

**Casis Elementary
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*Casis Elementary
2710 Exposition, Austin, Texas 78703
April 27, 2007*

**Casis Elementary
Attendance Line
414-0003**

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a learning environment that will enable each student to work to potential in his/her quest to be a life-long learner and a productive member of society.

Calendar Items

Monday, April 30	7:45 – 8:30 a.m.	Bluebonnet Breakfast Celebration (Cafeteria)
Monday, April 30		Computer Lab Open House
Tuesday, May 1	9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Kindergarten/New Student Round-Up (Cafeteria)
Tuesday, May 1	2:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Library)
Wednesday, May 2		Casis Cares
Thursday, May 3		Computer Lab Open House
Thursday, May 3	3:15 p.m.	CAC Meeting (Portable 15)
Friday, May 4	8:15 – 10:15 a.m.	PTA Executive Board Meeting (Portable 15)
Friday, May 4		Computer Lab Open House
Monday, May 7	2:45 p.m.	Leadership Casis (Library)
Monday, May 7	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Austin Partners In Education Salute 2007 (Downtown Hilton)
Tuesday, May 8		Career Day at Casis (Grades 2 - 5)
Wednesday – Thursday, May 2 & 3		Nestle and Springer Classes to Port Aransas
Thursday – Friday, May 3 & 4		Deiterman and Batiansila Classes to Port Aransas
Thursday, May 10	7:45 – 9:00 a.m.	PTA General Meeting (Reading Presentation)
Tuesday – Wednesday, May 15 & 16		Track & Field Days

Bluebonnet Breakfast Celebration

The celebration honoring 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders who have read all 20 books on the Bluebonnet list will be held Monday, April 30th from 7:45 – 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Congratulations, Casis readers!

Kindergarten and New Student Roundup

Kindergarten and New Student Roundup is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1st from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. All children who are five years of age before September 1st, 2007 are eligible for Kindergarten. Please bring your child, along with copies of your child's birth certificate, social security card (if available), a current immunization record, proof of residency (i.e. your electric bill or lease) and your driver's license/photo ID that shows your date of birth. Please be aware that in order for your child(ren) to attend school in Austin ISD, their immunizations must be up-to-date. If you have specific questions about what this entails, please contact the Casis health office at 414-7169 or AISD Student Health Services at 414-6171. Encourage your neighbors and friends to attend with their new Casis Cougars!

Student Packets for 2007-08

In this week's Friday folder, you will receive a student packet for each Casis student. Please pay close attention to the enclosed time-sensitive documents listed below:

- **Parent Input Form:** This form is used as a tool for class placement. It is a complex process to create classes that address the needs of all students. Your thoughts are welcomed regarding the learning environment that will work best for your child. We thank you for not requesting a specific teacher or classmates for your child(ren).
- **School Supply Order Form:** If you are interested in placing an order for your child's school supplies, please complete this form and return it to your child's teacher, along with your check (payable to Casis PTA).
- **Student Directory and Communication Form:** Please fill out the school directory/communication form. This information is for the Casis Directory along with selecting your preference as to how you would like to receive (electronically or on paper) most of your Friday folder materials.

Please return all of the above-referenced documents to your child's teacher no later than **May 4th, 2007**. The deadline for all school supply orders is **May 18th, 2007**. *No orders will be accepted after that date.*

PTA Spring 2007 Contribution Form

In last week's Friday folder the PTA Spring Contribution form was sent home with the following attachments: technology contribution, grade level t-shirt order form, and school supply order form for the 2007 – 2008 school year. Please make sure to complete one form per child. All forms are due May 18th. Checks can be made payable to Casis PTA. Additional forms can be found at www.casispta.org and are also located in the main office. Please contact Wendy Thompson at winifredpage@aol.com with questions.

Austin Partners In Education – Salute 2007 – May 7th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Congratulations to the Casis PTA, Casis Cares, and Leadership Casis who are finalists for the Salute 2007 Austin Partners In Education Award Ceremony. Our PTA was nominated for PTA of the Year, Casis Cares was nominated in the category of Special Programs, and Leadership Casis was nominated in the category of School Spirit. We are proud of our parent volunteers for this prestigious recognition.

Read Aloud

Read Aloud will be cancelled on May 16th because the closing ceremony for Track & Field will take place during that time.

