

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

Friday, April 6		1 st Grade Field Trip to Inner Space Caverns
Monday, April 9		Vision & Hearing Screenings/1 st , 3 rd & 5 th (P-15)
Tuesday, April 10		Vision & Hearing Screenings/1 st , 3 rd & 5 th (P-15)
Tuesday, April 10	2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Library)
Wednesday, April 11		Read Aloud
Thursday, April 12	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	PTA General Meeting led by Leadership Casis (Cafeteria)
Friday, April 13		Marathon Kids T-Shirt Day
Saturday, April 14		2007 Safeplace Walk (Waterloo Park)
Sunday, April 15	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Casis Fun Run (O. Henry Track)
Monday, April 16	2:45 p.m.	Leadership Casis (Library)
Tuesday, April 17		TAKS Testing—3 rd and 4 th Grade Math
Tuesday, April 17	2:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Library)
Wednesday, April 18		TAKS Testing—4 th Grade Reading
Wednesday, April 18		Read Aloud
Thursday, April 19		TAKS Testing—5 th Grade Science

5th Grade Math TAKS

We had a successful testing day. Thanks to our students for their hard work and to our parents and teachers for their support and dedication.

Vision & Hearing Screenings

Vision and Hearing screenings will be given on April 9th and 10th for students in 1st, 3rd and 5th grades. Teachers will refer any students new to AISD that are in other grades. Some students may be screened due to previous referrals. Please remind your children to wear or bring their glasses to school on Monday and Tuesday, as they will wear their glasses during the screening.

Casis Anthology

This year Casis students have been hard at work writing stories and poetry for the Casis Anthology. Three bound anthology books will be published this spring and every Casis student will be represented. The Casis PTA has generously agreed to underwrite this project. **Each student and teacher will automatically receive a free copy of his or her grade's book.** However, if you would like to purchase an **additional copy** or a copy of another grade's book you may do so. Order forms are available in the office. Please contact Julie Baselice at 380-0419 or e-mail her at julieb@baselice.com if you have any questions. The order deadline is **Friday, April 13th**.

Anthology Permission Form—IMPORTANT

Recently, we sent home "Parent Permission Forms" for the Casis Anthology. Please sign this form and return it to your child's teacher **no later than April 13th**. We will be sending the anthology to the publisher and must have a signed form from each student in order to publish his or her work. Additional forms are available in the office. Thank you!

Casis Marathon Kids T-Shirt Day

Casis Marathon Kids T-shirt Day is Friday, April 13th. Students who registered for Marathon Kids and completed their laps will wear their Finisher's shirt to school in celebration of finishing their miles. It's a great time to run!

Casis Fun Run

Walk, run, just have fun! The Casis Fun Run is Sunday, April 15th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the O. Henry Middle School track. Distance runs for each grade level, shuttle relays and the popular family & friends relay are back! Help support Casis and the 5th graders' study trip to Port Aransas by participating in the Fun Run. Look for registration and sponsorship information in your Friday folder. If you would like to help or have questions please contact Cami Hawkins at hawkins2048@sbcglobal.net or Suzanne Plummer at suzanne.plummer@amd.com.

Casis Fun Run Clinics

In preparation of the Fun Run, local running coaches and elite runners, Gilbert Tuhabonye and Cassie Henkiel, will present Fun Run clinics. Gilbert will host the first clinic on Tuesday, April 10th, and Cassie will host the second clinic, which will be on Wednesday, April 11th. Both sessions will be held from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Casis gym. Thanks to the Fun Run Committee for organizing these wonderful events.

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. Thank you.

Casis Book Donation Box

A collection box is now located by the school's front door for donations of new or gently used children's books. Donations will be accepted for the remainder of the school year. All books will be distributed throughout the Casis campus as needed. When cleaning out your children's rooms, remember the collection box.

Leadership Casis

Leadership Casis will meet Monday, April 16th immediately after school in the library. Please wear your L.C. t-shirts to school that day. We are going on a field trip to Ecology Action of Texas and will return at 4:30 p.m. for pick up in the circle driveway. **Members must have turned in a signed parent permission form to go on the field trip with us.** Additional forms are attached to the L.C. bulletin board, or email Margie Medrano and she will send you one. Please turn those into the Leadership Casis box in your classroom. If any parent is able to be a driver for us, please email Margie Medrano: mmedrano@austin.rr.com or Marcia Millikin: marcia@millikinproperties.com.

