

# Lowery Lariat

December 2023

## A note from the principal, April Wright....

Dearest Lowery Families,

I love seeing all the decorations in the Fall. From pumpkins to Grinches, I find joy in seeing families decorate their homes in celebration of the holidays. For me, it symbolizes a happiness of our home and family. The sparkling lights and joyous music can also distract us from remembering that this time of year is hard for many. Join me in slowing down and seeing people around me. Join me in being the catalyst of happiness, a spark of positivity and a joy bringer.

Wishing each of you a season filled with love, quality time, good food and happiness.

Love,

Mrs. Wright

## Mark Your Calendar

- Dec 8 Progress Reports go home
- Dec 8 5:30-7:00 PTO Reindeer Games(advance tickets)
- Dec 12 6:00 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr Choir Program
- Dec 14 6:00-7:00 Sped Parent Night
- Dec 18-21 NO LUNCH VISITORS
- Dec 21 10:00 All grade level Holiday Parties  
Guardians ONLY, NO Siblings – Pre-register - Limit 2 Adults
- Dec 22 - Jan 7 Student Holidays

## Looking Ahead....

- Jan 8 Classes Resume - Students return from Holidays
- Jan 8-12 NO LUNCH VISITORS
- Jan 15 Martin Luther King Holiday – No Classes
- Jan 23 Willie's PTO Spirit Day
- Jan 26 Report Cards sent home & on HAC

## Holiday Gift Giving Drive

Benefiting Lowery Families

Wednesday, November 29 – Friday, December 8

**Bless a student in need this holiday. For a full list of items needed, visit [lowerypto.com](http://lowerypto.com) and sign up to donate an item.**

**Flyer attached for additional information.**

**Drop off unwrapped, labeled items at the front office**



## READY TO START EARNING \$ FOR SCHOOLS? GET THE BOX TOPS APP TODAY!

In order to earn cash for your school, you'll need to use the Box Tops app on your mobile device. **NO MORE CLIPPING!**  
Easy and FREE!!



- ✓ EASY TO USE- Automatically finds products on your receipt
- ★ Convenient-Redeem anytime, anywhere within 14 days
- ⚡ REAL TIME-school earnings are updated with every scan
- 💰 Access Special Bonus Offers

Download the

## Traversa 360 app

The Traversa Ride 360 mobile app provides secure access to student routing information, student scans as well as current bus location and planned bus paths.



## Student Holidays

Dec 22 – Jan 5

Classes Resume

January 8, 2024



*It's the most*  
**WONDERFUL**  
*time of the year!*

Only 1 visitation form per family  
**Holiday Party Visitation Form**  
**Thursday, December 21st**

There will be **NO** lunch visitors on December 21st.  
**10AM-10:45AM** Holiday Celebration Parties for ECSE AM, PK, K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
**1:00PM – 1:45PM** ECSE PM Afternoon Holiday Celebration

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Each student is allowed *up to TWO VISITORS* due to limited space in the class. Non school-age children, including infants/babies are not allowed to attend the holiday parties unless they are 18 years or older and not attending a CFISD school. **NO SIBLINGS.** We cannot make any exceptions.

**The following people will be attending the Holiday Party:**  
**Please Print name as it appears on Driver's License**

1.
2.

**\*We encourage all visitors for the Holiday party to complete this form.**

V-Soft stickers will be sent home on **Wednesday, December 20th**. If you do not pre-register for a V-Soft sticker, you must check in at the receptionist area on party day. **Lines will be long, and we do not want you to miss your child's party.**

**Early Release Form 1 per student**

**A separate Early Release Form is needed for each child.**  
**Please complete the Early Release form if you plan on taking your child home early.**

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

-If the student's name is on the homeroom teacher's **Early Release List**, they will be released to the person indicated. If not on the list, and the parent chooses to sign their child out, they will be required to show proper ID in the library.

**-A separate form must be completed for each student leaving the party.**

Student	Adult Released To

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return before December 11<sup>th</sup>.**



## Gift Giving Drive

**BLESS A STUDENT IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY**

We will be accepting donations  
Now through December 8th!



For a full list of items  
needed, scan the QR  
code and sign-up for  
any items!

