



# TIPPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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FELICIA THOMAS, PRINCIPAL

SEPTEMBER 2023

## Important Dates

- Sept. 4 Labor Day School Holiday for all students and staff
- Sept. 7 Parent Volunteer Meeting – 9:00 am
- Sept. 13 OPEN HOUSE – 5:30 – 6:30 pm
- Sept. 15 Hispanic Heritage Month begins (ends on October 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Sept. 20 Boy Scout Rally – 7 pm - Cafeteria
- Sept. 25 Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
- Sept. 29 First day for Lunch Visitors –  
\*\*Note - Parent Lunch Visits are ONLY on Mondays and Fridays
- Oct. 2-6 College & Career Week
- Oct. 16 Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
- Oct. 18 Fall Picture Day
- Oct. 27 End of 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks grading period
- Nov. 6-7 Staff Professional Days/Student Holidays
- Nov. 10 Veteran’s Day Ceremony
- Nov. 17 Turkey Trot FUN RUN
- Nov. 20-24 Thanksgiving Holiday Break
- Dec. 1 - Dec. 8 Fall Book Fair
- Dec. 6 Fall Picture “Retake” Day

## PBIS 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 Parents,

Welcome back! We had a fantastic first week of school!

Please be mindful of transportation delays during the first week of school. We are working diligently to confirm each student’s mode of end-of-day transportation. Things generally smooth out during the second week of school. We have a new bus badge on and off system. You can track when your child badges on and off the bus and the bus’s location by downloading the app. Please visit the District website for more information.

I want to make you aware of some reminders. Please review our parent-student handbook and Student Code of Conduct to know the school procedures. It is our goal to have a safe school year for all students. Remind your students to make safe decisions for themselves and others. The law mandates that any student found possessing, using, selling, giving, or delivering an e-cigarette (a vape device) on school premises or at any school-affiliated event must receive a disciplinary consequence at the District’s Alternative Learning Center (ALC). Please remind your students of this severe issue and to not have any vape items on school property.

We want to celebrate birthdays. We do not, however, allow cupcakes or balloons for birthdays. You may purchase ice cream or cookies for your child’s class from the cafeteria to celebrate your child’s birthday. You can also place your child’s name on our marquee for their birthday for a fee of \$10.00 in School Cash.

Remember that with our new hours, we will only make transportation changes before 3:00 p.m. And we can only release students to parents or guardians with a valid form of Identification. If you need to make other arrangements, please send a letter signed and dated with an image of your license. Our goal is to keep your children safe.

Be sure to take a moment to add the “Important” dates to your calendar. We will continue adding dates as events are planned for the rest of the 2023-2024 school year.

Please join us at our Annual Open House on September 13<sup>th</sup>. This will allow you to visit your child’s classroom and receive more information about their daily schedule

and the units of study, strategies, and goals for the first nine weeks of school.

Volunteers are needed. You are invited to join us on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> for a brief informational meeting at 9:00 am. For more information on how to become a volunteer; please follow this link: <https://www.cfid.net/Page/1699>

We are looking forward to a great year. If you have any concerns or questions, please ask your child's teacher. If you still have questions, please get in touch with your child's Assistant principal, and after speaking with them, if you still have concerns, please feel free to contact me.

The Tipps Staff looks forward to a fabulous school year as we unlock the brilliance in every child who enters Tipps Elementary!

Kind Regards,  
Mrs. Thomas, Principal



Volunteer Signup

### ***New School Hours***

Please make note that our school hours have changed for the 2023-2024 school year.

New start time is: 8:15 am and dismissal time is now 3:40 pm. Doors open to admit students at 7:55 am.

### ***Car Rider Tags***

Register your student(s) at this link: <https://forms.gle/BxfZorxHyES25J4w7>

Car Rider Rules and expectations will be given out with your tags. Replacement fee for Lost Tags is \$5.00.

### ***Birthday Marquee Ads***

Celebrate your student's birthday on our Digital Marquee. Cost per ad is \$10.00 and can be purchased in School Cash. Ads will run for one week - a few days before/after the birthday.

### ***NEW SPIRIT SHIRTS Purchase in the Online Store***

Student spirit shirts will now be purchased in an online store.

Link for School Store:

<https://login.commonsku.com/shop/a04d5342-ff09-4182-8572-71744cfa5e0>

Store will remain open through September 18th.

### ***Read-A-Thon starts Sept. 5th***

We're excited to raise money for our playground by getting kids excited to read with a Read-A-Thon.

Our Read-A-Thon will start Tuesday September 5, 2023 and we want every student to participate.

Before our Read-a-thon starts we will send home instructions on how to activate your reader's personal page. This is where you will be able to view and record their progress.

We encourage you to activate your reader's account today by clicking here: <https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/rPUcRa/1>.

### ***OPEN HOUSE is Sept. 13th***

Join us on Wednesday, September 13th at 5:30 pm for our Annual Open House. Parking will be at The Church Without Walls with shuttle bus service to/from Tipps Elementary. We look forward to seeing you!



## ***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](http://www.cfisd.net)
2. Select – Schools
3. Select Tipps Elementary
4. School Webpage will open
5. Current Banners are scrolling with important information for our families.
6. Back to School information is posted under Parents and Students.

Be sure to check the website for the most up to date information on the 2023-2024 school year.

### ***Follow us on Social Media***



**Facebook** - @tipps elementarycfisd



**Twitter** - @TippsElementary

## ***SECURITY PROTOCOLS***

As part of our security protocol, each parent visitor must show a valid form of identification to enter the school. This can include a driver's license or passport.

If you are checking out a student, you must have your ID with you. We cannot accept ID's that are scanned on your phone. Only legal guardians/parents can check out a student. We are not able to release your student to an emergency contact as per District policy. If you want an emergency contact to pick up your student, you must provide a written note along with a copy of your photo ID and your contact phone number. We ask that you please respect this policy.

You are asked to send a written note to the school if you need to pick up your student early. Be sure to include your contact information so that we can verify the request. Note that the latest pickup time for a student is 3:00 pm. We cannot accept text messages, phone calls or emails regarding student checkout/pickup.

## ***THANK YOU!!!***

Thank you to the following supporters who have generously stepped up to support our staff and students:

1. **Elite Auto Experts** – Our School has been officially “adopted” by Elite Auto Experts. They graciously provided a catered lunch from Spring Creek BBQ for our staff, special treat bags as well as prizes for our PBIS School Store and volunteered as Bus Buddies.
2. **Cy Fair AFT** – Thank you to Ms. Rita Runnels for donating breakfast tacos for our staff breakfast. We appreciate you!
3. **Bear Creek HEB** – The Bear Creek HEB donated lunch for our staff as well as school supplies and parent coupons. The coupons will be given out at Open House. We thank the Bear Creek HEB for their support!
4. **Christian Family Church** – Thank you to Pastor Chuck and Suzanne for the generous use of their parking facility. This has been invaluable as we are very short on parking for our special events.
5. **The Church Without Walls** – Thank you for allowing the use of your parking lot for special school events. We thank Rev. Willie Burleson for your support!
6. **Parent Volunteers** – Thank you one an all for your dedication and time. Any amount of time and/or donation of items such as hand sanitizer, tissue or school supplies that you can provide our campus is greatly appreciated.

*Thank you*