

**Casis Elementary  
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*Casis Elementary  
2710 Exposition Blvd., Austin, Texas 78703  
October 12, 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, October 12	8:15 – 10:15 a.m.	PTA Executive Board Meeting (P-8)
Friday, October 12	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Mustang Round Up (O. Henry Middle School)
Saturday, October 13	9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Gifted & Talented Parent Symposium (Ann Richards School)
Sunday, October 14		Buddy Walk benefiting Down Syndrome Association (Georgetown)
Monday, October 15	2:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Leadership Casis (Library)
Tuesday, October 16	8:00 a.m.	Reading Buddies Meeting (Library)
Tuesday, October 16	2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Library & P-8)
Wednesday, October 17		Read Alouds
Friday, October 19	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	PTA General Meeting (P-8)
Friday, October 19		End of First Nine Weeks
Tuesday, October 23		Fall Picture Day (P-8)
Tuesday, October 23	2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Library & P-8)
Wednesday, October 24	9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Kindergarten Field Trip to Elgin Tree Farm
Wednesday, October 24		Read Alouds, Report Cards Distributed
Wednesday, October 24	2:45 – 4:00 p.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club (Library)
Friday, October 26	5:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Casis Carnival

### Congratulations Casis on a great Gift Wrap Sale

Congratulations Casis! The gift-wrap sale was a huge success. Casis students sold over \$68,000 worth of gift-wrap and chocolate, which brings in over \$36,000 for our school. Thanks for all of your hard work. We especially want to thank our grade level winners. They are as follows: Charlotte Crider (Kindergarten), Nolan Jett (1<sup>st</sup> Grade), Jack Windham (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), Parker Schuneman (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade), Annika Ostrom (4<sup>th</sup> Grade), and Ian O'Brien (5<sup>th</sup> Grade). Please don't forget that you can order online throughout the year at [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com). Our school number is 119069.

### Mustang Round Up

Join us on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at O. Henry Middle School from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. for the annual Mustang Round-Up! Activities will include: carnival games, sports booths, exciting raffle items and tasty food booths. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Come join the fun!

### Gifted and Talented Parent Symposium

The Gifted and Talented Parent Symposium will be held on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders located at 2206 Prather Lane 78704. Registration is free. Contact Rhonda Boyer at 414-0279 with questions.

### Report Cards

On Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, your child is bringing home the first report card of the year. Report cards are sent home every nine weeks (four times each school year). In Pre-Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, student progress is reported by subject on a number scale of 1-4. Students in grades 3-5 receive traditional letter grades. On the right side of the report card, a 1-4 scale reflects your child's personal development. The Special Area teachers provide grades for Art, Music, Physical Education, Computer Lab and Spanish. For this nine weeks you will not receive grades for Computer Lab or Spanish due to the new computerized grading system. We will keep you updated as to the progress of reporting these grades. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns regarding your child's progress.

### Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Special thanks to Karen Pfeiffer, Kathy Taylor, Anne Long, Marla Kiger, Kelly Talbert and Suzanne Bell for contributing your time and cooking talents for the September 27<sup>th</sup>, Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon. If you would like to contribute either your time or cooking talents, please contact Mary Koch at [fivekochs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fivekochs@sbcglobal.net), Haden Spencer at [hspencer1@austin.rr.com](mailto:hspencer1@austin.rr.com) or Shannon Cameron at [sr\\_cameron@hotmail.com](mailto:sr_cameron@hotmail.com). We thank everyone for showing our wonderful teachers and staff how much they are appreciated.

### 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club – Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Calling all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students – You are invited to this year's first book club meeting on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> in the Casis Library. The book selection for the month is E. L. Konigsburg's "From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler." Join the conversation and fun as we read and discuss this Newbery Award Winner. Please contact Sharon Hornfischer at 771-5513 or [sharon@hornfisherlit.com](mailto:sharon@hornfisherlit.com).

### AISD Student Code of Conduct

In last week's Friday folder each student received the 2007-08 Student Code of Conduct / Information Booklet. Please review the contents and sign the acknowledgment of receipt in the back of the packet (pg. 68). Please return these forms to your child's teacher to keep on file.

### BoxTops

Please remember to turn in your clipped tops into the *box tops bag* in your classroom by **Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

### Casis Artwork On Display

Congratulations to the following Casis artists whose artwork has been selected to go on display: Kristin Nolin, Patrick Pate, Reed Sallans, Chris Allen, Danielle Johnson and Chloe Becker will have their work displayed at Baker Center located at 3908 Ave B 78751 and Kate Walsh, Emily Mawer, Jason Cornish, Ben Girardeau, Sarah Wells, Grayson Rosato, Audrey Peterson and William McLean will have their work displayed at the Carruth Administration Building located at 1111 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St. 78703. Both showings will run from October 1<sup>st</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Casis artists!