**DON'T FORGET**



- Drop off all items with Lowery Receptionist before 3pm on December 8
- DO NOT wrap items
- If purchasing gift cards, please label \$ amounts on them

For questions contact Lily at [connections@lowerypto.com](mailto:connections@lowerypto.com)



## DISTRICT OF INNOVATION INFORMATION

House Bill 1842, passed during the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, permits Texas public school districts to become Districts of Innovation and to obtain exemptions from certain provisions of the Texas Education Code that are available to open charter enrollment schools.

On October 9, 2023, the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD School Board approved a resolution to initiate the process of becoming a District of Innovation, held a public hearing on Districts of Innovation and agreed to have the members of the Districtwide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) serve as the District of Innovation Committee. The committee met on October 19, 2023, November 2, 2023, and November 14, 2023 to develop the proposed plan.

The proposed plan is posted on the district website for 30 days from November 17, 2023 to December 16, 2023, and a public meeting will be held on December 14, 2023, for stakeholders to give feedback on the proposed plan.

Upon approval of the proposed plan by the Districtwide Educational Improvement Council (majority vote required to pass), the proposed plan will be placed on the CFISD Board of Trustees agenda for consideration in January 2024 (2/3 majority to pass).

To view the proposed plan [click here](#).

To sign up to speak about the proposed plan during the public meeting on December 14, 2023, at 4:30 pm at the Mark Henry Administration Building 11440 Matzke Road Cypress, TX 77429 [click here](#).

El Proyecto de Ley 1842 aprobado durante la 84.<sup>a</sup> Sesión Legislativa permite a los distritos de las escuelas públicas de Texas convertirse en Distritos de Innovación y obtener exenciones de algunas de las provisiones del Código de Educación del Estado de Texas disponibles para las escuelas chárter de inscripción abierta de Texas.

El 9 de octubre del 2023, la Junta Directiva del CFISD aprobó la resolución de iniciar el proceso para convertirse en un Distrito de Innovación, llevó a cabo una audiencia pública sobre Distritos de Innovación y acordó que los miembros del Consejo para el Mejoramiento Educativo del Distrito (DEIC) sirvan como miembros del Comité de Distrito de Innovación. Para desarrollar el plan propuesto, el comité se reunió el 19 de octubre del 2023, el 2 de noviembre del 2023 y el 14 de noviembre del 2023.

El plan propuesto se publicará en el sitio web del distrito por 30 días a partir del 17 de noviembre hasta el 16 de diciembre de 2023. El 14 de diciembre del 2023, se llevará a cabo una sesión abierta al público para que las partes interesadas aporten sus comentarios con respecto al plan propuesto.

Tras la aprobación del plan propuesto por el Consejo para el Mejoramiento Educativo del Distrito (para la aprobación se necesita una mayoría de votos), el plan propuesto se incluirá en la agenda de la Junta Directiva del CFISD para consideración en enero del 2024 (2/3 de mayoría para aprobación).

Para ver el plan propuesto haga [clic aquí](#).

Si desea inscribirse para hablar acerca del plan propuesto durante la reunión del 14 de diciembre del 2023 en el Edificio Administrativo Mark Henry ubicado en el 11440 Matzke Road, Cypress, TX 77429, haga [clic aquí](#).



Lowery Elementary School

Mention you are from  
Lowery for a special gift!

# COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

**First  
Saturdays**

**10am - 1pm**  
first come, first served



The Ark Fellowship

 13237 Kluge Rd.  
Cypress, TX 77429

**Items available\*:** \*available items may vary or be in limited supply

*fresh meat, fresh vegetables, canned meats, cereals, rice, beans, snacks, and more....*

[www.thearkfellowship.org](http://www.thearkfellowship.org)



