

**Casis Elementary  
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*Casis Elementary*  
2710 Exposition, Austin, Texas 78703  
November 3, 2006

**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

Saturday, November 4		Austin Powwow and American Indian Heritage Festival
Monday, November 6	2:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Leadership Casis (Library)
Tuesday, November 7		Gubernatorial Election (Polling on Campus)
Tuesday, November 7	2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Library)
Wednesday, November 8		Read Aloud
Thursday, November 9	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	PTA Meeting (Cafeteria)
Thursday, November 9	8:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Voluntary Vaccine Clinic (Casis Health Office)
Friday, November 10		Staff Development— <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Monday, November 13	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Book Fair (Library)
Monday, November 13	4:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Book Fair/Family Night Dinner (Cafeteria)
Tuesday, November 14	8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Book Fair (Library)
Wednesday, November 15	2:45 – 4:45 p.m.	Culture Club (Rescheduled Field Trip to Umlauf Sculpture Garden)
Wednesday, November 15		In-Class Music Performances
Thursday, November 16		In-Class Music Performances
Thursday, November 16	2:45 – 4:00 p.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club (P14)
Friday, November 17		In-Class Music Performances
Friday, November 17		Yearbook Orders Due
Saturday, November 18	9:30 – 12:30 p.m.	Forest Clean Up
Saturday, November 18		Texas Association for Gifted & Talented Conference
Wednesday, November 29	2:45 – 4:30 p.m.	Culture Club (P15)

### Carnival

A huge thanks to the Carnival Co-Chairs, Kathryn Burniston, Abbe Oden and Kelly Talbert for all their hard work and impeccable planning. Thank you to all our volunteers! We sincerely appreciate the generous donations of time, energy and money. Casis Carnival 2006 truly showed how wonderful and “wild” our Casis community is. Funds raised from Carnival help to pay for our reading specialist; curriculum and instructional supplies; professional development for faculty members; technology support and equipment; books for the Literacy Library; tutoring for students; author visits and many other things that make our school special.

### Author Visits

Our 4<sup>th</sup> graders and staff members had an amazing day with author, Sarah Weeks, who returned to Casis to share her experiences and guide our young writers with her skill and experiences. We would also like to thank author, Steve Jones, and illustrator, Steven Jones, for visiting with Casis kindergarten and first graders this past week during their library time. Their first picture book, The Ballad of the Blue Eagle, will be available for purchase at the upcoming Book Fair on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Students learned about the writing and illustrating processes. Author visits spark creativity and provide learning opportunities and insight for both students and educators alike. Thank you to Amy Roberts, Kelly Talbert and Book Fair chairs: Ashley Fowler, Susan Wise and Carol McRoberts along with the PTA for providing us with these wonderful experiences.

### Austin Powwow and American Indian Heritage Festival

Come watch beautiful dancing and stroll through the booths at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Austin Powwow and American Indian Heritage Festival. This free event is Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Toney Burger Activity Center, 3200 Jones Road. For information, call 448-1960 or check out the following website: [www.austinpovwow.org](http://www.austinpovwow.org).

### Voluntary Vaccine Clinic on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

Last week you received a letter from AISD Student Health Services explaining an upcoming vaccine clinic at Casis. AISD has partnered with Austin Children's Chest Associates to provide the Flu Mist nasal spray immunization to healthy children and adults from 5 – 49 years of age. The clinic will take place on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the Casis Health Office. The cost for the vaccine is \$25.00, which can only be paid with cash or money order (payable to Austin Children's Chest Associates), not by check. Payments should be taken directly to the Health Office on the day of the vaccine clinic. For more information, please contact AISD Student Health Services at 414-6171.

### TX XC Cross Country Photos

If your child participated in the TX XC Cross Country Run on October 14<sup>th</sup>, you can view photos of him or her in action by going to [www.kreutzphotography.com](http://www.kreutzphotography.com).

