



The Howler



April 2024 Issue

Important Numbers : **Front Desk:** 281-373-2303 **Fax:** 281-373-2304

Calendar of April

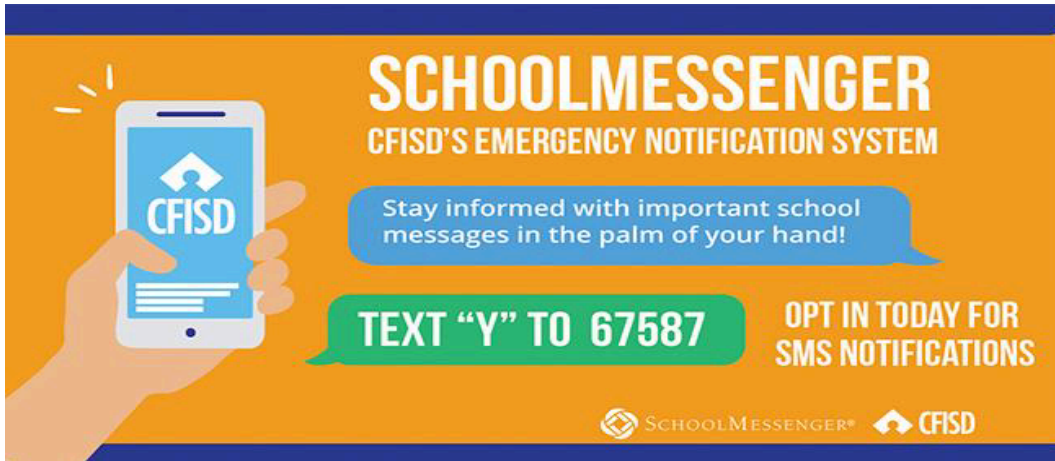
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Dance Art Team 4th- 9-weeks starts End of Year fast pass goes home	2 Chick-fil a Spirit night	3 Last day of tutoring Kinder field trip	4 Last day of tutoring	5 Report card Post HAC Spirit Shop GEMS Dance teams @ Cy-Fair spring show	6
7	8 Dance Art Team Solar Eclipse day Willie's spirit night Pk/ K pre registration week	9 Pk/ K pre registration week	10 YMOD Spillane middle school Night Pk/ K pre registration week	11 Pk/ K pre registration week	12 Kinder science day GEMS Pk/ K pre registration week	13
14	15 Teacher Work Day No Students	16 STAAR No visitors Marco's Pizza Pk/ECSE/SOAR Box night	17 STAAR No visitors Career Fair	18 STAAR No visitors Choral Fest Pom Squad Cy-Woods	19 Dance Team @ Cy-Woods	20
21	22 Dance Art Team	23 STAAR No visitors	24 STAAR No visitors	25	26	27
28	29 Dance Art Team Kinder construction day	30 Progress report posted				

Wednesdays = College Day
 Fridays = Spirit Day

Principal's Messages

Parents,

We are asking that you opt into school messenger. This is where important messages will be sent from. Thank you for helping us keep the communication lines open.



Important Reminders:



AM car rider drop off begins at 8:10 AM and run until 8:40 AM

- *Staff will help guide students in until 8:40 AM.*
- *They will have to return to their daily duty in the building, so that we will be ready to start school promptly at 8:45 AM.*
- *If you are pulling into the drive at 8:40 AM,-8:45 AM you will need to park and escort the student(s) to the doors for Safety.*
- *At 8:45 AM the student(s) is considered Tardy as the school bell rings and class starts.*
- *Bus transportation is available for all students who live in the Woodard zone as an alternative to carrider. If the bus is late for any reason the student will not be considered late.*
- *Thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to get all 1100 students into the building safely.*
- *When dropping off items make sure all items are labeled with student 1st and last name and teacher name, The items will be placed in the teacher boxes and will be picked up at their next break. The only item that will be taken right away will be eyeglass.*
- *Lunch Visitors Must have their physical ID to enter the building(phone picture not accepted) We apologies for this inconvenience.*
- *The front desk does not accept cash for the spirit cart, the student will need to bring it with them or you may attend lunch that day.*

April 8-12, 2024

[click on flier link below for more information](#)

Pre-K /Kindergarten pre registration -Flier

PBIS

Families looking for information to help grow our Positive Behavior Incentives. Please take a quick second to complete our survey. Thank you!



What is Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports? (PBIS)

PBIS is a school-wide approach to discipline for creating safer and more effective schools. The process focuses on improving a school's ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students.