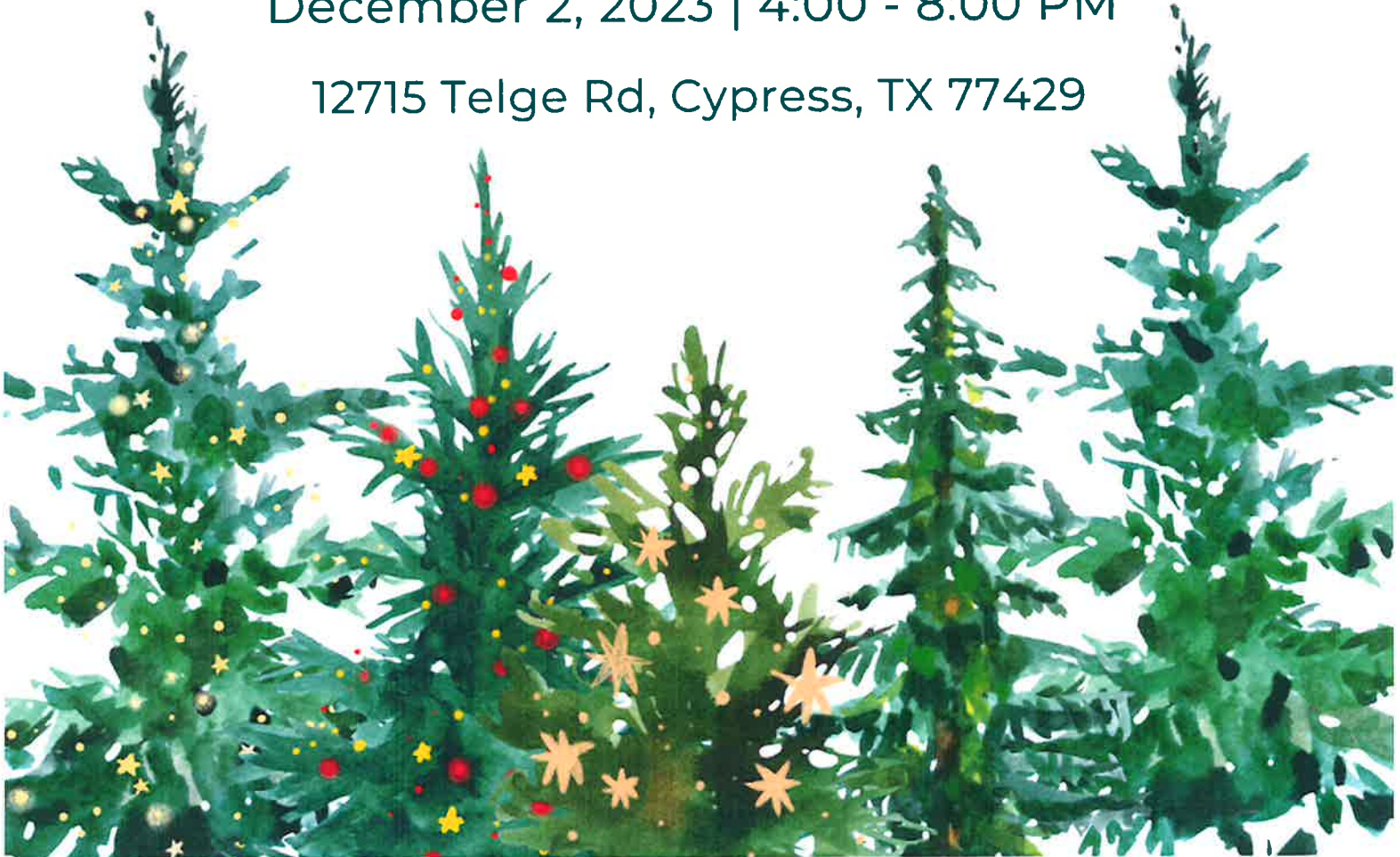
CY-HOPE

# Christmas Tree LIGHTING

**FREE FAMILY EVENT WITH SANTA, BOUNCE HOUSE,  
CRAFTS, GAMES, CAROLS, TREATS, SHOPPING, & MORE!**

December 2, 2023 | 4:00 - 8:00 PM

12715 Telge Rd, Cypress, TX 77429



guaranteed **Rate**





CFISD MENTAL HEALTH  
INTERVENTION TEAM  
**PRESENTS**

CFISD COMMUNITY  
**MENTAL  
HEALTH**  
RESOURCE FAIR

**CYPRESS FAIRBANKS**  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Inviting all CFISD parents, staff and community members

**Wednesday, Dec. 6 | 3:30-6:30 P.M.**  
**Berry Center**

8877 Barker Cypress Road, Cypress, TX 77433

\*Clear bag policy will be in effect

Join the CFISD Mental Health Intervention Team to learn about community  
mental health resources available in our area.

