



# Emery Express



## May 2019

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### Mark Your Calendar

- May 9 Bear Creek Skate Night 6:00-8:00 PM
- May 13 3rd & 4th Math STAAR, 5th Math Retest
- May 14 3rd & 4th Reading STAAR, 5th Reading Retest
- May 15 5th Science STAAR
- May 20-24 Book Fair Week
- May 23 Community Service day
- May 24 Field Day
- May 27 Memorial Day- STUDENT HOLIDAY
- May 29 Day of Awesomeness
- May 29 5th Grade Award Ceremony @ Cy-Park HS @ 6:00 PM
- May 30 Last Day of School

### STAAR TESTING DAYS

- May 13<sup>th</sup> 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> Math, 5<sup>th</sup> Math Retest
- May 14<sup>th</sup> 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> Reading, 5<sup>th</sup> Reading Retest
- May 15<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Science

Please mark these days on your calendar to make sure your children are at school for testing days. It is very important that students attend the whole day on testing day and arrive on time.

**No visitors or lunch drop offs** will be allowed on testing days to ensure a proper testing environment and accommodate schedule changes. This is for *all* grade levels, regardless if your child is testing that day or not.

**On test days**, try to provide a calm, stress-free environment as your child gets ready for school. Get up in plenty of time to avoid morning rush and anxiety. Curtail nighttime extra-curricular activities and outings that may interfere with their regular bedtime routine. **Help teach and reinforce the following test-taking tips and strategies!**

- ★ Think before you answer
- ★ Read directions and questions carefully
- ★ Don't rush... Work at middle speed
- ★ Check over your work when finished
- ★ Don't expect to know every answer
- ★ Get plenty of rest each night
- ★ Have a positive attitude
- ★ Relax...Don't fret
- ★ Try hard...Do your best
- ★ Listen carefully and follow directions

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY

**MONDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>  
SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED**



### Principal's Message

Summer is just around the corner! Can you believe it? We have a lot of fun activities in May. Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> we have our Bear Creek Skate Night at 6:00. Then we will have Book Fair the week of May 20<sup>st</sup>, Field Day will be Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, Day of Awesomeness on May 29<sup>th</sup>, and our End of Year Parties on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

May is also a big month for STAAR testing. We will have STAAR testing on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>. The STAAR Math test for our 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be on May 13<sup>th</sup>, STAAR Reading test for our 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be on May 14<sup>th</sup> and then the STAAR Science test for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please remember we cannot have lunch visitors or drop offs on those test days!

Thank you for supporting your child(ren) and the staff at Emery this school year. Please continue to talk to your students and ask them about their day. Wishing you a safe and fun summer!

Warmly,  
Michelle Merricks  
Principal

### Reminders

**Nurse Notes** – If your child has medication in the clinic, it must be picked up the last week of school and **NO later than 12:00 PM on May 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please call the nurse if you need to make arrangements to have another adult pick up the medication or you would like to have it properly discarded on the last day of school.

Per CFISD policy, please do not send students with medication or cough drops in backpacks. Students still needing vaccines this year need to contact their child's doctor for an appointment and then bring the immunization record to the school nurse.

**Withdrawing/Transferring Students**- If your child will not be returning to Emery next year due to a transfer or withdrawal please let the registrar, Maria Gonzalez, know as soon as possible at 281-855-9082.

**New Student Registration for 2019-2020**- Open registration will be August 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00AM-3:00PM. On Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> we will have extended registration hours from 8:00AM-7:00PM.

## Library News

All student library books are due Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

It is time to turn in all of our library books so we can do inventory and make sure all lost books are found. If you are having trouble finding a book and need to pay for it, you may send cash or money order to the library to do so. Please help us to end the school year on a high note by getting all our books back on the shelves. **Book Fair for Summer Reading** - Help your child continue to be an awesome reader by coming to our Summer Reading Book Fair!

Monday, May 20 – 9am-3:40pm

Tuesday, May 21 9:00 AM with Family Book Fair Night 4pm-7pm

Wednesday, May 22 – (9am-3:40pm)

Thursday, May 23 – (9am-3:40pm)

Friday, May 24 - (9am-3:40pm)

We really need volunteers for Book Fair! If you would be interested, please contact Ms. McGinness at [bettie.mcginness@cfisd.net](mailto:bettie.mcginness@cfisd.net).

## 5th Grade Awards Ceremony

5th Grade

Please come celebrate your Child's accomplishments!



Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM Cy-Park High School

## Capturing Kids' Hearts/ Counselor's Corner

Core Essential Word: Perseverance-Refusing to give up when life gets hard.








