

**Casis Elementary
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*Casis Elementary
2710 Exposition Blvd., Austin, Texas 78703
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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

Wednesday, November 21 – Friday, November 23		Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, November 26		Classes Resume
Monday, November 26	2:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Leadership Casis (Library)
Tuesday, November 27	2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Library/Portable 8)
Tuesday, November 27	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Holiday Photos/Fall Picture Retakes (Stage)
Wednesday, November 28		Read Alouds
Wednesday, November 28	2:45 – 4:00 p.m.	4 th & 5 th Grade Book Club
Thursday, November 29	9:30 a.m.	Ann Richards School For Young Women Leaders Visits Casis (Café)
Friday, November 30		Yearbook Orders Due
Saturday, December 1	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Magnet Fair (Kealing Middle School)
Monday, December 3	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	O. Henry Middle School Prospective Parent Open House
Tuesday, December 4		Grade 3 Field Trip to Ballet Austin
Tuesday, December 4	2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Library/Portable 8)
Wednesday, December 5		Read Alouds
Thursday, December 6	8:45 – 11:00 a.m.	5 th Graders Visit O. Henry Middle School
Thursday, December 6	3:15 p.m.	CAC Meeting (Portable 8)
Friday, December 14	8:15 – 10:15 a.m.	PTA Executive Board Meeting (Portable 8)

Book Fair – Thank You

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who worked so hard to put together this amazing event. Thanks also to Leadership Casis 5th graders who participated in the Book Fair Family Night. A very special thanks to Book Fair Committee Chairs, Barbara Carlson, Suzanne Rosato and Anne Ewald who worked tirelessly to make sure every detail and order request was filled. Also, thank you to Barbara Nichols, Casis Librarian, and Karla Irvin, Library Assistant, and their volunteers and to our custodial staff for all of their organization and hard work. We had a great time at the Fair!

Holiday Portraits/Fall Picture Retakes

PhotoTexas is offering a special holiday package. Order forms went out in this week and last week's Friday folders. Participation is strictly optional and photos will be taken during Fall re-takes, which are scheduled for Tuesday, November 27th. If you wish to purchase the holiday package, please complete and return the order envelope by Monday, November 26th. All orders will be on a pre-pay basis. If you would like your child to participate in retakes, please send the complete original photo package you received previously with your child to turn into photographers on November 27th. The photographer will do retakes only if the original photo package is turned in. If your child was absent during the original picture day and wants to order pictures for the first time, we will have order envelopes in the office. Please direct questions to the office at 414-2062.

Leadership Casis

The next Leadership Casis meeting will be Monday, November 26th in the library immediately after school. Please wear your Leadership Casis T-shirt to school on Monday. Parents can pick up students in the circle driveway at 4:00 p.m.

Coats for Kids

With your warm and caring hearts, please bring coats to the school for the cold weather months ahead as Leadership Casis will be collecting coats for the "Coats for Kids" project in Austin through November 26th. Any size coat, new or used, from infant to adult, would be greatly appreciated. There will be boxes located at the main entrance of the school for drop-off. Thank you for helping to keep a child warm.

Casis Yearbook

Yearbook Sales for the 2007 – 2008 school year have been extended! If you have not yet ordered your yearbook we have extended the sale until November 30th. Please don't let this opportunity pass without ordering a book. **November 30th is the absolute last chance to purchase.** If you have any questions, please call Amy Morran at 477-9013.

Teacher Appreciation

Many thanks to the Teacher Appreciation Committee Chairs – Mary Koch, Haden Spencer, and Shannon Cameron for organizing the wonderful desserts and door prizes for our staff this week.

Casis Forest Clean-Up – Thank You

A big thanks to all the volunteers, both parents and students, who came out on Saturday morning for the Casis Forest Clean Up. It was a job well done and you all deserve big kudos' for coming out on such a busy weekend. Special thanks to Nancy Hurd for organizing this very important event. The Forest will breathe better from all your hard work! We thank you from the root of our trees.

4th & 5th Grade Book Club

If you love to read and talk about what you've read, please attend the second meeting of the 4th & 5th Grade Book Club on Wednesday, November 28th from 2:45 to 4:00 p.m. in library. We'll be discussing *Project Mulberry*, *Seesaw Girl*, *The Kite Fighter* or *A Single Shard*, all by Linda Sue Park. Please contact Sharon Hornfischer at 771-5513 if you have any questions.

Parking and Drop-Off

Please do not park in the fire lane at any time. You may be ticketed. We must allow access for ambulances and fire engines to get into our campus at all times. Please refrain from dropping your students off on the side of Exposition or the middle of circle drive. This can be very dangerous. Thank you for following our traffic and safety guidelines.

O. Henry Open House for 6th Grade Prospective Parents

O. Henry Middle School is holding an Open House on Monday, December 3rd from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. All parents of 5th or 6th grade students are welcome to attend this informational evening in the O. Henry cafeteria. Students, parents, and staff will highlight O. Henry's "Pursuit of Excellence" in academics, fine arts, and extra-curricular activities. Parents are welcome to bring their students. A question and answer session will conclude the program. If you have any questions, you may contact O. Henry's office at 414-3229.

5th Grade Trip to O. Henry Middle School Orientation

Buses will come to Casis to transport all 5th grade students to O. Henry Middle School on Thursday, December 6th at 8:45 a.m. Students will learn all about the school's academic, fine arts, electives and athletics programs. They will hear from the principal, counselors and students and take a tour of the school. They will return to Casis around 11 a.m.

Ann Richards School For Young Women Leaders

The Ann Richards School for girls will visit Casis 5th Grade girls on Thursday, November 29th at 9:30 a.m. in the café. Parents are also invited to attend.

Magnet Fair

The Austin Independent School District is holding its Annual Magnet Choice Fair on Saturday, December 1st at Kealing Middle School located at 1607 Pennsylvania Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Represented at the fair will be the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders; the Fulmore Middle School Humanities & Law Magnet for International Studies; the Kealing Middle School Magnet; and the Liberal Arts & Science Academy at LBJ High School. Each school will provide program information, applications, demonstrations, and performances. The Magnet Choice Fair schedule is structured to allow families to drop in and browse at their convenience and interact with administrators and students of each campus. For additional information call 414-9986.

Weekly Health Tip

Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate with family and enjoy a wonderful meal. It is also a time when sweets are abundant. Enjoy a little of everything, that's the key. Being aware of portion sizes allows you a variety of food choices without the negative effects of overeating and weight gain. Have wonderful holiday dinner!

Cafeteria/Playground Parent Volunteer Monitor Thanks & Reminder

Many thanks to parent-volunteers in Ms. Candler's and Ms. Davis' classes for monitoring the cafeteria and playground over the last couple of weeks. Thank you in advance to Mr. Martinez' and Ms. Nelson's parent-volunteers who will be here to volunteer during lunch, November 26th – December 7th. If you can help, please call your homeroom parent.

Have a safe and joyous Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,