### Wellness Award

Our PTA was selected as a winner in the National PTA Healthy Lifestyles Competition! Please thank Martin and Marika Milliken, who submitted the application for a Casis Walk to School event that will take place November 2<sup>nd</sup> (November 6<sup>th</sup> is the alternate date.) In addition to the honor and prestige this award brings to Casis, our PTA will also be awarded \$500.00.

### Buddy Walk – Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

The Down Syndrome Association of Central Texas (DSACT) presents The Buddy Walk, which will be held at Reunion Ranch in Georgetown, TX. There will be all kinds of activities for adults and children along with all-you-can-eat BBQ. The actual Buddy Walk celebration runs from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information visit [www.dsact.com](http://www.dsact.com).

### Reading Buddies

Reading Buddies is a wonderful and beneficial way to volunteer your time at Casis. You get to spend 30 minutes per week with your buddy reading and/or working on other schoolwork at a time that's convenient for you. There will be a meeting Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the library to match volunteers with buddies. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Carlson at 453-1495 / [bbcmai@austin.rr.com](mailto:bbcmai@austin.rr.com).

### A Message to Casis Cares/Read Aloud Parents

Thanks to all of the parents who attended the classroom training for Read Aloud and Casis Cares. Please remember to look at the sign up sheet in your child's classroom to remember when you signed up to participate. For the month of October, the Read Aloud topic is Respect. Books on this subject will be in the library under the spiral staircase, or you may bring books of your own choosing.

### Leadership Casis

Leadership Casis would like to thank all the families who participated in the "pop tab" collection benefiting the Ronald McDonald House. Casis was able to collect 49 pounds of "pop tabs" which will pay for two families to stay at the Ronald McDonald House. Mrs. Pasko's class won the school-wide contest collecting 7.14 pounds of "pop tabs" winning them a Root Beer Float party courtesy of Main Root and the Seiler Family. Leadership Casis has begun the next community project which is "**Change for Change**" benefiting the Partnership for Children. From October 8<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, the LC students will be collecting spare change from our students. A tally sheet will be posted outside of the library tracking our progress. The winning grade level will receive an ice cream sandwich party.

### Carnival Parking/Entrance on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

We urge as many students as possible to walk to and from school on Friday and encourage families to walk to and from the carnival in order to decrease vehicular traffic and increase student safety. Please park in a courteous fashion and don't block the driveways of our neighbors. Keep fire lanes, entrances and exits clear for emergencies. Your cooperation will help make carnival a safe and enjoyable event for everyone. Parking will not be allowed in the teacher parking lot, as it will be the only walk-in entrance to Carnival. Please **DO NOT** park in the Casis Village Shopping Center. Remind friends and neighbors to come join the fun!

A Note About the Lost and Found Booth at Carnival –located at the front entrance to Carnival, just past the gate to the left next to the Ticket Booth. Please instruct your child to "look for the balloons" if they get lost, as this will be the only booth with balloons.

### Casis Directories

Casis Directories have arrived! Pre-ordered directories will be delivered to your child's classroom on October 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have more than one child at Casis, directories will be delivered to the class of the oldest child. Limited numbers of additional directories will be for sale in the office at \$6.00 per copy. Thank you to Ann Phipps and her volunteers who made the directory possible: Kristen Hallman, Mark Matson, Sara Marler, Christine Caudle, Janet Harris, Sarah McHaney, Liza Layne, Donna Campbell, Linda Plummer, Nan Alexander, Christa Peyton, Gaye Holden, and Sarah Anderson. Special thanks to Casis parent Jane Harvey of AlphaGraphics for printing.

### Walk or Ride Your Bike to School Day! – Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> (Alternate Date November 6<sup>th</sup>)

Join us on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Walk or Ride Your Bike to School Day! If you don't live too far away, ask Mom, Dad or another adult to walk or ride with you to school – it'll be cool! Remember safety: only cross at the cross walks and look both ways before you cross. If you ride your bike, keep to the side of the road and get off of your bike before crossing the street. Whole Foods will be providing water at the school doors!

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

Many thanks to parent-volunteers in Mrs. Hilger's and Ms. Lindsey's classes for monitoring the cafeteria and playground over the last couple of weeks. Thank you in advance to Mr. Morales' and Ms. Morrison's parent-volunteers who will be here to volunteer during lunch, October 15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please call your homeroom parent.

Sincerely,