



The Howler



OCTOBER 2023 Issue

Important Numbers : Front Desk: 281-373-2303

Fax: 281-373-2304

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2 Pom squad Dance team	3 Chick fil-a Spirit Night 9823 Barker cypress 5:00-8:00 PM	4 Hearing & Vision Screening - Bring Glasses YMOD Volleyball	5 Adventure Dash No Visitor Day Volunteers only	6 Drumline Choir Spirit shop During Lunches	7
8	9 Willie's Spirit Night Pom squad Dance team	10	11 YMOD Volleyball	12 Pup Squad	13 Kindergarten - Fire Truck Visit Drumline Choir	14
15	16 Planning Day No Students	17 Fall Book Fair Family Night 5-7 PM	18 Fall Book Fair YMOD Volleyball	19 Fall Book Fair Yearbook Pup Squad	20 Fall Book Fair Drumline Choir	21
22	23 Fall Book Fair See to Succeed Paperwork Due TODAY Pom squad Dance team	24	25 Volleyball	26 Pup Squad Yearbook	27 3rd/5th Nature Trails Drumline Choir	28
29	30 3rd/5th Nature Trails Pom squad Dance team	31 Final Day See to Succeed Paperwork Due BookCharacter Day Parade				

Wednesdays = College Day
Fridays = Spirit Day

Principal's Message

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!



Adventure Dash Fundraiser going on Now Until October 5,2023!

The dash is on Thursday, 10/5/23, and parents who are volunteering [PTO sign up genius](#), will be able to attend the event just like field day in November. Volunteers will need to sign up for their child's grade level(s) once the final schedule is posted:

<https://adventuredashfunrun.com/>

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[Woodard Pre-Event Flyer \(English\).pdf](#)

[Woodard Pre-Event Flyer \(Spanish \).pdf](#)

We look forward to partnering with our parents to support the co-curricular and extracurricular opportunities our students have in all grade levels.

Sincerely,

Susan Brenz, Principal



Important Reminders:

- You must have valid identification to enter the building and to check out students. Forms will be accepted- Driver license or Passports.
- Staff ID badges will only be accepted if visiting and signing into campus as district visitors. The above will apply if you are here as a parent.



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 the clinic:

- PTO - **Volunteers needed** for Vision & Hearing Screenings October 4 & 5th. [LINK TO VOLUNTEER](#)
- **Hearing & Vision Screening October 4th & 5th - Send your student with their glasses**
 - **Screening referrals** must be completed by Health Care Provider or Waived by a parent or guardian. Please send once completed back to the clinic.
- Send any updated **immunization** records via link - [UPLOAD IMMUNIZATION](#) or a paper copy with your student.
- **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](#)*
 - Emergency Medication must include Action Plan for 2023-2024
 - 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.
- Remember to keep kids home when showing signs of any illness. If they have fever, vomiting, diarrhea they must stay home at least 24 hours without medication before they can return to school.
- Any student testing positive for COVID 19 needs to be reported to the clinic at denise.knippers@cfisd.net. Include in email the following:
 - Student ID
 - Student's First and Last Name

- Grade
- Parent Full Name
- Date of Birth
- Home Address
- Date Symptoms Started
- Date of test
- Lab or doctors note if available
 - You will receive an email from the clinic with a return date.

LINKS:

[CLINIC WEBSITE](#) | [LEAD SAFELY](#) | [KEEPING SICK STUDENTS HOME](#) | [RAPID TESTING](#) | [MEDICATION POLICY](#)
[UPLOAD LAB/MD HERE](#) | [UPLOAD FORMS](#) | [UPLOAD IMMUNIZATIONS](#)



News

Library visits....students started visiting the library the first week of September!! They have been so excited to check out books this year! Here is the schedule for the 2023-2024 school year:

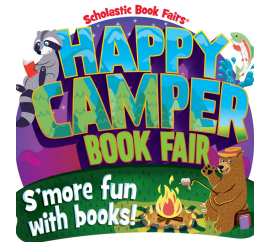
- Mondays - PK/SOAR and Life Skills
- Tuesdays - Kindergarten and 1st Grade
- Wednesdays - 2nd Grade and 3rd Grade
- Fridays - 4th Grade and 5th Grade (alternating Fridays)

PK- Kindergarten will be able to check out one book per visit and grades 1-5 will be able to check out 2 books. Please help your child remember to return his or her library book(s) each week so they are able to check out new books.