- Students are acknowledged for consistent POSITIVE behavior.
- Direct instruction, comprehension, and practice of expectations will occur throughout the year.
- With PBIS, instructional time is more effectively used for teaching and the overall school environment is calm and conducive to learning.
- PBIS allows parents/guardians and teachers to have open communication about what is expected in all areas of the school.
- Students will grow their social skills and ability to respond to situational stressors positively.
- Replacement behaviors will be taught as necessary to ensure the success of the students in school and life!

How to support PBIS at Home:

- Review the PACK values with your child.
- Encourage your child to use kind words, actions, and choices.
- Ask your child what he/she learned at school daily.
- Make sure your child is prepared for class each morning.
- Ensure a good night's sleep.
- Provide a quiet time and space for your child to do homework nightly.
- Keep in touch with your child's teacher.
- Practice positive phrases with your child, such as, "Thank you," "Excuse me," and "I'm sorry."
- Be a visible part of your child's school day. Join PTO, volunteer, and attend other school activities as your schedule allows.

Matrices are reviewed and posted throughout the building. Consistent PACK language is used by students and staff to ensure expectations are clear.

Classroom	
P ride	Respect of self, others, and learning
A ccountable	Responsible Ready to learn
C haracter	Kind Words Actions Choices
K nowledge	Know your PACK expectations!

SCHOOL SETTINGS

PBIS sets up school-wide expectations for locations such as:

- Arrival/Dismissal
- Cafeteria
- Classroom
- Hallway
- Playground
- Restroom

What happens when your child is part of the **WOLF PACK?**

Students are able to learn in an environment that is safe and engaging. Students can also earn incentives using **PACK CASH!**

	PACK CASH
	PRIDE
	ACCOUNTABLE
	CHARACTER =
	KNOWLEDGE



Nurses Corner

Link to the Nurses' webpage: [Clinic Website](#)

School Nurse: Denise Knippers RN

Clinic # 281-213-8240 | Fax # 281-373-2304 | Main # 281-373-2303

Email denise.knippers@cfisd.net



What is happening in

- **Immunizations/Vaccinations: GET A HEAD START!!!**
New Pre-K going to Kinder, New Kinder students & 5th Graders turning 11 going to 6th grade for 24-25 school year:
 - [Local Immunization Clinics](#)
- **Is your student going to Kindergarten or 5th Grade in the 2024 -2025 school year?** Get a head start and send a copy, email (denise.knippers@cfisd.net) or upload a copy of your students updated immunization records. [UPLOAD HERE](#)
 - You may review the letter by following this link: [PK Kinder 5th Immun letter.pdf](#) Students will not be able to start school year of 2024 -2025 without an updated immunization record.
 - Send any updated immunization records via link - [UPLOAD IMMUNIZATION](#)
- **Medication at school:** All medications must be brought to school by a parent or guardian in an unopened, age appropriate container. This includes cough drop, bug repellent and prescription medication. The clinic cannot accept or administer holistic, vitamins or non FDA approved medications. *To review policy follow link here - [Medication Policy](#)*
- **Medication Pick - up:**
 - **All medications currently in the clinic will need to be picked up by the students guardian no later than May 31, 2024 2:00PM** Any medication left in the clinic will be disposed of according to CFISD policy. The clinic cannot store any medication in the clinic once the school year is over.
 - **End of Year Medication pick - up** reminder emails have already been scheduled to send on 5/1, 5/15 & 5/29/2024. You may choose for the clinic to discard of any left medication in the clinic by completing [Medication pick-up](#) before the last day of school
- **Emergency Medication must include an Action Plan for 2024-2025:** Bring to meet the teacher in the fall.
- Action Plans, **Medication Policy** & More available at <https://www.cfisd.net/domain/788> Additional forms will be available. Review [Medication Policy](#) before bringing medication to school.

LINKS:

[CLINIC WEBSITE](#) | [KEEPING SICK STUDENTS HOME](#) | [MEDICATION POLICY](#)
[UPLOAD FORMS](#) | [UPLOAD IMMUNIZATIONS](#)



News

All library books will be due the week of April 29- May 3. If your child has a lost library book, please help them find it and get it returned to the Woodard library. Please keep an eye out for notices listing late or lost books. They will be distributed through your child's teachers during the month of April. If you need to pay for a lost or damaged book, please send cash (exact amount) or a check made payable to Woodard Elementary. Thank you for your help with our library books.

