our What’s App group where we communicate with our school volunteers.

VOLUNTEER



Playground Dedication on 11/19/24

We are very excited to announce the dedication of our new playground area on Tuesday, November 19th at 5:30 pm. Tipps received a sizeable donation from Spark Park. Construction has been ongoing and will wrap up in early November. Please join us for this very special ceremony.

Turkey Trot Fun Run – 11/22/24

The annual Turkey Trot Fun Run will take place on Friday, November 22nd, weather permitting. (If event is canceled, it will not be rescheduled.)

Registration forms must be returned to the school no later than November 20th. Parents will park at The Church Without Walls and ride the bus to/from Tipps. Bus service will end around 1 pm.

Parent Lunch Visit Update

Parent Lunch Visits will begin on **Friday, November 1, 2024**. This year, visits will only occur on **Fridays**.

This school year, parents will sign up for a lunch visit on our **Sign-Up Genius** page. **There is a limit of 12 parents per grade level lunch.** Students will be allowed 1 adult parent visitor. Once the slots are filled for that day, you will have to select another day for your visit.

The schedule for November and December is as follows:

Friday, November 1st, 8th and 15th and December 6th and 13th. There will be no visits on Friday, Nov. 22nd or Friday, Dec. 20th.

QR code to register:



Why Student Attendance Matters

Regular attendance is essential for your child's success in school! Students who attend consistently are more likely to keep up with daily lessons, develop strong academic skills, and build positive relationships with teachers and classmates. Even occasional absences can cause students to fall behind and miss important learning opportunities. Here's how parents can help ensure strong attendance:

- **Set a routine:** Establish a consistent bedtime and morning routine to help your child feel prepared and rested for school.
- **Plan appointments after school:** Schedule doctor and dentist visits outside of school hours when possible.
- **Stay informed:** Monitor the school calendar for holidays and breaks, and plan family trips during these times.
- **Communicate:** Let the school know if your child is sick and help them catch up on missed work when they return.

By supporting regular attendance, you're giving your child the best chance for academic success and a bright future!

Kids Invite Someone Special Days November 20th & November 21st

Tipps will host "Kids Invite Someone Special" days on Wednesday, November 20th and Thursday, November 21st. Please review the attached flyer for important information. **All parent guests MUST pre-register to attend the event.** Visitor stickers will be sent home on Monday, November 18th.

You may contact the front office at 281-345-3350 if you have any questions regarding this event. Due to space limitations, there is a limit of 2 adults per student and we cannot accommodate any students that are enrolled at other CFISD campuses, home school or students would otherwise be enrolled in a public/private/online school. No exceptions can be made.

Curriculum Night is Nov. 19th

Save the date for our annual Curriculum Night which will follow the playground dedication. This is your opportunity for a deep dive into each the core subjects that your student is taught each day. In addition, the Book Fair will be open for shopping and we will have Bingo in the gym. Refreshments will be served at the end of the event.

Parking will be at The Church Without Walls. Families will ride a bus to/from Tipps.

Hope to see you there!

Veteran's Day Ceremony

Tipps Elementary will hold a Veteran's Day Ceremony on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 2:45 pm.

All Veterans and active duty military personnel are invited to attend the program. (No other guests can be accommodated due to space limitations.)

The attached letter provides information for those who plan to attend as well as for those who are unable to join us for the ceremony.

Thank you for your service!



Title I Notice to Parents

As a parent at a campus receiving Title I funds, federal law allows you to ask for information about the certification, college major, and advanced degrees of your child's teacher(s). You also have the right to request information about the qualifications of a teacher aide or paraprofessional providing direct services to your child. If you would like to receive this information, you may contact the Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D. Human Resources Department at 281-897-4099.