



# Emery Express



Michelle Merricks, Principal

September 2018 @EmeryElementary www.cfid.net

## Mark Your Calendar

- Sept 14 Fall Crisis Drills
- Sept 18 Family Library Night 5:00-6:30 PM  
Pizza for Papas – Watch D.O.G.S. Night 6:30 – 7:30 PM
- Sept 20 Boy Scout Rally Night 6:45 – 7:30 PM
- Sept 21 Volunteer Coffee 10:00 AM – Emery Library
- Sept 26 Girl Scout Rally Night – 6:45 – 7:30 PM
- Sept 27 Skate Night @ Bear Creek Roller Rink 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- Oct 5 PTO Father/Daughter Dance 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- Oct 8 Parent Conference Day/Student Holiday

## Principal's Message

Happy Fall! It has been so great to have our Emery Eagles back at school. We look forward seeing many of you at the Volunteer Coffee, September 21<sup>st</sup> ready to jump in and help us again this year. We love to have so many wonderful volunteers!

Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> we will be conducting our fall crisis drills. A letter went home in the 1<sup>st</sup> day folder with all the details.

Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> is set aside for parent conferences for elementary students. Teachers will be in contact with you to schedule or confirm your parent conference time. This is a time when your child's teacher will discuss your individual child's progress. Research shows student success is connected to parent involvement. Please make every attempt to attend your child's conference. Students will not attend school on that day.

Please review the September calendar and come out to our fun-filled activities for families.

Our Emery Eagles SOAR: Safe, On-task, Accountable, Respectful! We are so proud of our Eagles! When Eagles fly, the sky is the limit!

Michelle Merricks,  
Principal

## Capturing Kids' Hearts/Counselor's Corner

### Core Essential Word for September: INITIATIVE

Seeing what needs to be done and doing it!

### CKH Monthly Focus: SOCIAL CONTRACTS

The Social Contract shows how students want to treat each other. How they would like to be treated by the teacher and how they will treat the teacher. You can also use a Social Contract at home! The Social Contract suggests ways to resolve conflict along with the

### CKH 4 Questions.

1. What are you doing?
2. What are you supposed to be doing
3. Are you doing it?
4. What are you going to do about it?



## Reminders

### HORIZONS Testing Open-Referral Period: Oct 1<sup>st</sup>- Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

See attached flyer.

**Please label:** all of your student(s) sweaters, jackets and lunch bags. Check lost and found for lost items.

**Title I Campus:** As a parent Federal law allows you to ask for information about the certification, college major, and advanced degrees of your child's teacher(s). You also have the right to request information about the qualifications of a teacher aide or paraprofessional providing direct services to your child. If you would like to receive this information, you may contact the Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D. Human Resources Department at 281-897-4099.

**Spirit Shirts:** Our Spirit shirts were a hit! We have sold out of all sizes except Youth XS and have attached a re-order form. We will place the order on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Safety Reminders

**No Left Turn:** Please be aware of the "No Left Turn" sign as you drop off and pick up your car riders. All cars must turn right out of the parking lot during arrival and dismissal. Thank you for making this a safe process for our parents and students.

**Crosswalk:** We have staff trained by C.F.I.S.D. police department assisting our Walkers cross at both locations; Plantation Myrtles Dr. /Casa Calvet Dr. and Round Robin/Chandon Mist Dr. Please use caution when approaching the crossings.

**Demographic Form:** Please remember to return your updated Demographic Form that went home in your first day packet if you have not done so. It is vital that we have current contact numbers and emergency contacts on record.

## Upcoming Events

**Family Library Night** -Tuesday, September 18th Join Mrs. Mcginness in the Library for Family Library Night. You may check out 10 books per family! We'll be celebrating imagination, technology, and silly rhymes with Dr. Seuss.

**Pizza for Papas/Watch Dog Dads**-Please RSVP and join us Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> to learn about our Watch Dog program for Dads.

**PTO Father/Daughter Dance** - This has become a tradition at Emery that you don't want to miss! Watch for more information to come from PTO. Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

## Emery Skate Night

Bring your family to Emery's First Skate Night of the year! Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. See Flyer attached with more details.

## Nurse Notes

**Student Flu Vaccine** - CFISD has partnered with [Healthy Schools](#), a division of CareDox, to offer **no cost flu shots** to students **Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018** at Emery Elementary from 11:30am-4:00pm. Please see Flyer for information.