Clubs

The website has all our club information on it. You will need to watch for the school cash link that will be emailed out when the club sponsors make them available. If you need help setting up the school cash Please click this link for more information.

https://www.cfid.net/cms/lib/TX50000664/Centricity/Domain/1045/Online_payments_English.pdf

In an effort to help the clubs we are asking **that only the student enrolled in the club be dropped off or stay after school.** These activities are before and after school so only the Club sponsors will be here at that time to watch the children. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Pom squad Mondays **7:35 am drop off** starts @ 7:45am sharp.

Dance Team Mondays 4:10pm start time. **Please be here promptly @ 5:30pm for pick up.**

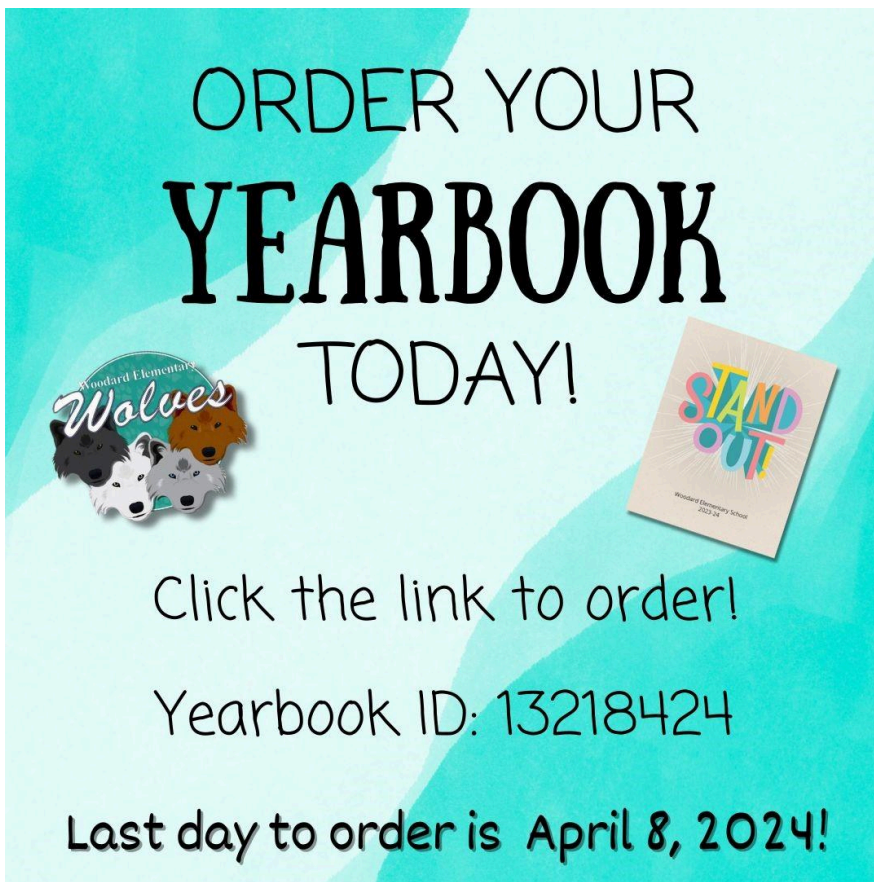
Art Club Mondays **drop off @ 7:35am** starts @ 7:45am sharp. Last Mtg. 4/29

Young Men of Distinction Wednesdays **7:45 drop off** starts @ 7:55am. Last Mtg. 4/10

Gems- **drop off time 7:45 am** starts @ 7:55am, last Mtg. 4/12

Wolves on the Run Wednesday after school- **last meeting and awards 3/27-Ended**

Don't miss out on getting your Woodard yearbook!

A graphic with a teal and light blue background. At the top, it says "ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!" in black text. Below this, there is a circular logo for "Woodard Elementary Wolves" featuring three wolf heads. To the right is a small image of a yearbook cover with the words "STAND OUT" in colorful, stylized letters. Below the text, it says "Click the link to order!" and "Yearbook ID: 13218424". At the bottom, it says "Last day to order is April 8, 2024!"

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[Link- to order](#)

Counselor's Update

Summer Credit-By-Exam

Students in grades K-5 will have four opportunities during the school year to use "credit-by-exam" to accelerate to another grade level. Students will only have one opportunity to test for each grade level considered. Testing will begin with mathematics, followed by reading/language arts and science, if required. Students who meet the criteria _ [score of 80% or better on each subtest of the exam] _ may advance one grade level.