Fall Book Fair..

Coming Soon... Fall Book Fair!!
 October 17-23

Three different ways to shop...



1. **Shop Online October 10th-24th at**

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/woodardelementaryschool>

2. **Set up an eWallet for your child.**

They can use it to shop during the school day from October 17-23. You can set up an eWallet starting 9/21/23. To get started visit our school page at

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/woodardelementaryschool>

3. **Bring your child and shop with them on Family Night.**

Woodard Family night is Tuesday, October 17th from 5-7pm.

Credit cards and eWallets are the only available payment options!

No Cash

Name That Book...Name that Book is a reading contest for 3rd-5th graders in CFISD. The program is designed to encourage students to read books from a variety of authors and genres. Students who are interested will have an opportunity to participate in contests based on their knowledge of the books on the NTB list. The 100 books on the NTB list were selected by CFISD librarians as the top picks for 3rd-5th graders. If your student is interested in participating in NTB they are encouraged to read as

many of the 100 books on the list as possible. In late November, we will have a "Quiz" to determine which students make one of the Name That Book teams. Happy Reading!!

Name That Book List

<https://www.cfsd.net/cms/lib/TX50000664/Centricity/Domain/2639/23-24%20NTB.pdf>



As Veterans Day approaches, we would like to honor our veterans in a few different ways. Soon we will start displaying pictures of veterans who are near and dear to our hearts on our **Wall of Honor**. If you or your student is related to a veteran, living or deceased, that you would like to honor on our wall, please send in a **copy** of a photograph of your veteran and label it with the veteran's name, rank, military branch, your student's name, student's homeroom, and relationship of veteran to your student. Please only send copies of your photographs. Photographs will not be returned. If you have submitted a photo in the past you do not need to submit a new one. To be included on this year's Wall of Honor, all photos must be received by **Friday, October 13, 2023**.

On **Friday, November 10th**, Woodard will have an amazing **Veterans Day Program** that honors our nation's veterans. If you know a veteran who would like to attend, please fill out this form (link below) by **Friday, October 27th**. Veterans and 1 guest are invited to attend a breakfast and program starting at 8:00am. Veterans and their guest will need to bring their IDs and check in at the front desk. Thank you for helping us to continue to be "ALL IN" for those that serve our community and nation.

Form to RSVP a veteran hero in your life: [Google Form Link](#)

Extra Curricular Activities

Our school 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.cfsd.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 @ 7:45 am (drop off starts at 7:35)

Dance Team - Mondays @ 4:10 pm - Please be here promptly @ 5pm for pick up.

Choir - Fridays @ 7:45 AM

Drumline - Fridays @ 7:50 AM

Young men Of Distinction - Wednesday @ 7:55 AM

Volleyball @ 4:15 pm- Please be here promptly @ 5pm for pick up.

Counselor's Update:

W.A.T.C.H. Dog Dads Launch October 17th

Watch D.O.G.S. stands for Watch **D**ads of **G**reat **S**tudents. This is a national program that encourages dads and father figures to volunteer one day during their student's school year. This program is so amazing and both students and faculty love to see our Watch DOG Dads on campus. As a volunteer, you get to do some of the following things: greet and dismiss car riders, be a part of the morning announcements, read to our students, assist the librarian, deliver materials to the classroom, and enjoy lunch, recess, and large group with your student(s).

Mr. Rankin and I will be in the hallway near the library from 5:00-7:00 to answer any questions that you have about this amazing program.



**INTRO TO
SUPPORTING
THOSE AT RISK**

When someone in your life attempts suicide or experiences suicidal thoughts, it can be difficult to know how to best support them in their recovery. Introduction to Supporting Those At Risk provides information and resources on how to support someone in your life with "lived experience," i.e., someone who has made a suicide attempt, or experiences suicidal thoughts.

