

### **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, May 23	8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	PTA General Meeting (Portable 8)
Monday, May 26		<b>No School</b> – Student/Staff Holiday
Tuesday, May 27	2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Library)
Wednesday, May 28		Read Aloud
Friday, May 30		Year Books Distributed
Tuesday, June 3	2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Chess Club Final Meeting (Library)
Wednesday, June 4	8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
Wednesday, June 4		Report Cards Distributed—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Port Aransas Trips – Thank You

Thank you to Brandon Batiansila, Derek Springer, Jaynelle Nestle and Beth Pasko for another amazing trip to Port A. It was well orchestrated and our children greatly benefited from it. We appreciate all who helped make this year's trip possible. Thanks to all the wonderful parent-chaperones and volunteers. Special thank you to Leisa McLelland for the extra time and effort she put into making the trip a success.

### Casis Track and Field Days 2008 – Thank You!

Special thanks to Track and Field Co-Chairs, Alison Laughlin, Carlotta McLean, and Shannon Dowell; and to Casis P.E. teachers, Cindy Samok and Jan Jackson. Your hard work, expert planning, and flexibility allowed our students two days of great fun and fitness! A huge thanks to all the parent-volunteers for donating their valuable time. We couldn't have made it happen without you!

### Track & Field Feedback

We want your feedback regarding Track & Field days. For those who receive Friday folder materials electronically, we have attached a questionnaire that you may fill out and return to the office. If you do not receive electronic communication and would like to share your input, we have feedback forms located in the office. Thanks so much!

### TAKS Results

Official TAKS reports should arrive next week and will be sent home with individual students.

### Spanish Open Houses

We had approximately 200 visitors during the past two weeks for this event. The children had the opportunity to show their parents various Spanish skills. Thank you to our wonderful teacher, Rebecca Jobe, for all of her hard work and dedication. Your Spanish contributions have provided the means to support all of these important learning opportunities for our students.

### Casis Garden Evening Reading – Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

There will be an evening book reading this upcoming Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the new Casis Organic Garden. You and your family are invited as we celebrate the new Casis Sundial and mark its true north. Bring a blanket and a favorite snack. Thank you to Barbara Nichols and Robbi Cooper for their creativity and organization with this event.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation and Celebration

On Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be graduating from Casis. There is a huge amount of coordination and hard work in planning this special event. Thanks to participating 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent-volunteers who have spent the entire year overseeing and coordinating 5<sup>th</sup> grade activities, such as the Port A trip, Fun Run, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade gift and all of the activities surrounding graduation. Special thanks to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade coordinators, Lainey Fisher, Hillary Summers, and Kerri Ann Chambless for their hard work, dedication and creativity to ensure a wonderful send off for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Special thanks goes to Leisa McLelland her coordination and communication regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade events. We could not provide these wonderful opportunities for our students without the help and support of our parents.

### Thank You Casis Office Volunteers

Thank you to the following office volunteers: Neesha Grubbs, Rita Stewart, Marla Kiger, Kristen Hallman, Cherie Mueller and Nicole Nykaza. Special thanks to Montse de Muller for her dedication to keeping extra help available both in the office as well as in the health office. Thanks so much!

### Pack 20 Ice Cream Social – Recruiting Event for New Members: All Casis Students and Parents Invited!

Pack 20 will host an Ice Cream Social on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Tarrytown United Methodist Church. There will be a slide presentation highlighting the Pack's activities during the last year, and lots of ice cream and games. Registration materials for next year will be available. If you have any questions, please contact Todd Reimers at 320-9948 or [reimers44@yahoo.com](mailto:reimers44@yahoo.com) or Nick von Kreisler at 320-0075 or [nvk@drennergolden.com](mailto:nvk@drennergolden.com).

### Medications to be Sent Home

Medications will be sent home on the last day of school only if you have given the health office prior written permission. Please check your children's backpacks! All remaining medications will be disposed of on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Call the Casis Health Office at 414-7169 with questions

### 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.

### School Supplies

If you want to order school supplies for next year and have not done so yet, please return your form by Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Orders need to be sent to our supplier with enough time to insure delivery for the start of the 2008-09 school year. If you did not receive a form or no longer have one there are a few available in the office. Please note, these are grade specific and one form should be returned for each student. You may also email Carole McRoberts at [csml@austin.rr.com](mailto:csml@austin.rr.com) and request a form. Be sure to include your child's grade level for next year.