Summer Testing (June & July)

- Testing will be conducted in a districtwide setting.
- Students who want to skip grades K-5 will be tested in June or July.
 - Grade placement will be made at **the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year**.
 - Results will be shared by the campus counselor and a follow-up letter will be sent from the campus. Letters will be prepared by the district.
 - **Please check the district website for more information on CBE.**
<https://www.cfid.net/Page/1823>
 - **If you have any questions about credit by exam, please contact our school counselors Reuberta Bitz or Robert Rankin**
 - reuberta.bitz@cfid.net or robert.rankin@cfid.net

Enrolled In 2023-2024	GRADE LEVEL ACCELERATION Test Student Will Take	Will Accelerate To
Enrolled in district	K Grade Math & Language Arts / Reading	1st grade in 2024-2025 school year
K	1st Grade Math & Language Arts / Reading	2nd grade in 2024-2025 school year
1	2nd Grade Math, Language Arts / Reading & Science	3rd grade in 2024-2025 school year
2	3rd Grade Math, Language Arts / Reading & Science	4th grade in 2024-2025 school year
3	4th Grade Math, Language Arts / Reading & Science	5th grade in 2024-2025 school year
4	5th Grade Math, Language Arts / Reading & Science	6th grade in 2024-2025 school year
5	6th Grade Math*, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts	7th grade in 2024-2025 school year

STAAR Testing

Review the STAAR Testing Dates below:

- **April 16th**- 5th Reading
- **April 17th**- 4th/3rd Reading and make-up testing
- **April 18th**- 5th Science and make-up testing
- **April 19th** - last day for make-ups Reading/Science
- **April 23rd** - 5th Math
- **April 24th**- 4th/3rd Math and make-up testing
- **April 25-26th**- Make-up testing

*In CFISD there is no such thing as opting out of State Testing. During the testing window, your child will be presented with the state test that is posted on the Texas Education Agency website calendar. If your child is absent on the testing date, we are required to present them with the test upon their return to the campus.

House Bill 4545 was passed during the legislative session in 2021. This legislation requires the school district/schools to provide 30 hours of accelerated instruction in reading and/or math based upon your child's unsuccessful performance on the state test. This includes our 5th grade students that transition to middle school.

In the past 5th graders have had the opportunity to take the exam up to 3 times. This is no longer the case. They will only have 1 opportunity to take the exam and pass as noted on the schedule above. Failure to pass the exam will result in accelerated instruction as well as possibility of losing an elective and/or other privileges based upon the middle school policy.

Another important point of this legislative session is that student's retention/placement/promotion criteria are no longer dependent upon our 5th graders passing the state testing exam. As has been the case in previous years, students are to maintain a 70 + average in reading/writing, math, science, and social studies to be promoted to the next grade level.

[STAAR Testing Cellphone/SmartWatch Notification - Link](#)

Please click on the link below and review the **district policy on STAAR testing days regarding cell phones and smart watches during STAAR testing.**

PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE ANY DOCTOR OR DENTAL APPOINTMENTS ON These DAYS, AS STUDENTS NEED THE ENTIRE DAY TO FOCUS ON THEIR STATE ASSESSMENTS.

[Volunteers](#)



VOLUNTEERS When you are volunteering on campus, please notify the front desk receptionist so your hours can be logged as volunteer time. If you volunteer after hours or weekends, you can log your hours manually. Visit the volunteer page at

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Volunteer/Login/MzYxOIZvbHVudGVlcjplbi1VUw==>

Woodard uses the "Raptor System" to log volunteer hours. This assists us in getting you the recognition you deserve and an invitation to the **VIPS Appreciation Event May 1, 2024**. Also, it is a portion of the annual report we submit to the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Trustees. We want the community to know how valuable our volunteers are, and how much they assist in the success of our school.

[Important Links](#)

- Woodard [website link](#) for all up-to-date school info.
- [Parent Information Card](#) for quick reference school information.
- The Howler** (Parent Newsletter) and Important Flyers [link](#).



•[School Messenger link](#)—To receive District and Woodard updates via email, phone messages, and texts.

•School Cash to [register](#) and pay for items when those events come due.

•School Clubs [link](#).

•PTO Newsletter [link](#).

•PTO Facebook [link](#).

•PTO Sign-Up Genius for all Volunteer Opportunities [link](#).

•PTO REMIND 101 @woodardpto