### Casis Book Fair

Mark your calendars for "Some" Book Fair, Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Come early to check out our "Radiant" selection of books. The Family Night event will take place on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Don't miss visiting our "Humble" pig, Wilbur, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and our "Terrific" Fair Grounds for our Family Night Supper from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Please see our two Book Fair flyers in this week's Friday folders for more details. "Come Weave Yourself into Reading"! For more information please contact Book Fair Chairs: Ashley Fowler at 426-7075, Carole McRoberts at 472-6354, or Susan Wise at 452-3131.

### Leadership Casis

The next Leadership Casis meeting will be Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> in the library immediately after school. Please wear your Leadership Casis T-shirt to school on Monday. Parents can pick students up in the circle driveway at 4:00 p.m.

### Upcoming PTA Meeting

Please join us for the November General PTA meeting on Thursday evening, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Casis cafeteria. Two special guests will join us to discuss important topics: school finance reform and school nutrition. State Rep. Donna Howard will be joining us to discuss *The Special Session and Beyond* and Betsy Foster of Whole Foods will be presenting and discussing healthy snack and lunch options. Please join us!

### Casis Yearbook

The Casis yearbook sales have begun. Look for order forms in today's Friday folder. Orders are due by Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. **This will be the first and only time to order the 2006-2007 yearbook.** If you have any questions, please call Leslie Winter at 479-0075 or Amy Morran at 477-9013.

### 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club

If you love to read and talk about what you've read, please attend the second meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:45 to 4:00 p.m. in Portable 14. We'll be discussing "Flush" by Carl Hiaasen. Snacks are provided. Please contact Michelle Dante at 416-6842 if you have any questions.

### Join us for the annual Casis Forest Clean-Up – Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

Calling all trimmers, bush whackers, rakers and general dirt enthusiasts. We'll meet at the Forest entrance at 9:30 a.m. and work until about 12:30. Last year we had a good turnout and were able to get the job done well within that timeframe, while having a lot of fun! Bring work gloves, shovels, rakes, clippers, and even chainsaws and wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Children are also welcome; they feel an important part of making their school a better place. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful resource. So lets get digging! Email to let me know you are coming or just show up. Thank you for helping Nancy Hurd 322-9618 [axioman@aol.com](mailto:axioman@aol.com).

### Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented

TAGT is offering a Family Day on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the TAGT Annual Conference at the Austin Convention Center. Special sessions designed for families will be featured throughout the day. A special Family Day registration rate of only \$79 allows up to 2 adults and 4 children to attend. If you are interested, visit [www.txgifted.org](http://www.txgifted.org) for details.

### Chess Club

We will play bughouse (a fun variation of chess) on November 7<sup>th</sup> in the library. The Mathews Chess Tournament is going to be held on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Go to [www.turbochess.com](http://www.turbochess.com) where you can register online and/or download hard copies of the flyers and registration forms. Thanks to Cyndi Cunningham and Juan Zalles for volunteering to update our Casis website. Call Diana Graves with any questions @ 480-0782 or via email at [diana-graves@sbcglobal.net](mailto:diana-graves@sbcglobal.net).

### Conserving Our Resources

In this Friday Folder, you will receive a letter regarding a new system Casis Elementary and the Casis PTA are would like to implement. In an effort to conserve resources, time, and money, we would like to decrease the amount of paper we send home. Our hope is to send as much information as possible electronically. We also want to ensure that people who desire to receive paper copies can still do so. Please return the form to your child's teacher or directly to the school office by next Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. You may direct questions to Tracy Fielder at 542-0045 or [tracyfielder@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tracyfielder@sbcglobal.net). And last, please visit our website [www.casispta.org](http://www.casispta.org).

### Parent Education Seminars for Dyslexia

On Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> AISD is presenting parent education seminars on dyslexia at Paredes Middle School located at 10100 S. Mary Moore Searight Dr 78748. For more information, please call Helen Garcia at 414-9740.

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

Thank you to the parent-volunteers in Ms. Davis' class for monitoring the cafeteria and playground this week and again on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance to Ms. Hirsh's parent-volunteers who will be here to volunteer during lunch on November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> and again on November 13<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please call your homeroom parent.

Sincerely,