

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

Sunday, October 1		Buddy Walk benefiting Down Syndrome Association (Georgetown)
Tuesday, October 3		International Walk to School Day
Tuesday, October 3	2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Library)
Wednesday, October 4		Read Alouds
Thursday, October 5	8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	PTA Executive Board Meeting (P15)
Thursday, October 5	3:15 p.m.	CAC Meeting (P15)
Monday, October 9		Student Holiday/Parent-Teacher conferences (NO SCHOOL)
Tuesday, October 10	2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Chess Club (Library)
Wednesday, October 11		Read Alouds
Thursday, October 12	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	PTA General Meeting (P15)
Saturday, October 14		TX XC Invitational Run (Hancock Golf Course)
Wednesday, October 18		Fall Picture Make-Up Day
Wednesday, October 18		Read Alouds
Wednesday, October 25		Casis Cares
Friday, October 27	5:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Casis Carnival

Casis Directories

The Casis Directories have arrived! Pre-ordered directories were delivered to your child's classroom on September 27th. If you have more than one student at Casis, the directories were delivered to the class of the youngest student. If you have not yet received your directory, please check with your child's teacher. We would like to thank Ann Phipps for her dedication and hard work with this project. We'd also like to thank her volunteers who helped sort and deliver the books. Directories are also for sale for \$6.00 in the office. Way to go Ann, we appreciate you and we know this means a lot to our parents, students and staff.

AISD 2007 – 2008 Calendar Draft

Drafts of the AISD calendar for the upcoming school year are located at the sign-in desk and posted on the PTA bulletin board for anyone who is interested in viewing them. We will discuss the calendar options at our upcoming CAC meeting on Thursday, October 5th. All are welcome.

Buddy Walk – October 1st

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 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Be sure to come and have a great time! For more information visit www.dsact.com.

Leadership Casis Update

Leadership Casis welcomed our new students at the New Student Social this Friday. At 2:00 p.m., a Leadership Casis member arrived at your new student's class and escorted them to the cafeteria. We hoped we made your child feel welcome and were able to answer all their questions. Casis welcomes all new students and parents!

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 that 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: McCoy Gonzales (EC), Nolan Jett (Kindergarten), Steven Crider (1st Grade), Victoria Sikes (2nd Grade), Annika Ostrom (3rd Grade), Ian O'Brien (4th Grade), and Tanner and Ben Mauro (5th Grade). Grade level winners will receive a \$35.00 gift card to Barton Creek Mall. Please don't forget that you can order online throughout the year at www.innisbrook.com. Our school number is 119069.

A Message to Casis Cares/Read Aloud Parents

Casis Read Alouds begin next Wednesday, October 4th. The Casis Cares/Read Aloud sessions will be conducted on Wednesdays from 2:00 – 2:45 p.m. in all grades except 2nd, which will be held from 1:15 – 2:00 p.m. Read Alouds will occur on most Wednesdays that are not designated for Casis Cares. We appreciate all the parents who support our character education program. Please contact Jennifer Lyon at 414-7167 (jlyon@austinsisd.org) if you have questions.

Casis Chess Club

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 29th, there will be a chess tournament at Wooldridge Park from 12:00-5:00 p.m. Any Casis student can participate in this just-for-fun outdoor event. For more information about the tournament go to www.austinparks.org or contact Diana Graves at 480-0782, diana-graves@sbcglobal.net. Note: Parents, please pick up your kindergarten and first grade chess club members in the library unless they accompany an older sibling to circle drive. Any chess club members not picked up promptly will be escorted to the office to wait for their parents. Thank you.

CAC Meeting

The second meeting of the year will be held at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, October 5th in Portable 15. Agenda items will include the following topics: Campus Improvement Plan review and approval; AISD 2007 – 2008 calendar (calendar drafts are available at the sign-in desk outside our office and posted on the PTA bulletin board); PTA update; TAKS and testing; and CAC planning. The meetings are open and anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Parent-Teacher Conference Day – Monday, October 9th

The official parent-teacher conference day for elementary schools in AISD is Monday, October 9th. There will be **no school** that day for students. The goal of the conference is to provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss students' academic progress and to set goals for learning success for the rest of the school year. Teachers will share information about beginning of the year assessment results and classroom performance. Our teachers are eager to meet with you and welcome your questions. Please prepare for the conference by thinking about specific questions you might have for your child's teacher and specific things you would like to share that might help the teacher better know and assist your child.

Changes to Friday Folders

Beginning this week, we have made some changes to the way we send information home in Friday folders. In an effort to reduce the amount of copies being made each week, we will now send school-wide memos and newsletters home with only one student per household. In most cases the student will be the youngest child in the family. Please check your Friday folders and if you are missing items like the Carnival or Principal's newsletter, or if you have more than one copy of a school-wide memo, notify Montse de Muller at montse@austin.rr.com or call 476-0926. Thanks for your patience as we iron out any remaining wrinkles.

3rd and 5th Grade TAKS Reading Information

In this week's Friday folder, parents of 3rd and 5th grade students will receive information about this year's Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test in Reading and Math. All 3rd grade students must pass the reading portion of the TAKS in order to be promoted to 4th grade. All 5th grade students must pass the reading and math portions of the TAKS in order to be promoted to 6th grade. Please review this information and talk with your child's teacher or Barry Aidman if you have any questions.

Safety Reminder

Please watch carefully for children in and around crosswalk areas. While we have strict traffic and safety guidelines for both parents and students there are still possible situations where these guidelines aren't met. We appreciate you using the crosswalks when you walk with your child in order to model pedestrian safety. We caution our entire community to be on the look out and drive slowly and carefully during drop-off and pick-up times. We would also like to ask that you refrain from using your cell phones during these times while driving. Thanks.

10% Back To Schools Randall's Program

Use your Randall's Remarkable card when purchasing groceries and the cashier should hand you a Reward Certificate showing a donation amount for your school. The donation is 10% of the price of qualifying items you bought over the summer. Reward Certificates look like an in-store coupon, so please watch for them. Casis has received certificates for as little as twenty cents to as much as twenty dollars, for a total of about \$700.00 to date. Please turn them into your child's teacher or to the PTA box in the main office. The deadline is Monday, October 16th. Thanks for your support.

No Dogs On Campus

Parents and community members, please refrain from bringing your dogs to the Casis campus. We have had an ongoing problem with left behind dog waste that the kids subsequently end up stepping or falling in during recess and WOW time. We appreciate your cooperation.

Gifted and Talented Parent Symposium

The Gifted and Talented Parent Symposium will be held on Saturday, October 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bedichek Middle School located at 6800 Bill Hughes Rd. 78745. This event is sponsored by AISD Advanced Academic Services. Registration is free and no pre-registration is required. For more information, please contact Rhonda Boyer at 414-0279.

Cafeteria/Playground Parent Volunteer Monitor Thanks & Reminder

Thank you to the parent-volunteers in Ms. Lindsey's class for monitoring the cafeteria and playground this week and on October 2nd. Thank you in advance to Mr. Morales' parent-volunteers who will be here to volunteer during lunch October 3rd through October 6th and again on October 10th. If you can help, please call your homeroom parent.

Sincerely,