Technology Lab Open House

The computer lab is hosting an open house for Kindergarten through 5th grades. The time of your child's open house will be during his/her regularly scheduled computer lab time. The general schedule is as follows:

Monday, April 30th Mangels, Cavness, Downing, Heleniak, Carr, Hilgers, and Batiansila classes
Thursday, May 3rd Robertson, Markham, Bryant, Bunce, Martinez, Lindsey, and Morrison classes
Friday, May 4th Underwood, Davis, Proffer, Hirsh, Candler, Morales, and Chauvin classes
Come check out what your child has learned this year in our amazing technology lab!

Leadership Casis

We will have our final meeting and party on Monday, May 7th immediately after school. We would like to celebrate and acknowledge your outstanding service to Casis and our community this year. Please wear your LC t-shirt to school that day. Pick up is in the circle driveway at 4:00. Remember to complete your five outside community service hours and turn the form into the LC box in your classroom. The deadline to turn these forms in is Wednesday, May 2nd. Additional forms can be found on the LC bulletin board. Please contact Marcia Millikin or Margie Medrano with any questions.

Track and Field Days 2007

Mark your calendars! You are invited to the Casis Track and Field Days scheduled for Tuesday, May 15th and Wednesday, May 16th. This year our theme is the "Six Flags of Texas." Your children will participate in activities that represent the six nations that have flown their flags over Texas. We need your help to make this a great event for our kids. Volunteer forms went out in your child's Friday folder. These forms need to be returned to your child's teacher no later than May 2nd. Thanks in advance for volunteering to help us out. If you have any questions, please contact Dena Lewis at 944-4226, Allison Laughlin at 472-2717, or Carlotta McLean at 473-0814.

Spanish Open Houses for Grades K-4

The K-4th grade Spanish classes will be hosting open houses during your child's regular Spanish time the week of May 7th – 11th. Families are invited to come and see what we have been working on in Spanish class this year. A detailed invitation was sent home in last week's Friday Folder. The general schedule is: Monday, 5/7 - Carr, Mangels, Cavness, Downing and Heleniak; Tuesday, 5/8 - Cornwell, Porter, Pham, Ross, Hudgins, Morales, and Chauvin; Wednesday, 5/9 - Robertson, Markham, Bryant, Olvera, Christian, and Lindsey; Thursday, 5/10 - Carter, Abshire, Dvorak, Proffer, and Candler; Friday, 5/11 - Davis, Underwood, Hirsh, Bunce, Martinez, Hilgers, and Morrison.

5th Grade Port Aransas Trips— Coming Next Week!

As many of you know, our 5th grade students will be taking an annual educational field trip to the University of Texas Marine Science Center where they will study various marine habitats. The Nestle and Springer classes will go on May 2nd and 3rd. The Deiterman and Batiansila classes will go on May 3rd and 4th. This fantastic opportunity for our 5th graders is a result of the hard work of many teachers and PTA parent volunteers. We know the students will learn a great deal from this experience.

Career Day 2007

Casis Career Day is coming soon to all 2nd through 5th grade classes. Parents/speakers will visit classrooms and talk about their careers to help students become aware of the world of work. It is our hope that students be introduced to careers that will allow them to reach their own potential, and that they understand the importance of a good education. Please note the following presentation times: Tuesday, May 8th from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. for 2nd through 4th grades, and 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for 5th graders. A more detailed schedule will follow. Please mark your calendars for this event!

Calling All Books

Since we are nearing the end of the school year, please check your house, car and child's backpack to see if you have any text books, library books or books from the Literacy Library to turn in. **Library books are due back by May 11th.** Thank you.

9th Annual Austin Dragon Boat Festival & Race

The Asian American Community Partnership will host this exciting event on Saturday, April 28th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Festival Beach (NE corner of Town Lake & I-35). Teams will participate in the Dragon Boat Race with 300 competitors rowing 40-foot long Dragon Boats down Town Lake. The festival includes Asian cultural programs of dance, music, martial arts and traditional foods. For more information call 336-5069 or visit www.asianamericanc.com.

Weekly Health Tip

Get your exercise weekly. Prioritize time for yourself and your kids by helping them get enough physical activity in their daily routine. Taking a walk or jogging two or three times around the block can give you more energy, take off unwanted pounds, and supply a positive mental outlook.

Cafeteria/Playground Parent Volunteer Monitor Thanks & Reminder

Thank you to the parent-volunteers in Ms. Dvorak's class for monitoring the cafeteria and playground this week and again on Monday, April 30th. Thank you in advance to parent-volunteers in Ms. Markham's class who will monitor May 1st through May 8th. If you can help, please call your homeroom parent. Thanks for all your help and support!

Sincerely,