

DISTRICT NEWS
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2008 Summer School Dates

The 2008 Summer School dates for elementary schools will be from June 11 through July 3; LEP pre-kindergarten and kindergarten summer school will be June 10 through July 3, 2008.

The first session for middle and high schools is scheduled for June 11 through July 3; and the second session for secondary schools will be held July 14 through Aug. 1. Locations and summer school hours have yet to be announced.

Attendance Boundaries

The district has been working with a demographic consultant to develop a plan for attendance boundaries for Hemmenway and M. Robinson elementary schools. It is anticipated that the Board of Trustees will make the final decisions for attendance boundaries on Jan. 22, 2008 at the regularly scheduled Board meeting. The public can view the attendance boundary plan and provide input at www.cfsd.net.

Goal-setting Workshop

Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District has scheduled its annual Budget and Board Goal-setting Workshop for Feb. 23 in the Instructional Support Center. During the workshop, the district's administration will provide progress reports on the 2007-2008 priorities. Based on these reports and input from various groups and individuals, the Board will establish the 2008-2009 priorities.

For additional information about the annual workshop, please contact the Communication Office at 281-807-8939. The current 2007-2008 District Goals can be viewed on the district website at www.cfsd.net.

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. To receive Key Communicator letters electronically, go to the district website at www.cfsd.net, click on Contact Us, then on Email to subscribe.

Kindergarten preregistration

Kindergarten preregistration for 2008-2009 kindergarten classes will be held in all elementary schools on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. To be eligible for this program, a child must be five years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2008. No exceptions will be made. The district provides full-day kindergarten. To register, parents must provide the school with the following items:

- 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 (example: lease agreement or utility bill)
- a social security card for each child, if available.

For additional information regarding where to register kindergarten students, parents can contact their neighborhood school.

Students currently enrolled in the district's prekindergarten program are automatically registered for kindergarten. The student's permanent folder, which contains the student's birth certificate and immunization records, will

be sent to the student's home school for the kindergarten year.

Therefore, there is no need for parents of current prekindergartners to attend the kindergarten registration on April 1. For additional information, call the kindergarten/prekindergarten hotline at 281-517-2645 or visit the district website at www.cfsd.net.

PREKINDERGARTEN LEP (Limited English Proficiency) PREREGISTRATION

Prekindergarten preregistration is for LEP students only--students who speak a language other than English.

Students must be four years old by Sept. 1, 2008. No exceptions will be made. A student must be present at the time of registration to determine, through testing, if he/she will qualify for the program.

If a student qualifies as an ESL or Bilingual student, the student may register for prekindergarten.

All other students eligible for prekindergarten will register in August.

To register, parents must provide the school with the same registration items listed above.

Computer course registration begins Feb. 3

Adults (18 and over) can register for computer courses on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Instructional Support Center-West, located at 10494 Jones Road.

Courses are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis because class sizes are limited.

All classes, which will be held on the second floor of ISC-West, begin on Saturday, Feb. 9. The cost of a three-hour course is \$30 and the cost of a six-hour course is \$60.

Payment is due on the day of registration by bringing the exact cash amount or making a check payable to Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. Credit cards will not be accepted and there will

be no refunds or transferring of money between courses. A course is subject to cancellation by Cy-Fair Technology Services if student enrollment is low. If a course is canceled by Cy-Fair, payment will be refunded.

Class enrollment is accepted by phone after the first day of registration upon availability of space.

For more information, please call 281-897-6443 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Course descriptions, dates, times and costs will soon be posted on the district website at www.cfsd.net.

Students prepare for Livestock Show and Sale

CFISD students in the Future Farmers of America (FFA) program are preparing to exhibit and sell their livestock and projects at the 14th Annual Cypress-Fairbanks School District Livestock Show and Sale, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, at the Exhibit Center located at 11206 Telge Road.

According to Dirk Goldsmith, director for career and technology, students will display their hard work and teamwork at the Livestock Show and Sale.

"The main focus of this event has always been instructional—they learn the basics of entrepreneurship," Goldsmith said. "Students get to run their own business, purchase the necessary items for grooming their livestock and keep detailed records, including the cost of feed."

Approximately 470 student exhibitors and 485 student projects will be exhibited and judged. Show times for the livestock judging on Jan. 31 will be as follows:

- 8:00 a.m. Rabbit Show
- 11:00 a.m. Poultry Show
- 1:00 p.m. Lamb Show
- 3:00 p.m. Steer/Heifer Show

Livestock judging show times on Feb. 1 will be as follows:

- 8:00 a.m. Swine Show

- 1:00 p.m. Goat Show

The Buyer's Luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, at Arnold Middle School, located at 11111 Telge Road, and the Premium Auction will be at 1 p.m. at the Exhibit Center.

The community and all buyers are invited to attend the event to show support to the CFISD students who have worked diligently in preparing for the event.

"Last year, the community set a record—a 25 percent increase from the previous year—in supporting students by buying their projects," Goldsmith said. "We are always grateful for the support of the community and CFISD staff members—especially when they come and watch the FFA students in action."

FFA is the local affiliate of the national organization in which members can participate in numerous competitions at the local and state level. FFA seeks to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Membership is open to students in all grade levels with an interest in agricultural science.

For more information about the Livestock Show and Sale, please call 281-897-4074.