Door prizes, self-care stations, and student-led wellness exhibits

Sponsored by the CFISD Departments of Guidance & Counseling/Psychological Services/Police

# Winter WonderLand

**16TH**  
DECEMBER

**PRESENTED BY THE LCHS  
BAILADORAS**

*Enjoy performances from the Bailadoras, Lobo  
Dance Department & special guests!*

**PERFORMANCE 2-5PM  
LCHS COMMONS**

**&**

**AUDITORIUM**

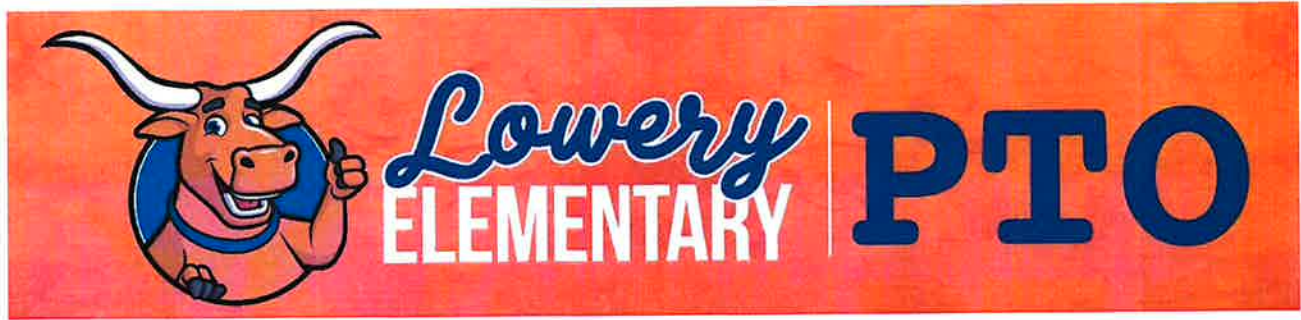
**PROFESSIONAL SANTA PICTURE  
OPPORTUNITY  
1PM-4PM**

**FOR MORE  
INFORMATION VISIT  
[WWW.BAILADORAS.COM](http://WWW.BAILADORAS.COM)**





# Join us for a great year!



Lowery's PTO is 100% run by volunteers and there is a place for every parent, grandparent and family member to make a difference.

We work together to coordinate fundraising, events and volunteers throughout the entire school year to support Lowery's students, teachers, staff & the community.

Here's how to get involved:

## 1. Visit [LOWERYPTO.COM](http://LOWERYPTO.COM) & set up an account



- Order t-shirts, yearbooks and more
  - Sign up to volunteer
- Receive weekly news and updates
- Get access to an online directory

[Already have an account?](#)

Visit your profile and be sure to update your information for the current school year!

## 2. Follow us on FACEBOOK



Look for our page... [Lowery Elementary PTO](#)

...like our page and visit often!

## 3. Sign up (or add our group) in Remind



Join our group [@LoweryPTO](#)



# YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS!

Your generous financial support allows us to support Lowery in ways not covered by the general budget and benefits our students in countless ways. Here's how you can be a part of making a difference this school year:

- **Lowery Fast Pass** (NEW) – ALL YEAR (donate \$60 and skip the fundraisers. Fast Pass holders receive 1 Lowery spirit t-shirt and 1 homeroom party fund). NOTE: Fast Pass is per student, not per family.
- **World's Finest Chocolate Sales** – September 2023
- **Silent Auction** – October 2023
- **Raise Craze** (NEW) – Spring 2024
- **Spirit Nights** at Local Restaurants and Businesses – stay tuned to email and Facebook to find out when & where
- **Lowery Spirit Gear** – a great way to show your spirit and support the school! Visit the Longhorn Market online at [lowerypto.com](http://lowerypto.com) for access to t-shirt sales and more.
- **Birthday Marquee** – celebrate your student's birthday in a big way AND give back! Sign up at [lowerypto.com](http://lowerypto.com).
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sidewalk Longhorns** – celebrate your 5<sup>th</sup> grader and give back. Sign up at [lowerypto.com](http://lowerypto.com).
- **Kroger Community Contributions** – donate every time you buy groceries (in the Kroger app, go to Rewards > Community Rewards > add Lowery).