## Volunteer Coffee

### Calling All Volunteers!

If you are interested in Volunteering at Emery and would like more information, Please come to the PTO Volunteer Coffee.

**Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Emery Library**







## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Student Holiday  
Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

Look for a sign-up sheet to come home if you have not already signed up for a conference time!

# September 2018



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11	12	13	14 Crisis Drills	15
17	18 Family Library Night 5:00 – 6:30 PM Pizza for Pappas 6:30 – 7:30 PM 	19	20 Boy Scout Rally Night 6:45 PM	21 PTO Volunteer Coffee 10:00 AM Emery Library 	22
24	25	26 Girl Scout Rally Night 6:45 PM	27 EMERY SKATE NIGHT 6:00 – 8:00 PM Bear Creek Roller Rink 	28	
Oct 1	2	3	4	5 PTO Father/Daughter Dance 6:-00 – 8:00 PM 	6
8 Parent Conferences Student Holiday 	9	<b>Upcoming Events:</b> Parent Symposium – October 19 <sup>th</sup> Fall Picture Day – October 25 <sup>th</sup> Mystery Math Night/Family Library Night – October 30 <sup>th</sup>			

### What are the qualifications of an Elementary School Counselor?

- ❖ A Master's Degree with state certification in Counseling
- ❖ Classroom teaching experience



### Did you know there are many things to do in the counselor's office?

- ❖ I can talk about things that are important to me.
- ❖ I can play games that help me to learn about myself and others.
- ❖ I can use puppets to help me say things that are difficult for me to express.
- ❖ I can be in a discussion group.
- ❖ I can just sit and think.
- ❖ I can read books about different concerns.

### Did you know that a child may see the counselor for:

- ❖ Inadequate peer relationships
- ❖ Self expression
- ❖ Underachievement
- ❖ A fear
- ❖ A physical concern
- ❖ Learning concerns

## Elementary Guidance & Counseling Program



Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D.

**Myrthala Fischer**  
Counselor  
Emergy Elementary

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Katy, TX 77449  
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(281) 855-9166

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*Cypress-Fairbanks ISD*



### **Did you know my counselor:**

- ❖ Is in my school full time?
- ❖ Visits my classroom?
- ❖ Talks with me when I am happy?
- ❖ Talks with me when I am sad?
- ❖ Talks with me about myself and others?
- ❖ Talks with kids' Moms and Dads?
- ❖ Meets with groups of boys and girls?
- ❖ Lets me visit her office when I need to?
- ❖ Suggests ways I can improve my school work?
- ❖ Is my friend?

### **Did you know my counselor will talk to my teacher about:**

- ❖ How I get along with others?
- ❖ My school work?
- ❖ My test scores?
- ❖ Me, as a very special person?



### **Seeing the Counselor**

#### **Did you know there are many ways to see the counselor:**

- ❖ I can ask to go to the counselor's office.
- ❖ My teacher can send me.
- ❖ You can ask that I go.
- ❖ The counselor can invite me to visit.

#### **Did you know my counselor:**

- ❖ Sees children individually and in groups?
- ❖ Teaches different guidance lessons to my entire class?
- ❖ Eats lunch with me?
- ❖ Helps with the tests that are given?

## 2018-2019 HORIZONS IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

A Guide to Parent Referrals for GT Program Eligibility in CFISD

A parent's first step is to review the information located on the HORIZONS website:

[www.cfid.net/en/parents-students/academics/gifted-talented/](http://www.cfid.net/en/parents-students/academics/gifted-talented/) especially

- Program Overview
- Parent Information
- Testing for the HORIZONS Program

Parents should discuss appropriateness of GT testing referrals with child's teacher(s) and/or campus elementary Counselor or secondary Director of Instruction.

**HORIZONS Testing Open-Referral Period: October 1 through November 30, 2018**

Parents and teachers can refer students for testing.

Parents/guardians can obtain the **Parent Survey and Permission to Test** form from ONLY their child's campus. Completed forms must be returned to the elementary campus Counselor or the secondary Director of Instruction **by November 30, 2018**.

Late forms will **NOT** be honored.

Referred students' information is placed on the Mid-year Testing Roster by Counselors/Directors of Instruction; students are then scheduled for testing.

Testing is administered on campus during school hours on a date set by the campus during the district testing window.

Testing includes the administration of two nationally-normed standardized abilities tests.

