

### **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, November 12 - 16		In-Class Music Performances (Cafeteria)
Monday, November 12		<b>No School</b> – Student Holiday/Staff Development
Tuesday, November 13	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Casis Book Fair
Tuesday, November 13	5:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Casis Book Fair Family Night
Tuesday, November 13	2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Gym/ P8)
Wednesday, November 14	8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Casis Book Fair
Friday, November 16		<b>Yearbook Orders Due</b>
Saturday, November 17	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Forest Clean – Up
Tuesday, November 20	9:00 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.	Turkeys Go On Strike (2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Play - Cafe)
Tuesday, November 20	2:00 p.m.	Kealing Magnet Program visits Casis 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Tuesday, November 20		Last day of school before Thanksgiving Holiday
Tuesday, November 20	2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Library)
Wednesday, November 21 – Friday, November 23		Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, November 26	2:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Leadership Casis (Library)

### Mrs. Nichols' Wonder Book Emporium – Casis Book Fair, November 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

Join us in the library on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. for Family Night at Mrs. Nichols' Wonder Book Emporium to kick off our annual Book Fair. Enjoy a magical night of tax-free shopping from our super selection of books provided by BookPeople. You can also donate book money for our adopted school, Allan Elementary, and have a chance to win a prize in our raffle! You can bring home the perfect complement to any book - one of the new and fabulous Casis hoodies, available in black and white. Dinner includes Mr. Gatti's Pizza, salad, and Teo's Gelato which will be served in the cafeteria by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class & Leadership Casis to benefit the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Port Aransas trip and the Leadership Casis bike helmet drive. Book Fair hours: Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (preview only); 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. (Family Night – purchasing time); Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (purchasing time). Thank you!

### Book Fair Donation Box

During Book Fair, a collection box will be located outside the library for donations of new or gently used children's books. All books will be distributed throughout the Casis campus as needed. After Book Fair, the donation box will be located at the main entrance to Casis for the rest of the school year. When cleaning out your children's rooms to make room for new books, remember the collection box!

### Casis Elementary Walk/Bike to School Day

The Casis Walk/Bike to School Day was a huge success! Thank you to all the parents and Wellness Committee members that worked so hard putting this very important event together. We will have specific information about this event to share with you as soon as all the numbers are compiled. Special thanks goes to Betsy Foster and to Whole Foods Market for their generous donation of drinking water that was provided to our campus. Thanks to all who participated!

### Staff Development Day

This Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, while our students are hopefully having a day of rest and fun, Casis faculty members will be working together to improve their instructional practices. It has been shown that professional learning and planning time have a positive impact on student achievement. This allotted time for staff development is valued, appreciated and used wisely by the Casis faculty.

### Safety Reminder

Please do not park, drop off or pick up students in the teacher parking lot. Although this may seem convenient at the time, it creates a safety hazard and a practical problem. Even if your child has a project to turn in or if you need to talk to a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, please resist the urge to pull into the teacher parking lot. Following our safety procedures will be fair to the more than 200 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade families and help us maintain a safe environment for our students.

### Northwood Traffic & Parking Reminder for All Parents

We would like to remind parents not to park on the south side of Northwood in the morning and afternoons during drop-off and pick-up times. We also have four disabled parking spots in the front circle drive that are utilized at drop-off and pick-up times. Please do not park in or in front of these spots before or after school, as there are parents who need to use them to pick up their children with special needs. Also, Kindergarten parents who are picking up in the circle drive, please line up on Exposition rather than Northwood as the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade pick-up area is on Northwood. Finally, please do not make U-turns in or around any of the school zones. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### Chess Club

The Chess Club will meet in the GYM next Tuesday. We will have a sign on the library door and a volunteer directing the students to the gym. We want to congratulate Elan and Sesha Desai McMinn for participating in the Anderson High School Chess Tournament on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Elan won a medal for 3 wins. Way to go Cougars!

### Leadership Casis

The next Leadership Casis meeting will be Monday, November 26<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.

### 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 from November 5<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>. 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

The Casis Yearbook sales began November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Order forms are being sent home again in this week's Friday folder and are **due by Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**. This will be the only time to order the 2007-2008 Yearbook for students of all grades. If you have any questions, please call Amy Morran at 477-9013.

### Join us for the annual Casis Forest Clean-Up – Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Calling all trimmers, bushwhackers, rakers and general dirt enthusiasts. We'll meet at the Forest entrance at 9:30 a.m. and work until about 12:30 p.m. 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, even chainsaws and wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Children are also welcome; they become an important part of making their school a better place. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful resource, so let's get digging! Please email or call Nancy Hurd at 322-9618, [axioman@aol.com](mailto:axioman@aol.com) if you are coming or you can just show up. Thank you for helping.

### 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 Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Kealing Magnet Program Visits Casis

Kealing Middle School Magnet Program will visit Casis 5<sup>th</sup> graders on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. The presentation begins at 2:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

### O. Henry Middle School Upcoming Events

If you are planning on sending your student to O. Henry Middle School, you might be interested in the upcoming events. The first is the Prospective Parent Open House on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The second is the Prospective Parent Coffee that is scheduled for Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the library. Dates still to be announced are the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> Grade visit to the O. Henry campus along with Choice Sheet Night. We will update you on these events as information is distributed. Thank you.

### Something to Consider about Attendance

Please plan family vacations during scheduled AISD vacation dates and student holidays. A portion of our school district's funding is directly correlated to attendance. AISD loses \$30-\$40 each day a student is absent from school. It is important to have your child in school not only so that learning is uninterrupted, but also so that our school district receives adequate funding from the state.

### Children's Business Fair

Join us for the inaugural Children's Business Fair, Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. on the lawn of the historic Pease Mansion located at 1606 Niles Rd. Meet 19 young entrepreneurs and see what products and services they have to offer. Come cast your vote for the Most Original, Best Presentation and Highest Potential. Gates open at

9:30 a.m. and admission is \$5.00 per person (cash only).

Weekly Health Tip

Flu season will soon be here. Children represent the largest reservoir of influenza in our community, and are most likely to catch it and transmit it to others, including adults. The Center for Disease Control highly recommends immunization against influenza for children. As it takes several months to develop immunity after the vaccine is given, now is the time to receive the annual injection. For children under 12 who have never been vaccinated against any influenzas, the vaccine must be given in two separate doses, one month apart. A nasal vaccine, which had been used in previous years, has been recalled and will not be available for this season. Most physicians' offices, pharmacies, and other sites are offering the vaccination, which is covered by most insurance companies and federal programs.

Cafeteria/Playground Parent Volunteer Monitor Thanks & Reminder

Many thanks to parent-volunteers in Ms. Noack's and Mr. Pifer's classes for monitoring the cafeteria and playground over the last couple of weeks. Thank you in advance to Ms. Candler's and Ms. Davis' parent-volunteers who will be here to volunteer during lunch, November 13<sup>th</sup> – November 20<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please call your homeroom parent.

Sincerely,