**THANK YOU** for what you do!

# Hey Lowery Longhorns, did you know that every Friday is spirit day?

We encourage our Longhorns to sport their spirit gear to show their pride in their school every Friday.

If you do not have any Longhorn spirit gear you can place an order online via our school store, it's that easy!

If you are unfamiliar with our school store, input this address

<https://lowerypto.membershiptoolkit.com>

click on store (it's in the grey header), pick out some gear for yourself and your child and help support your school!

## Let's all be Lowery proud!

- All items that are purchased will be delivered to your child classroom, so when placing the order please do not leave out your child's name, grade level and classroom, as this information is important, this will ensure that you and your child will receive your items in a quick and timely manner.

# Order your yearbook today at

Encarga hoy tu anuario en

## ybpay.com

Scan to order  
today!  
¡Echa un vistazo para  
encargar hoy!



**Order Deadline: March 23, 2024**

*Fecha Tope Para el Pedido:*

**Yearbook ID Code: 13263324**

*Código ID del anuario:*

**School Name: Lowery Elementary School**

*Nombre de escuela:*

## Yearbook

### \$25

- Hardcovers stand the test of time with high-gloss lamination
- All-color pages that vibrantly capture your memories throughout the school year
- Durable Smyth-sewn binding that keeps the yearbook intact through wear and tear.

**Anuario**

- Las cubiertas duras pasan la prueba del tiempo con laminado de alto brillo.
- Páginas a todo color que captan de manera vibrante tus recuerdos del año escolar.
- Encuadernación cosida con sistema Smyth duradera, que mantiene el anuario intacto contra el uso y desgaste.

Prices include sales tax where applicable. When you pay by check, you authorize us to process the payment as a check transaction, or to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your checking account. A service fee may be charged on returned checks. Post dated checks are not accepted. By completing and submitting this order form, you are agreeing to all of Lifetouch's terms and conditions located at [www.lifetouch.com/terms-conditions](http://www.lifetouch.com/terms-conditions) and to our privacy policy located at [www.lifetouch.com/privacy](http://www.lifetouch.com/privacy).

Los precios incluyen impuesto a las ventas cuando corresponde. Cuando pague con cheque, nos autoriza a procesar el pago como una transacción mediante cheque o a usar la información de tu cheque para realizar una transferencia electrónica de fondos desde tu cuenta de cheques por única vez. Por cheques rechazados se podrá aplicar un cargo. No se aceptan cheques de pago diferido. Al completar y enviar este formulario de pedido, aceptas todas las condiciones de Lifetouch ubicadas en [www.lifetouch.com/terms-conditions](http://www.lifetouch.com/terms-conditions) y nuestra política de privacidad ubicada en [www.lifetouch.com/privacy](http://www.lifetouch.com/privacy).

Contact our Help Center for assistance at [lifetouch.com/support-us](http://lifetouch.com/support-us)  
Select Yearbook Orders for assistance.

Comunicate con nuestro Centro de Ayuda para recibir asistencia en [lifetouch.com/support-us](http://lifetouch.com/support-us).  
Selecciona Pedidos del Anuario para recibir asistencia.

**NO MORE CLIPPING. SCAN YOUR RECEIPT.**



## HOW TO EARN

### BOX TOPS MAKES IT EASY.

No more clipping. No more sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone. **Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app**, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit your school's Box Tops earnings online.

**Twice a year, your school will receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever it needs!**

## HOW IT WORKS



**BUY**

### Box tops products

**Look for the logo.** You can find it on hundreds of products you know and love.



**SCAN**

### Your receipt

**No more clipping.** Tap the scan button and snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



**EARN**

### Cash for your school

**It's that easy!** Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

# SCHOOLMESSENGER

SISTEMA DE NOTIFICACIÓN DE EMERGENCIA DE CFISD

¡Manténgase  
informado con  
importantes mensajes  
escolares en la palma  
de la mano!