Please
JOIN US



<https://bit.ly/IntroToSupport>

DATE
October 18, 2023

TIME
5:30 PM - Mental Health Fair
6:00 PM - Presentation Begins

LOCATION
Cy-Woods High School
Auditorium

DR. NED STRAUSS
Board President of the
Southeast TX Chapter of AFSP

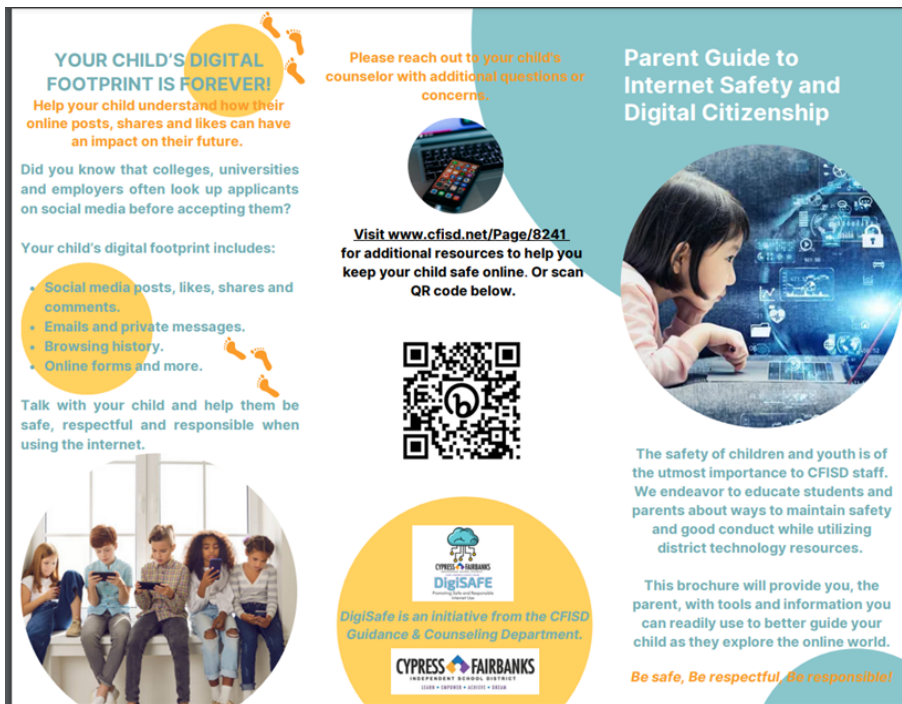


Digital Safety

Did you know that there are age restrictions on different social media platforms? A child must be 13 years of age or older to be able to create an account for Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter), Instagram, TikTok, and so many other social media apps. There are also some social media apps that are age restricted to 16 years of age or older.

Age requirements on social media platforms are required for a reason. Some of the content that your child would be viewing would not be appropriate for them to see and they could have a difficult time processing what they see. Our district has some wonderful resources and ideas on how to keep your child digitally safe. Please click on the following link to view our district's website about digital safety:

<https://www.cfisd.net/Page/8241>



YOUR CHILD'S DIGITAL FOOTPRINT IS FOREVER!
Help your child understand how their online posts, shares and likes can have an impact on their future.

Did you know that colleges, universities and employers often look up applicants on social media before accepting them?

Your child's digital footprint includes:

- Social media posts, likes, shares and comments.
- Emails and private messages.
- Browsing history.
- Online forms and more.

Talk with your child and help them be safe, respectful and responsible when using the internet.

Please reach out to your child's counselor with additional questions or concerns.

Visit www.cfisd.net/Page/8241 for additional resources to help you keep your child safe online. Or scan QR code below.

Parent Guide to Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship

The safety of children and youth is of the utmost importance to CFISD staff. We endeavor to educate students and parents about ways to maintain safety and good conduct while utilizing district technology resources.

This brochure will provide you, the parent, with tools and information you can readily use to better guide your child as they explore the online world.