### Leadership Casis News/Last Meeting of 2008

Making Austin a safer, healthier and happier place to live has been the focus of the community service projects carried out this school year by the 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Casis. Leadership Casis' final effort of the school year took place Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> when students partnered with the Texas Medical Association (TMA) and its Hard Hats for Little Heads program in a helmet give away at Allan Elementary school from 9:00 – 10:00 am. To ensure the safety of their peers in time for the summer bike riding season, the Casis students donated 180 bicycle helmets to Allan Elementary's 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Anne Alexander, MD, an Austin internist, will educate the students about the importance of protecting their head and brain and how head injuries can be reduced by 85 percent simply by strapping on a helmet. Students also will learn how to ensure their helmet fits properly. The more than 100 students in Leadership Casis raised the funds to purchase the helmets through a school-wide garage sale. In addition to the 180 donated at Allan Elementary, another 180 helmets have been donated to students at Sims Elementary School. Thanks to Lisa Stark Walsh for her commitment and dedication to this very important cause. Thanks to Allison Laughlin and Beth Durrett for their leadership throughout the year!

### Campus Advisory Council (CAC)

We had our final CAC meeting on Thursday. Many thanks to those who served on the CAC this year and best wishes to the following members whose term of service ends at the conclusion of this school year: Jose Martinez, Derek Springer, Marla Kiger, Lynn Boswell, Sally Ward, Julie Kocurek and Wendy Thompson. Thank you for your service.

### Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Gratitude

The staff thoroughly enjoyed the delicious luncheon provided by the PTA Teacher Appreciation Committee. Thanks to the committee and the following volunteers who contributed their time and talents: Laura Covert, Shannon Dowell, Ashley Putman, Kristin Alexander, Mickie Plaisance, Mary Lou Gift, Ashley Crider, Jana Howden, Leigh Simmons, Abbe Oden, Shannon Windham, Kasandra Cruzcosa, Tina Hambly, Jennifer Modesett, Kelly Talbert, Cathy Wilson, Rebecca McKee, Tiffany Brumley, Claudia Burnett, Paula Duke, Cynthia Bengtson, Monique Norman, Lauri Perry, Kristin Armstrong, Blanche Gill, Wendy Griessen, Laura Wieland and Ashley Fowler. Thank you so much!

### Yearbooks Distributed Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

Yearbooks will be sent home today with children who have pre-ordered yearbooks. There is still a limited supply available for sale at \$25.00 per copy. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Amy Morran at 477-9013. We appreciate everyone who took pictures throughout the year. Thank you to Amy Morran for organizing the sale of yearbooks and for putting the yearbook together from beginning to end. What an amazing feat!

### 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 sent to charity on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage your children check the Lost and Found as we expect each child to take responsibility for his/her property.

### Path of Excellence

If you would like to purchase an engraved brick paver, please submit your order form by May 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information on the Path of Excellence, please email Blanche Gill at [bbgill@grandecom.net](mailto:bbgill@grandecom.net). Thank you.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choices

5<sup>th</sup> graders in AISD have many choices to make regarding their 6<sup>th</sup> grade and middle school years. Mathews Elementary and Bryker Woods Elementary offer outstanding 6<sup>th</sup> grade programs for students and families who want to extend their elementary school years prior to going to middle school. If you have any questions regarding Mathews Elementary please call 414-4406 or Bryker Woods Elementary at 414-2054.

### End-of-Year Reminder

You can help us a great deal by reminding your children that although we have only a few days of school left, we still expect students to focus on learning, behave appropriately and follow school rules at all times.

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

Thank you to parent volunteers in Mr. Lengle's & Ms. Markham's class for monitoring the cafeteria and playground over the past couple of weeks. Thank you in advance to Ms. Robertson's & Ms. Sridharan's parent volunteers, who will be here to volunteer during lunch, May 27<sup>th</sup> through June 4<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please call your homeroom parent.

Sincerely,