## EMERY FIELD DAY/ END OF YEAR PARTIES

Please see the attached flyers with times and Visitor Permission slips for our Field Day and End of Year Parties. All Students will be served pizza on the last day of school. No lunches will be served from the cafeteria on the last day of school.



# May 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9 Bear Creek Skate Night 6:00 	10	11
13 <b>TEST DAY</b> STAAR Testing 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Math 5 <sup>th</sup> Math Retest	14 <b>TEST DAY</b> STAAR Testing 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Reading 5 <sup>th</sup> Reading Retest	15 <b>TEST DAY</b> STAAR Testing 5 <sup>th</sup> Science	16	17	18
20 Book Fair 	21 Book Fair Family Library Night 4:00	22 Book Fair	23 Book Fair	24 Book Fair <b>FIELD DAY</b>  See Schedule Attached	25
27 STUDENT HOLIDAY 	28	29 Day of Awesomeness 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Ceremony 6:00 PM CY-Parks HS	30 Last Day of School End of Year Parties NO Back Packs	Have a great <b>Summer</b> Vacation! 	

# Emery

# Elementary

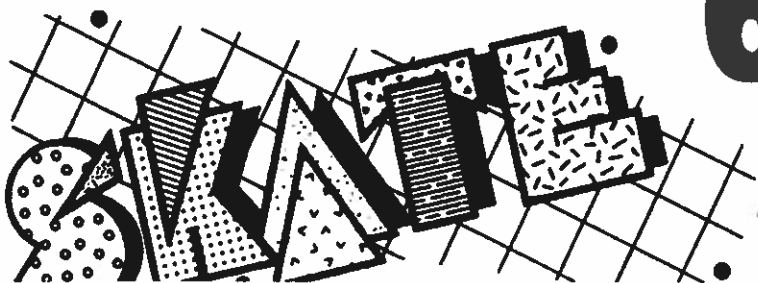


# SKATE NIGHT



## May 9th

## 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

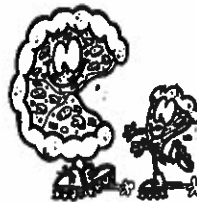


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### MEAL DEALS

#### 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)

## CREDIT-BY-EXAM NOTICE TO PARENTS

*The State Board of Education has established procedures to allow elementary students to “skip” one grade level by taking a series of exams which assess the Texas Essential Knowledge/Skills (TEKS) established for that grade level. Parents interested in having their children screened for credit-by-exam should contact their school counselor. If the school is unable to answer a question, please call Diane Garland at the Instructional Support Center (281-517-6848).*

**Students in grades K-5 will have four opportunities during the school year to use “credit-by-exam” to accelerate to another grade level. Students will only have one opportunity to test for each grade level considered.**

### **Summer Testing**

- Testing will be conducted in a districtwide setting.
- Students who want to skip grades K-5 will be tested on **Monday, June 10, 2019**.
- For fifth grade students who want to skip subjects in grade 6, follow the application procedures and timeline for middle school.

### **Fall and Spring Testing**

- Students will be tested at their campus during the first two weeks of school (August 26-September 9) to accelerate for the current school year. Grade placement will be made by **Monday, September 16, 2019**. Testing after the September 13, 2019 window has closed, will be for acceleration the following school year only.
- Students may be tested at their campus in November/December 2019 or in February 2020 to accelerate for the upcoming school year. Grade placement will be made at the **beginning of the 2020-2021 school year**.
- Testing will begin with mathematics, followed by reading/language arts and science, if required. 80% mastery on each test is required for advanced placement to occur.
- Campus testing will be administered by campus personnel.

### **To skip Kindergarten:**

**To be eligible for Credit-by-Exam, kindergarten students must be 5 on or before September 1 and registered in CFISD. Additional criteria to be considered are noted below.**

- Completed kindergarten in a private school in Texas or public school out-of-state; or
- Parent request

To skip kindergarten, students' scores on the credit-by-exam tests will be examined to see if advanced placement criteria have been met. Students who meet the criteria - [score of 80% or better on each subtest of the exam] - may advance one grade level.