Be safe, Be respectful, Be responsible!

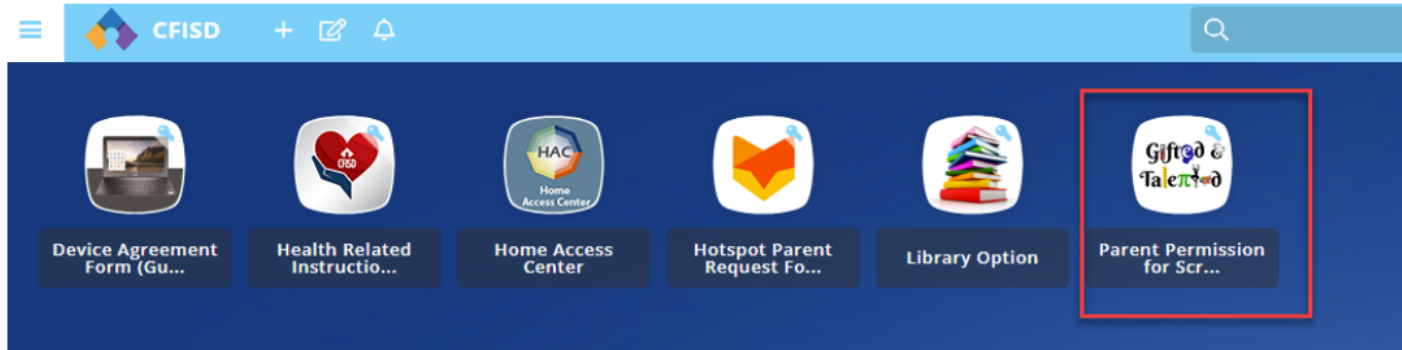
DigiSafe is an initiative from the CFISD Guidance & Counseling Department.

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Testing: Testing Coordinator Allie Hollowell (Allie.Hollowell@cfisd.net)

Gifted and Talented Program Identification Notice to Parents of Current Students in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD

Cypress-Fairbanks ISD provides Mid-year screening for students in grades 1 – 11 to receive gifted and talented services through the HORIZONS program if they are enrolled at a CFISD campus. Students whose referral is received by the last school day in November may be included in the Mid-year testing process and students may be referred at any time. Students must meet the following criteria: • The student has NOT participated in an identification assessment during the same school year • The student has NOT been previously identified at an out-of-state or Texas public or charter school Note: New students who have been previously identified as gifted and talented from out-of-state and Texas public or charter schools are eligible to receive services in CFISD once previous GT placement can be verified and parent permission is provided. Parents must provide a copy of the student's notification of qualification and placement within the gifted and talented program from the former school district AND a copy of all test results used for screening. Testing will not be administered if the student has been previously identified. Parents/guardians interested in requesting screening for their student to receive gifted and talented services should complete the online acknowledgment to include the characteristics of a gifted child, permission to test, and permission for services located in the Gifted and Talented link in the parent portal of the Home Access Center by the **due date November 30, 2023.**



Testing and Screening for the Gifted and Talented Program

- Testing will occur in the Spring during the district testing window at a date to be determined by the campus.
- Student Score Reports and notification of qualification/placement will be available for view in the parent portal of the Home Access Center.
- Students whose scores qualify for identification will begin receiving services the following school year upon confirmation of placement.
- Students whose scores do not qualify may not be referred again for testing until the next school year. (Students may test only once per year.)
- Students who do not qualify for services may appeal the placement decision to the campus Selection Committee. Information regarding the appeals process is available from the elementary Counselor or secondary Director of Instruction.

Note: Appeals for entry should be based on significant advanced abilities consistently demonstrated in the classroom and supported by academic and performance data not evidenced by HORIZONS screening scores. Additional criteria for an appeal include:

- illness immediately before or during testing with documentation of the illness
- emotional duress due to a family crisis during testing with documentation
- accommodations not provided during testing for students with special needs



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/MzYxOlZvbHVudGVlcjplbi1VUw==>

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