**ENVÍE EL MENSAJE  
DE TEXTO  
"Y" AL 67587**

**OPTE HOY MISMO  
RECIBIR  
NOTIFICACIONES  
VÍA SMS**

# schoolcafé



## One app for your entire cafeteria

### APPLY FOR FREE & REDUCED MEALS

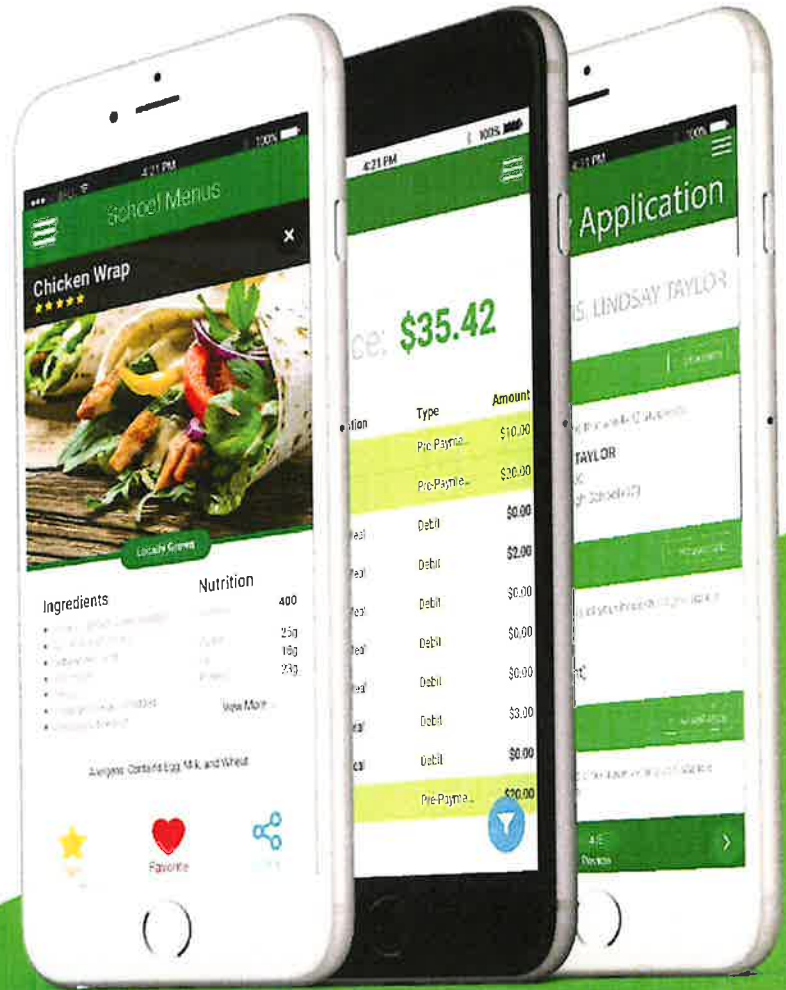
Applying for free and reduced meal benefits has never been easier. Apply, submit, and track your application status from start to finish.

### SEE NUTRITIONAL INFO

Check menus, see nutritional information and allergens. Students can rate and favorite menu items all from their phone.

### MANAGE BALANCES

Make payments, view purchase history, and receive low balance alerts. For convenience, setup automatic payments to replenish their cafeteria funds.



- Visit [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com) or the SchoolCafe app to apply.
- Call 281-897-4550 or visit the Food Production Center at 11355 Perry Road with questions and for assistance.
- Paper applications are available upon request.

