

## DISTRICT NEWS

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## Summer School Dates

Summer school 2007 for elementary schools will be held from June 11-29; LEP pre-kindergarten and kindergarten summer school will be June 11 through July 5.

The first session for middle and high schools is scheduled for June 11-29; and the second session for secondary schools will be held July 9-27.

For locations and summer school hours, go to Important Dates on the district website.

## 2007-2008 School Calendar

Last spring, the district printed the 2006-2007 school calendar and sent a copy home with each student in addition to posting the calendar on the district website.

However, due to budget cuts, a printed school calendar will no longer be sent home beginning with the 2007-2008 school calendar.

Patrons will be able to download the calendar and the campus directory information from the district website. A copy of the calendar will also be included in the Student Handbook, in campus newsletters and other handbooks.

This will save the district in printing and paper costs.

## MS/HS Report Cards

Report cards for middle schools and high schools will be mailed on May 30. This will vary by one day either way depending on when ALL schools have finished their processing. Please allow 5-7 days for delivery.

## Key Communicator Letters

To stay informed on the most current information regarding issues impacting the district, patrons and community members can subscribe as a CFISD Key Communicator.

In order to receive the Key Communicator letter via email, go to the district website at [www.cfid.net](http://www.cfid.net), click on Contact Us, then on Email to subscribe to the Key Communicator letters.

# Holocaust survivor at Hamilton MS



Eighth-grade students at Hamilton Middle School hosted an event called "Voices of the Holocaust" on May 8 with keynote speaker Walter Kase, a Holocaust survivor.

Students show Kase a mock shoe memorium that was often created in concentration camps to pay tribute to those who died in the Holocaust. Students recently completed a unit project on the Holocaust in which Language Arts students paid tribute to the 1.5 million children who died during that time.

## Registration dates set for new students

Registration for the 2007-2008 school year will begin Tuesday, Aug. 14, through Friday, Aug. 17, for elementary and middle schools. High school registration will begin Tuesdays through Thursdays on July 24, 25, 26; July 31, Aug. 1, 2; Aug. 7, 8, 9; and Aug. 14, 15, 16. For registration times, visit your [campus website](#) or [contact your school](#). For the 2007-2008 school year, children entering the first grade must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2007, and children entering kindergarten for the first time must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2007.

Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D. offers full-day kindergarten on all campuses.

A half-day pre-kindergarten is offered for children four years of age on or before Sept. 1 if they meet at least one of the following criteria: Students must be unable to speak and comprehend the English language, or they must be from a family whose income, according to standards set by the State Board of Education, is at or below subsistence level; homeless; or has a parent who is an active duty member of the military.

Students registering for pre-kindergarten based on the inability to speak English will be given a language test. Parents of students

registering for pre-kindergarten based on low income levels must furnish a W-2 form and paycheck stubs from the most recent 30 days.

Students enrolling in the school district for the first time will need the following at the time of registration:

- a certified copy of the child's birth certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics (see [City of Houston Bureau of Vital Statistics](#) to obtain a birth certificate if born in the city of Houston)
- a current [immunization record](#);
- a proof of residency (a current light, gas or water bill if living in a house or a lease agreement if residing in an apartment); and
- a Social Security card for each child, if available.

In addition, high school students registering in grades 10-12 are strongly encouraged to bring an unofficial transcript when they register, so that they may be enrolled in classes at this time.

Parents are expected to accompany their children during registration. Any parent who is unsure which school his/her children are zoned to attend, may contact the Coordinator of Mapping and Student Enrollment at 281-517-2187 for assistance. For general questions regarding registration, please call 281-517-6006.

**Registration begins Aug. 14**

## High schools to move to a 7-period day

CFISD high schools will move to a 7-period day for the 2008-2009 school year as a direct result of the State Board of Education's decision to require 26 credits for the Recommended High School Program (RHSP).

Currently, CFISD high schools are on a 6-period daily schedule. However, beginning next year, high school students will have 28 total class periods during their four years of high school, which will allow those on the RHSP to earn the required 26 credits as well as two optional electives.

In preparation for the transition to a 7-period day, administrators have carefully considered the following issues;

- Daily schedule: length of class time, transportation schedules and lunch schedules;
- Teachers' schedules;
- Changes in individual six-year and four-year plans and high school schedules;
- Changes in curricula and course offerings to provide the appropriate opportunities for

electives, academic intervention courses and advanced courses throughout the 7-period day;

- Revision of district policies related to both the new graduation plan and a 7-period day; and
- Revision of publications and counseling materials to communicate changes to students and parents.

The first group of students to graduate under the new 26-credit graduation requirement (RHSP) will be next year's ninth-grade class.

Dr. David Anthony, superintendent of schools, said he realizes the change is not easy, but understanding the rationale and having the facts are important for the CFISD community.

"During the next several months, we will be addressing issues to ensure a smooth transition to a 7-period high school day in 2008, so that all of our high school students will have the opportunity to access and complete the necessary courses for their graduation plan 'during' the regular school day," Dr. Anthony said.