PTA Officers for the 2007-2008 School Year

We want to extend congratulations to the following officers elected at the March 8th PTA meeting. President-Elect, Julie Ballard; Vice-President of Communications, Tracy Fielder; Vice-President of Ways & Means, Karen Brimble; Vice-President of Services, Suzanne Bell; Secretary, Julie Pastor; Treasurer, Amy Allen; and Assistant Treasurer, Jay Foster. The elected officers will serve on the 2007-2008 PTA Executive Board, along with next year's President, Wendy Thompson, Principal Barry Aidman, a teacher representative, and the following appointed members: Historian, Parliamentarian, Volunteer Coordinator and AC-PTA Representative. We will install all of the new officers at the last PTA meeting on May 10th. We want to extend a huge thanks to these individuals who have offered their time and talents for the benefit of the Casis community. Thanks also to the Nominating Committee for all their hard work.

Austin Independent School District 2007 Student Art Show

Congratulations to Casis artists, Jordan Keig, Erica Barlin, Ben West, Zoe Dobson, Curran Abell, Caroline Phillips, Ben Winter, Jude Verrill, and Morgan Navarro for having their artwork chosen to represent Casis Elementary in the AISD 2007 Student Art Show. This exhibit will be held March 23rd through April 17th at One Congress Plaza located at 111 Congress Ave. Regular viewing hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

GT Parent Symposium and AAGT Spring Meeting

The Austin Independent School District's Department of Advanced Academic Services is pleased to announce a spring gifted education parent symposium, "Supporting Gifted Children at Home," on Saturday, April 14th. The symposium will be held at Lamar Middle School at 6201 Wynona from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. After the symposium the Austin Association for Gifted and Talented will host a light lunch at their meeting from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Keynote speaker, Dixie Kingston, will be presenting at the symposium and the parent group meeting. For additional information, please call 414-0279.

Campus Advisory Council Openings: We Need You!

CAC is a group made up of teachers, parents and community members whose goal is to promote student achievement by providing advice and assistance to the school. The Council meets approximately once a month (usually the first Thursday) throughout the school year to help develop the campus improvement plan and monitor school progress. If you are interested in serving on the Campus Advisory Council, please pick up a membership application in the main office or visit <http://www.austinisd.org/inside/cac/resources.phtml> to obtain one online. Applications are due back to the office by April 13th.

2007 SafePlace Walk

The 20th Annual SafePlace Walk will take place at Waterloo Park on Saturday, April 14th. This event serves as a way to honor the memories of those who have been lost to violence, and as a way for survivors to celebrate life without violence. This walk is one of the largest awareness and fundraising events for issues of domestic and sexual violence. Please come and be a part of the 2007 SafePlace Walk by going to the website www.austin-safeplace.org or by calling 481-WALK.

Extend-A-Care Summer Day Camp Accepting Reservations

Extend-A-Care for Kids is currently reserving spaces and accepting financial assistance appointments for summer camp. For more information, please contact their business office at 472-9929 or visit their website at www.eackids.org.

Weekly Health Tip

Most of us don't know how much sugar we actually eat every day. Simple sugars are used to flavor yogurt, candy bars, fruit juice, cookies, cereal and granola bars. They rapidly increase blood sugar and stimulate a fat-storing enzyme. If one does not exercise, excess sugar is converted to fat. On the other hand, complex sugars are found naturally in fruits, vegetables and grains. They enter your bloodstream more gradually and will provide energy for a longer period of time.

Cafeteria/Playground Parent Volunteer Monitor Thanks & Reminder

Thank you to the parent-volunteers in Ms. Abshire's class for monitoring the cafeteria and playground this week. Thank you in advance to parent-volunteers in Ms. Bryant's class who will monitor April 10th through April 16th. If you can help, please call your homeroom parent. Thanks for all your help and support!

Sincerely,