[www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com)



# schoolcafé

Una aplicación para toda su cafetería

## SOLICITE COMIDAS GRATUITAS Y REDUCIDAS

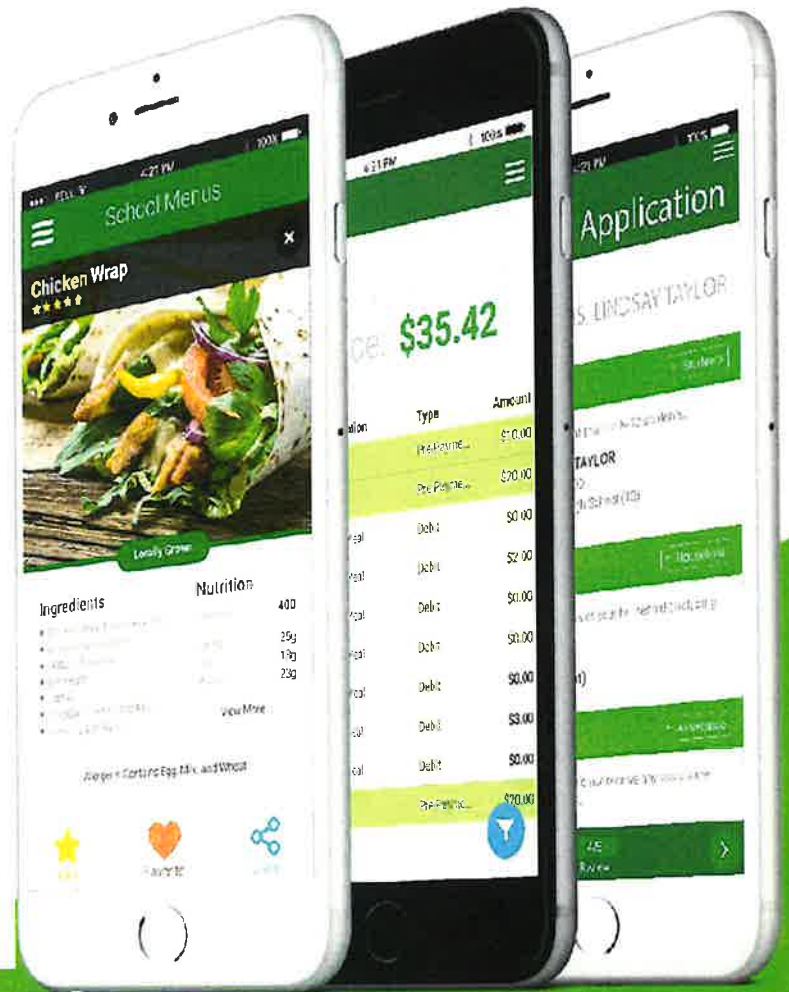
Solicitar el beneficio de comidas gratuitas o de precio reducido es muy fácil. Solicite, envíe y haga seguimiento del estado de su solicitud desde el comienzo hasta el final.

## VEA LA INFORMACIÓN NUTRICIONAL

Revise menús y vea información nutricional y alérgenos alimentarios. Los estudiantes también pueden calificar y marcar sus comidas favoritas en el menú ¡todo desde su teléfono!

## ADMINISTRE SUS SALDOS

Haga pagos, vea su historial de compras y reciba alertas de saldos bajos. Para su conveniencia, configure pagos automáticos para reponer fondos en su cuenta de la cafetería.



- Visite [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com) o la aplicación SchoolCafe para solicitar el beneficio.
- Llame al 281-897-4550 o visite el Centro de Producción de Alimentos, 11355 Perry Road, si tiene preguntas o si necesita ayuda.
- Los formularios impresos están disponibles a pedido.



[www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com)







# CFISD BUS UPDATES 2023-2024

- All students are required to wear seatbelts.
- Student ID badges are a requirement in order to ride the bus. No badge, no bus!
- Students are expected to follow the CFISD SAFE bus expectations. Code of conduct will be enforced for those not following the expectations.
- Download the Traversa Ride 360 app for CFISD bus information. To learn more go to [www.cfid.net](http://www.cfid.net) or contact transportation services.



# WE'RE HIRING & TRAINING BUS DRIVERS

**\$18.00 PER HOUR**

**STARTING PAY**

\*6.5 hours per day average

## **PAID TRAINING YEAR-ROUND**

- Work at one of CFISD's five transportation centers across the district
- Work in a positive environment with a culture filled with people who care and are committed to your success

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY,  
VISIT [WWW.CFISD.NET](http://WWW.CFISD.NET)**