

**Casis Elementary  
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*Casis Elementary*  
2710 Exposition, Austin, Texas 78703  
March 2, 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

Friday, March 2	8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	PTA Budget Meeting (P15)
Saturday, March 3		5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Playday (UT Recreation Center)
Saturday, March 3	11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Explore UT (UT Campus)
Monday, March 5	9:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Grade 3 to Aquarena Springs (San Marcos)
Monday, March 5	8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	PTA Executive Board Meeting (P15)
Monday, March 5	2:45 p.m.	Leadership Casis (Library)
Monday, March 5	3:15 – 4:30 p.m.	CAC Meeting (P15)
Tuesday, March 6	2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Library)
Wednesday, March 7		Read Aloud
Thursday, March 8	12:00 p.m.	PTA Meeting (P15)
Monday, March 12 - Friday, March 16		Spring Break – <b>No School</b>
Tuesday, March 20	2:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Library)
Wednesday, March 21		Casis Cares
Thursday, March 22	9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Prospective Parent Open House (Library)
Friday, March 23		End of Third Nine Weeks
Wednesday, March 28		Report Cards Distributed
Wednesday, March 28		Read Aloud

### A.A.P.E. Volleyball Playday – Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Austin Association of Physical Educators is sponsoring a Volleyball Playday tournament on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the UT Recreation Center. The tournament is open to 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls who attend AISD schools. The three Casis teams will be playing between 1:30 and 3:40 p.m. Tournament information has already been sent home. Please contact Ms. Samok at 841-5546 with questions.

### Explore UT

Come to the biggest open house in Texas! Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the University of Texas will be hosting a campus-wide open house. The whole family is will enjoy this fun event. Go to <http://www.utexas.edu/events/exploreut/noflashindex.html> for more information.

### Science Fair Results—Congratulations Casis Scientists!

Congratulations to our school's winners in last Saturday's Austin Energy Regional Science Festival. Please congratulate the following 4<sup>th</sup> grade students who took 1<sup>st</sup> place: Noelle Brimble, Johnny Chambless, Danielle Johnson, and Kim Griffith who also was the recipient of the Society of Women Engineers Award. The second place 4<sup>th</sup> grade winners were Andrew Bell and Matthew Listi. The third place 4<sup>th</sup> grade winners were Tommy Matson and Elisabeth Foster. The following 5<sup>th</sup> grade students were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place: Zach Jones, Samantha Richards, Lia Irvin, Cosmo Nixon, and Tanner Mauro and Ben Mauro who were also the recipients of the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge Award for their group project. The second place 5<sup>th</sup> Grade winners: Joseph Voss and Zoe Dobson, Caroline Phillips and Megan Nater for their group project. We are proud of your outstanding projects and commitment to learning!

### Leadership Casis

Leadership Casis will meet Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, immediately after school in the library. Please wear your Leadership Casis t-shirt to school that day. Thank you to all the families who donated to help make Megan's wish come true. The final tally will be forthcoming, as we are still receiving last minute donations. We want to thank Karen Thompson for coordinating our LC students to promote and collect donations for the Make-A-Wish drive. Please pick up students in the circle driveway at 4:00 p.m.

### PTA Volunteer Spring forms

PTA Volunteer Spring forms were due Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have not already turned in your form, PLEASE look it over and decide where you can help this spring! We have many fundraising events coming up that depend on your involvement. If you have any questions, please contact Brooks Franklin at [ebf@grandecom.net](mailto:ebf@grandecom.net) or 236-0885.

### Thank You, PTA

Thank you for inviting Dr. Carl Pickhardt to speak at our school on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. More than 60 parents enjoyed his presentation on successfully parenting young adolescents.

### PTA General Meeting, Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

At our next PTA meeting the following slate of officers will be voted on for the 2007 – 2008 school year. We would like to congratulate these PTA members who have been nominated: Julie Ballard - President Elect; Tracy Fielder - Vice President of Communications; Karen Brimble - Vice President of Ways and Means; Suzanne Bell - Vice President of Services; Julie Pastor – Secretary; Amy Allen – Treasurer; and Jay Foster - Assistant Treasurer. The elected officers will be installed at the May 10<sup>th</sup> PTA general meeting, the last meeting of the year.

### PTA Tax Receipts

The Casis PTA is proud to announce that we sent out tax receipt letters last week for the 2006 – 2007 school year. The receipt letters represent contributions made in response to the spring and fall requests for program support, as well as additional fundraising money for amounts more than \$250. Migrating to Quickbooks enables the PTA to provide details regarding the contributions we receive. We are now able to send by mail - and soon by email - a receipt for donations made to the PTA. Beginning February 2007, receipt confirmations will be sent at the same time donations are processed. These receipts should be saved for tax purposes. We will not send out additional, consolidated or year-end statements due to cost and volunteer efficiency. Thank you to Amy Allen for her work on this project.

### Open House for Prospective Casis Parents

On Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 -10:30 a.m., Casis will host its final Open House for parents of prospective K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Administrators, PTA representatives and the school counselor will be available at the Open House to share information, answer questions and conduct tours of the school. Please share information about the Open House with your neighbors and friends who may be interested in sending their children to Casis.

### Casis Chess Club

It's not too late to join the chess club. All 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend. Parents of interested Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students can call Diana Graves at 480-0782 or via email at [diana-graves@sbcglobe.net](mailto:diana-graves@sbcglobe.net). All ability levels are welcome. You don't even have to know how to play. See you there!

### Fifth Grade Photos

The slide show project for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation is now underway. We want to make sure that all the children have an opportunity to see themselves and their friends in this special end-of-year show. We are asking that each 5<sup>th</sup> grade family share three photographs of your child. These photos can be from any time or event between Kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> grade and can include other students. We will accept the photos either digitally or by print. Digital is preferred, but we are more than happy to have either. If you are sending prints, please put the photographs into an envelope with your child's name, phone number and teacher's name on the front. Please do not write on the back of the photos. Send them to your child's teacher by March 15<sup>th</sup>. We will return the photos to each classroom teacher for distribution once they have been scanned. If you are sending digital files, please email them to Susan Sigmon at [ssigmon@austin.rr.com](mailto:ssigmon@austin.rr.com). Thanks for your participation.

### Art at the State Capitol

We would like to congratulate our own Alex Cameron, who was one of only three students selected from AISD to exhibit art at the State Capitol. Seventy-six school districts statewide will be represented in the ground floor rotunda of the State Capitol. The exhibition will be on public display March 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 10<sup>th</sup>. Way to go Alex!

### Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Please do not drop your child(ren) off in the teacher parking lot, fire zone, the handicap parking spaces, on Exposition in front of the Circle Drive, or the Casis Village parking lot. Also, please do not make u-turns in the pick-up or drop-off areas on Hillview or Northwood. Our traffic safety rules must be followed by *all* parents/guardians so that every single one of our students is protected. Following these guidelines is even more crucial on rainy days as visibility is limited. Please follow our school's traffic rules as you would those of the city and your own workplace.

### Lost and Found Items

Please check the lost and found located in the hallway between the cafeteria and the 200-wing for items you are missing. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage your child to see if they have any items in the lost and found, as we expect each child to take responsibility for his/her property.

### Cafeteria/Playground Parent Volunteer Monitor Thanks & Reminder

Thank you to the parent-volunteers in Ms. Olvera's class for monitoring the cafeteria and playground this week. Thank you in advance to parent-volunteers in Ms. Pham's class who will monitor March 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 9<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please call your homeroom parent. Thanks for all your help and support!

Parents and teachers, thank you for your commitment and communication during parent-teacher conferences. Working together helps to ensure student success.

Sincerely,