



TIPPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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FELICIA THOMAS, PRINCIPAL

JANUARY 2025

Important Dates

Jan. 7	School resumes for all students & staff
Jan. 10	Report Cards go home
Jan. 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday for all students and staff
Feb. 7	Progress Reports go home for the 3 rd nine weeks grading period
Feb. 14	Student Holiday
Feb. 17	Student Holiday
Feb. 25	Black History Program
March 6-7	Field Day – Schedule to follow
March 7	End of 3 rd nine weeks
March 10-14	Spring Break for all students & staff
March 21	Report Cards go home with students
April 18	Good Friday Holiday for all Staff and Students
April 21	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday

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

Principal's Corner

Dear Tipps' Parents/Guardians,

As the holiday season approaches, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support throughout this school year. Your partnership and dedication to your child's education are the foundation of their success, and we are truly thankful for all that you do.

The holidays are a wonderful time to relax, recharge, and spend quality time with loved ones. They also present an opportunity for students to continue building their academic skills in a fun and manageable way. To support your child's ongoing growth during the break, we encourage them to set aside time each week for learning:

- **30 minutes of ST Math:** A fantastic program to sharpen their math skills through engaging and interactive activities.
- **30 minutes of AMIRA:** A valuable tool to enhance their reading fluency and comprehension.

By dedicating just an hour each week to these activities, your child can maintain the progress they've made so far and start the new year strong.

We are excited about all the possibilities the new year holds and look forward to continuing our journey of learning and growth together. As always, our goal is to provide your child with the tools and support they need to thrive academically and beyond.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season filled with peace, love, and cherished moments with family and friends. Here's to a bright and successful new year!

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/>



We are submitting our final order for Spirit Shirts for the 2024-2025 school year. We are out of youth sizes and have only Adult XL, Adult 2X and Adult 3X shirts available for purchase.

If you would like to purchase a shirt for your student; please order/pay in School Cash or submit the attached order form by January 10, 2025 in order to guarantee that your student will receive a shirt.

Thank you for showing your school spirit!

Transportation Updates

Please note the following regarding Emergency Contacts:

"A person's inclusion on the emergency card will not authorize that person to have access to the campus or student without separate written permission from a parent/guardian to do so, or in accordance with the established procedures for a school-initiated removal when a parent/guardian cannot be reached. In the event the school initiates removal/release of the student and a parent/guardian cannot be reached, the student will only be released to persons designated on the school's emergency card, and consistent with any court-ordered possession periods." (Student Handbook – Page 16)

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1730392572/cfisdnet/g0eqv3x0tnwnarh5nwfo/2024-25StudentHandbook-103124.pdf>

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

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.**

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.



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.

Parents and Grandparents: If you are the parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in the CFISD school where you wish to volunteer, you must create a volunteer portal account with CFISD.

1. Create a Volunteer Portal Account and receive your account information and password from donotreply@raptortech.com (Could take 5 business days).
<https://www.cfid.net/departments/community-engagement/volunteer> - Click to get more information on how to create portal account.

2. Present your driver's license at the school's front desk each time you volunteer and ask the receptionist to sign you in as a volunteer.

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.



Lunch Visit Information

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. Scan the QR code below to sign up for a lunch visit.



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.