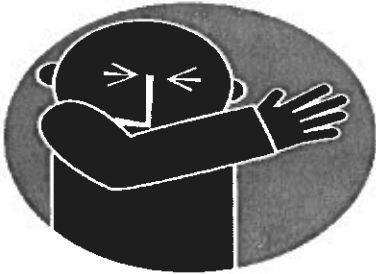
Students who score 130 or higher on the abilities tests qualify for HORIZONS services. Results are then sent home to parents from each campus.

Students who do not score 130 as a minimum score on the abilities tests do not qualify for HORIZONS services. Parents of students with scores of 125-129 may wish to view information about the appeal process contained in the **Appeal Process Guide**.



# FLU Wants YOU!

## 3 Ways to Fight the Flu.



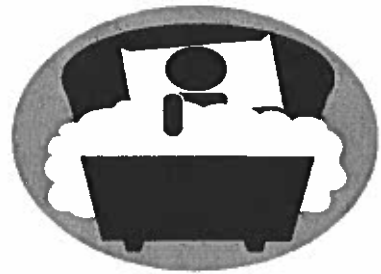
**COUGH and  
SNEEZE  
into your  
SLEEVE.**

Hands spread  
the disease.



**WASH  
HANDS  
OFTEN!**

for 20 seconds  
with soap and  
warm water



**REST is  
BEST.**

Stay home if you have  
flu symptoms:

- Fever, 100°F/38°C and above
- Coughing and sneezing
- Body aches
- Extreme fatigue

**Stop the flu before it gets you.**

For more information visit [www.cityofausttn.org/pandemicflu](http://www.cityofausttn.org/pandemicflu)

Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department

Healthy Schools no cost Flu clinic is coming to Emery!

Date: Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Time: 11:30am-4:00pm

\*Complete attached parent consent for your child to receive the flu vaccine at Emery. Must return flu consent form by Monday, 9/17/2018. If questions, contact Nurse Russell at 281-855-9026.

**Mark Henry, Ed.D.**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

September 6, 2018

Dear Employer:

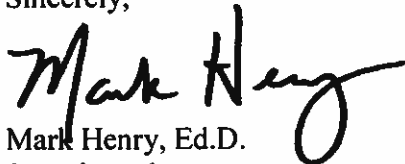
Parent-teacher conferences for all elementary schools are scheduled in Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D. for Monday, October 8, 2018. The Board of Trustees, the staff, and I believe strongly in the value of formally scheduled conferences held, at least in part, during regular school hours. Using a full day of parent conferences allows flexibility for parents as conference slots are available from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The National Commission of Children in a report states, "Children do best when they have a personal involvement of their parents." Our own studies in Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D. confirm the benefits to children when their parents interact with teachers and actively work with the school to support their children's academic success. Benefits we hope to achieve through parent-teacher conference include the following:

- ◆ Parent and teacher will establish a cooperative relationship and open communication.
- ◆ Parent and teacher will share insights into factors affecting student academic success, such as learning style and personality traits.
- ◆ The face-to-face interaction will promote parent and teacher cooperation in assisting the child to be academically successful.

I respectfully request that you provide your employee/Cypress-Fairbanks parent with release time (or a flexible schedule) on October 8, so he/she may participate in a parent-teacher conference. The Board of Trustees, the staff, and I would greatly appreciate your cooperation.

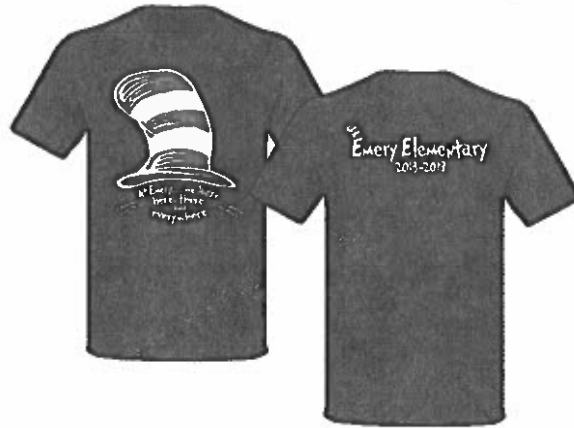
Sincerely,



Mark Henry, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

**Due to popular demand we will be placing  
a SECOND order for  
Emery 2018-2019 Spirit Shirts**

**Don't Miss  
Out!**



**All orders must  
be placed by  
Friday, Sept.  
21st**

**Gray Shirt with Red a White Print**

**Only \$10.00  
(Accepting Cash or Money Order Only)**

***This is a Pre-Order Form, shirts will be  
delivered Mid-October.***

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the number of shirts needed for each size in the appropriate box.

