

**Casis Elementary
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Casis Elementary
2710 Exposition, Austin, Texas 78703
January 19, 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, January 22	8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	PTA Budget Meeting (P15)
Monday, January 22		Grade 1 Field Trip (Paramount Theatre)
Monday, January 22	2:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Leadership Casis (Library)
Tuesday, January 23	7:45 a.m.	PTA Meeting (P15) New Date
Tuesday, January 23	2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Library)
Tuesday, January 23	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Gifted & Talented Parent Information Night (Library) New Date
Wednesday, January 24		Read Alouds
Wednesday, January 24		Spinal/A.N. Screenings for Grade 5 (Health Office)
Thursday, January 25		Spinal/A.N. Screenings for Grade 5 (Health Office)
Friday, January 26		100 th Day of School
Friday, January 26		Gifted and Talented Nomination Process Ends
Saturday, January 27	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders Open House
Tuesday, January 30	2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Library)
Wednesday, January 31		International Festival Begins
Wednesday, January 31		Read Alouds

Bad Weather Make-Up Days

We hope you enjoyed the two days without school. According to AISD, these days will be made up on April 6th and May 24th.

PTA Meeting Rescheduled for Tuesday, January 23rd at 7:45 a.m.

Due to this week's school cancellations, the January 18th PTA Meeting had to be rescheduled. The rescheduled meeting will be short; however, there are some items of importance that need to be voted on. Please mark your calendars and you can expect a good cup of coffee when you arrive. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Dr. Carl Pickhardt Visits Casis – To Be Rescheduled for February or March

We will notify families as soon as we confirm the date.

Parent Information for Gifted and Talented – Rescheduled for Tuesday, January 23rd

The AISD Gifted and Talented Program serves students in grades K–12. If you are interested in learning about the Gifted and Talented Program and the process for identification, please attend the parent meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the library. Nomination forms and a brochure about the G/T program will be distributed at the meeting and are also available in the office. If you have questions, please consult with your child's teacher or call Patty Martin, Assistant Principal, at 414-2062. Also, AISD is presenting a Gifted & Talented Parent Forum entitled Uneven Development in Your Gifted Child, which will be held on January 31st from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Baker Center, located at 3908 Avenue B.

Spring Picture Day Rescheduled

Group and individual picture day has been rescheduled to Tuesday, February 27th. Payment envelopes will be resent in Friday folders the week ending February 16th. However, if you have already returned your payment to your child's teacher, the teacher can keep the payment until February 27th. As a reminder, class group pictures will be taken on a pre-pay basis and individual spring portraits will be taken on a proof basis. Please contact the office at 414-2062 with any questions.

Leadership Casis

Our next meeting is Monday January 22nd in the library immediately after school. Pick up in the circle driveway at 4:00 p.m. This is our only meeting in January. Please wear your Leadership Casis t-shirt to school on Monday.

Clothing & Blanket Donations

Leadership Casis is collecting clothing and blankets for those in need. We will have drop boxes at the entry doors January 23rd - February 5th. You can clean out your closets during these bad weather days & make someone else happy at the same time. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Save Your Holiday Cards

Please turn in your holiday cards (addressed to the art class) to your teacher or to the office. The art teachers, Ms. Bond and Ms. Reed would like your recycled holiday cards to utilize for future art projects. Thank you.

Casis Chess Club

The first chess tournament of the New Year will be held at LBJ High School on January 20th. The City of Austin was awarded the TCA Region VI Championship which will be held at Laurel Mountain Elementary school on February 10th. The State Scholastic Championship is going to be held over March 17th & 18th at the Adams Mark in Dallas. Please visit www.turbochess.com to register for either of these events. Flyers and registration forms may also be downloaded at this site. Contact Diana Graves with any questions at 480-0782 or via email at diana-graves@sbcglobal.net.

5th Grade Parents: Spinal Screening Information

We will be conducting spinal screenings for scoliosis/A.N. screenings (which is a possible diabetes indicator) for 5th grade students on January 24th & 25th in the school health office. The purpose of spinal screening is to detect the signs of abnormal curves of the spine at their earliest stages to determine the need for treatment. Trained screeners will look at your child's back while he/she stands and then bends forward. For this examination, boys and girls will be seen separately and individually. Please contact the health office 414-7169 with specific questions.

New Way To Pay For School Lunches

Please be aware that AISD Food Services has recently set up an online option for paying for your child's lunches by going to www.myLunchMoney.com. In order to utilize this service you will need to input your child's name, 7-digit student number and date of birth. Last week in your Friday folder you received a flyer that had a label with your child's name and student ID #. There is a fee of \$1.95 per transaction. For more information, please call 1-800-479-3531.

Volleyball

The Austin Association of Physical Educators is sponsoring a Volleyball Playday on Saturday, March 3rd, at the U. T. Recreation Center. The Playday is open to 5th grade boys and girls who attend AISD schools. Practice sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:45 - 3:30 p.m. in the gym. Students may choose which day works for them. Our first practice sessions will be held on Tuesday, January 30th, and Wednesday, January 31st. See Ms. Samok for details.

2007-2008 PTA Officer Nominations Requested

The Nominations Form for PTA Officers for the 2007-2008 school year is in today's Friday Folders. Your nominations will help the PTA Nominating Committee prepare a proposed slate of officers for the 2007-2008 school year. You may nominate yourself and /or any other individual that you believe is qualified for the offices listed on the form. Extra forms are located by the table outside the office. Please return your completed Nominations Form to your child's teacher or mail it to Julia Howry, 2401 Sweetbrush Drive, Austin, Texas 78703, by Monday, February 5th. Thank you for participating in this important process.

Open House for Ann Richards School For Young Women Leaders

The Open House for the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders will be held Saturday, January 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Porter Middle School, 2206 Prather Lane. This event will provide prospective students and parents with an opportunity to meet the principal, ask questions, receive assistance with student applications and tour the new school which is due to open this coming fall. For more information, please visit www.annrichardsschool.org.

Upcoming Author Visit With Jack Gantos - Friday, February 9th

Jack Gantos will be returning to Casis for another entertaining and enlightening presentation. Jack's books are some of the most popular in our library and we hope you will take the opportunity to purchase a signed book at this event for your collection. Book order forms were in last week's Friday folder - **orders must be returned to your teacher by January 22nd**. Forms are also available via www.casispta.org. You will also find a flyer with information about our Parent/Staff book group. We will be reading Jack's newest Young Adult novel entitled The Love Curse of the Rumbaugh's. Please join us for a lively discussion of this hilarious, wacky book on Monday, February 5th from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the library. Books are available at Book People. For more information, please contact Amy Roberts at 472-3735, or email asraustin@aol.com.

Angelfish For A Day Clinic

The Austin Angelfish Synchronized Swim Team presents, "Learn From The Best"! Olympic Gold Medalists, Becky Dyroen-Lancer and Jill Sudduth-Smith will head up the clinic for swimmers between the ages of 8 – 13 years old on Sunday, January 21st at the Town Lake YMCA from 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The registration cost is \$25 for advanced tickets or \$35 at the door. For more information, please call 567-1943 or email synchrocc@aol.com.

Cafeteria/Playground Parent Volunteer Monitor Thanks & Reminder

Thank you to the parent-volunteers in Ms. Heleniak's class for monitoring the cafeteria and playground this week. Thank you in advance to Ms. Mangel's parent-volunteers who will be here to volunteer during lunch January 24th through January 31st. If you can help, please call your homeroom parent.

Sincerely,