### **To skip Grade 1:**

**To be eligible for Credit-by-Exam, first grade students must be 6 on or before September 1 and enrolled in CFISD. Additional criteria to be considered are noted below.**

- Demonstrate above-level achievement on the end-of-year kindergarten benchmarks given in May; or
- Be formally identified as Gifted/Talented [HORIZONS]; or
- Parent request

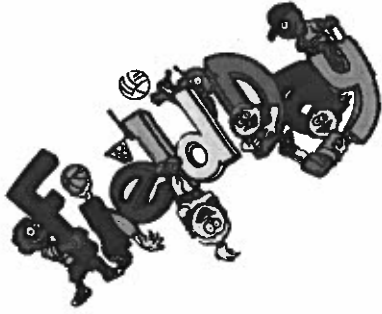
### **To skip Grades 2-5:**

**Criteria to be considered are noted below.**

- Work on grade level with A's in language arts/social studies, math, and science; or
- Be formally identified as Gifted/Talented [HORIZONS]; or
- Score at the 90<sup>th</sup>ile in both reading and math on any standardized test; or
- Parent request

To skip Grades 1-5, students' scores on the credit-by-exam tests will be examined to see if advanced placement criteria have been met. Students who meet the criteria — [score of 80% or better on each subtest of the exam] — may advance one grade level.

**Field Day at Emery Elementary  
Visitor Permission Slip  
Friday May 24, 2019**



Field Day Activity Times

Lunch Times

KG & 1<sup>st</sup> : 9:00-10:40

2<sup>nd</sup> : 10:45-11:15

1<sup>st</sup>: 11:30-12:00

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> : 11:35-1:35

3<sup>rd</sup>: 11:00-11:30

4<sup>th</sup>: 1:00-1:30

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> : 1:35-3:35

KDG: 11:15-11:45

5<sup>th</sup>: 1:00-1:30

Parent's/Guardian's if you will not be able to attend Field Day and plan to send a guest in your place please provide the requested information below. No visitors/emergency contacts will be allowed to attend field day without prior written consent or being accompanied by Parent/Guardian on the day of the event. Parents please remind your student to leave their backpack at home on this day.

Parent/Guardian

Please make your guest aware that they must present a valid drivers license or state issued ID in order to enter the building. Only the guest that you name below will be allowed to attend Field Day. If you are also granting your guest permission to check your student out for the day please indicate that as well.

**If you will be sending a guest**

**Please complete and return to your child's homeroom teacher by:**

**Friday May 17, 2019**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE PRINT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name Printed

If you are granting your guest permission to sign your student out for the day please provide the following written consent:

\_\_\_\_\_ has permission to sign out \_\_\_\_\_ on May 24, 2019.  
Guest Name Printed Student Name Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

**End of Year PTO Parties at Emery Elementary**

**Visitor Permission Slip**

**Thursday May 30, 2019**



**AM PPCD & AM Pre-K 11:00-11:30**

**KG, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & LS 11:00-11:30**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade 1:00-3:05**

**PM PPCD & PM Pre-K 1:15-1:45**

Parent's/Guardian's if you will not be able to attend End of Year Parties and plan to send a guest in your place please provide the requested information below. No visitors/emergency contacts will be allowed to attend the parties without prior written consent or being accompanied by Parent/Guardian on the day of the event. Parents please remind your student to leave their backpack at home on this day.

**Parent/Guardian**

Please make your guest aware that they must present a valid drivers license or state issued ID in order to enter the building. Only the guest that you name below will be allowed to attend end of Year Parties. If you are also granting your guest permission to check your student out for the day please indicate that as well.

**If you will be sending a guest**

**Please complete and return to your child's homeroom teacher by:**

**Friday May 24, 2019**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Guest Name Printed**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Guest Name Printed**

If you are granting your guest permission to sign your student out for the day please provide the following written consent:

\_\_\_\_\_ has permission to sign out \_\_\_\_\_ on May 30, 2019.

**Guest Name Printed**

**Student Name Printed**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Printed Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Signature**



# PTO NEWS

## May 2019

### FIELD DAY

MAY 24<sup>th</sup>

Join PTO at this year's field day!  
Concessions and snow cones will be available for purchase.

Hope to see you there!



### Mother and son game night

Another great year for our mother and son event! We enjoyed everyone having fun!

Thank you so much for all your support!

### VOLUNTEERING IS MY THING!

Thank you so much for those of you who have donated your time to help. You are a BIG help and we truly appreciate you! 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 Spirit Shop

Students will have the opportunity to stop by our spirit shop during school lunches.  
Lots of fun items to choose from!

**LAST DAY OF SPIRIT SHOP FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR**  
**May 17th**

### Amazon Smiles

Help support your school with your amazon purchases!

Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) register Emery Elementary as your charity. Log in to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to place your order and Emery receives 5% of your purchase.

Emery PTO thanks you for all your support this school year!  
Have a wonderful summer!

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