Youth: XS   S   M   L   XL   Adult: S   M   L   XL   XXL  
Size

Total Number of Shirts Ordered/purchased \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each

**For Front Office Use**

Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_



# Emery

# Elementary

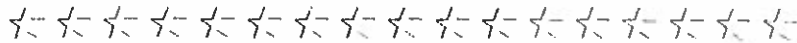
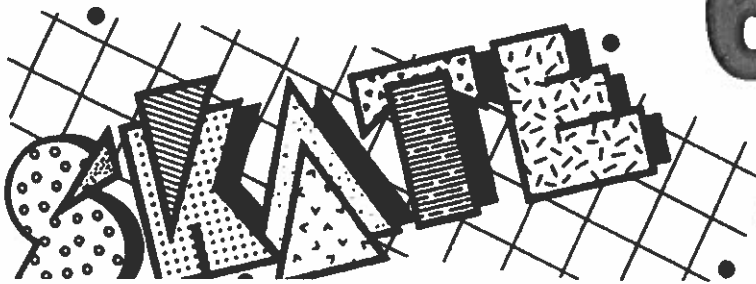


# SKATE NIGHT



## September 27th

## 6pm - 8pm



★ ADMISSION IS ONLY ★  
 ★ **\$7.00** PER SKATER ★  
 ★ INCLUDES REGULAR SKATES ★  
 ★ (INLINES & SPEED SKATES + \$2.00) ★  
 ★ SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE A PORTION OF THE ★  
 ★ ADMISSION ★

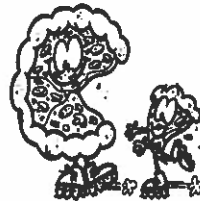


281-463-6020

5210 Hwy 6 N, Houston, TX 77084

## Meal Deals

### SCHOOL NIGHT SPECIAL



WHOLE PIZZA &  
PITCHER OF SODA  
ONLY \$14.00

### HOT DOG SPECIAL

HOT DOG,  
DRINK & CHIPS  
ONLY \$4.25



(SUBJECT TO CHANGE W/O NOTICE)



# PTO NEWS SEPTEMBER 2018

## WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to another year filled with lots of fun!

Thank you to all the families who stopped by and joined our PTO membership during meet the teacher.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Your PTO membership helps support all of our school activities and educational programs within our school!

Haven't joined? No worries! Find the membership form attached and send it in to receive our "Emery PTO" push cap water bottle!



The class with the most members wins a PIZZA PARTY!

Haven't you heard? Didn't you hear? We are going to celebrate whoever collects the most **BOXTOPS** this year!!



Each teacher has been given a collection container! Just bring in your box tops and submit them in the container! The class that collects the most boxtops by our collection pick-up date will receive an ICE CREAM treat!

**Next collection date: October 22**

## Emery PTO Spirit Shop

Join the school spirit and shop at our spirit shop this year!

Spirit shop will take place during school lunches! Lots of fun items to chose from!

First spirit shop will take place  
October 19.

Spirit shop will be available every first Friday of the month!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## VOLUNTEERING IS MY THING!

If you would like to donate some of your time or inquire about volunteering opportunities please feel free to email [Emeryelemvolunteering@gmail.com](mailto:Emeryelemvolunteering@gmail.com)



Emery PTO thanks you for all your support!

Stay connected! Follow us on Facebook  
**@ EmeryElementaryPTO**

# Oh the places you'll Go with Emery PTO!



## Emery PTO Membership Form 2018-2019

Help support Emery PTO this new school year and join our team!

### Why join PTO?

Your PTO membership helps support school activities and educational programs within our school. With your help We are able to organize great family events such as father/daughter dance, mother/son dance , family movie nights, our annual carnival and so much more!

Fill out this form and be the first to hear about important news and upcoming events!

**\$10 cash per family!**

Parent Name:	Phone:	Email:	
Student:	Grade:	Teacher:	
Student:	Grade:	Teacher:	
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**The classroom with the most members receives a PIZZA PARTY!**

Together we will indeed succeed



if you join us  
You'll see!



Thank you for your support!

Like us on Facebook @Emery Elementary PTO