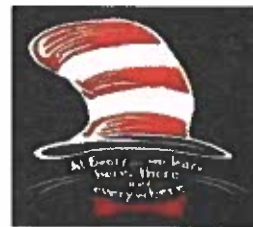




# Emery Express



## March 2019

Michelle Merricks, Principal  
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### Mark Your Calendar

- Mar 11 – 15 **SPRING BREAK/SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Mar 19 **Spring Portrait Day**
- Mar 19 **Family Library Night 5:00 – 7:00**
- Mar 25 **3rd & 4th Math Benchmark NO VISITORS or Lunch Drop Offs**
- Mar 26 **3rd & 4th Reading Benchmark NO VISITORS or Lunch Drop Offs**
- Mar 27 **5th Science Benchmark No VISITORS or Lunch Drop Offs**
- Mar 30 **PTO Carnival 3:00-6:00**

### PK-Kindergarten Pre-Registration

Early Pre-Registration for all Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten will be held on **Wednesday, April 17th from 9:00 – 3:00**. Look for signs to enter the building to register. Please contact our registrar Maria Gonzalez for more information at 281-855-9082.

### Carnival Theme Baskets



Each grade level will be creating a theme basket which will be on display in the cafeteria at our Silent Auction during the **PTO Carnival, Saturday, March 30th**. A note came home with your student providing information on their grade level theme. Please consider donating a new item for your student's grade level baskets. All items need to be turned in by Friday, March 22nd.

### Spring Break



School will be closed **March 11th – 15th**  
Lost and Found items will be donated over the break!  
**Read a Little, Play a Little, Rest a Little**

### Principal's Message

February was a busy and fun filled month. Spring Break is March 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> so have a wonderful week off of school. Please use this time to enjoy some family activities and reinforce their reading skills.

After we return from Spring Break, Emery will be having our Spring Carnival on March 30<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 6pm! Our wonderful PTO is organizing it for our school as our Spring Fundraiser. Please come out with your family and enjoy games, dunking booths, and bid on our wonderful silent auction baskets and have fun!

Our 4th and 5th graders are working hard preparing for April's STAAR testing. Please continue to have your children read and complete their homework to build endurance, critical thinking and reinforce new concepts taught.

Warmly,  
Michelle Merricks  
Principal

### Reminders

**Testing Dates/Lunch Visitors** - March 25th, 26th and 27th the building will be **closed to Visitors, Lunch Visitors and Drop Offs** due to testing schedule changes.

**Nurse Notes –**  
**The Facts of Lice-** Head lice cannot jump or fly and moves by crawling from jackets, tables, hats/scarfs, pillows, and brushes to a human head. People can get rid of head lice with fine tipped combs and lice medicated shampoos from the grocery store/pharmacy.



## Library News

Congratulations to the Reckless Readers, our winning Name That Book team! They will represent Emery at the district competition on March 26th. The team includes Lola Arajulu, Amerise Jaimes, Giovanni Louza, Alex Ngo, Rianna Shezbie, and Jacob Wahl.

We will be having our annual Hour of Code computer event on Tuesday, March 19 as part of Family Library Night. Please see the attached flyer for more details about this fun and exciting event!

### Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, March 19 – Family Library Night / Hour of Code (5:00pm-7:00pm)

Tuesday, March 26 – Regional and District Name That Book competition at the Berry Center (5:30-7:30)

Saturday, April 6 – Mobile Library (9:30am-11:30am)

## Capturing Kids' Hearts/ Counselor's Corner

**Launches** - Launching has to do with the way we end and send. It is the way teachers end a classroom experience and the way they send their charges forth to face the future. This is vastly different from just having students rush out the door when the bell rings.

### Core Essential Word for March – Individuality

Discovering who you are meant to be so you can make a difference.



# March 2019



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Superintendent's Fun Run
4	5	6	7	8 Please check Lost and Found. Items will be donated over Spring Break!	9
11	12	13	14	15	16
18	19 Spring Portrait Day Family Library Night 5:00 – 7:00 PM	20	21	22	23
25 <b>TEST DAY</b> Benchmark Testing 3rd & 4th Math No Visitors, Lunch Visitors or Drop Offs	26 <b>TEST DAY</b> Benchmark Testing 3rd & 4th Reading No Visitors, Lunch Visitors or Drop Offs	27 <b>TEST DAY</b> Benchmark Testing 5th Science No Visitors, Lunch Visitors or Drop Offs	28	29	30 PTO <b>CARNIVAL</b> 3-00:6:00

# Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District



Mark Henry, Ed. D.  
Superintendent

Tracy McDaniel, Ed. D.  
Director of Testing

State Assessment Year 2018-2019

Dear Parents or Guardians,

In order to maintain an optimum testing environment for students, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has determined that students are not permitted to have cell phones or personal electronic devices that allow internet access or have photographic capabilities during testing as the devices can disrupt the testing environment and be used to compromise the security and confidentiality of the test.

Electronic devices must be turned off and not be visible; therefore, students are not allowed to place or receive a cell phone call or text message during a test administration.

The district policy regarding cell phone use during the school day can be found on pages CC - 13 of the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Student Code of Conduct handbook.

During the instructional school day, students are generally prohibited from using all telecommunication devices.... Such devices must not be visible and must remain turned off... Placing the cell phone into silent/vibrate mode and text messaging is not considered "turned off" and is prohibited.

If a student violates this CFISD policy, then his/her device will be confiscated and will be returned after an administrative fee is collected. District personnel will not assume responsibility for damaged, lost or stolen items.

Violation of this policy during any state assessment is considered cheating and will require the appropriate disciplinary action as described in the CFISD Student Code of Conduct handbook.

Violation of this policy during any state assessment such as, but not limited to, EOC, STAAR, or locally designed assessment, etc. prohibits an optimum testing environment and, therefore, may result in an invalid assessment. Use of a cell phone or any other unapproved electronic device during the administration of these tests will be regarded as cheating, and the student's test will be invalidated (test will not be scored) with appropriate disciplinary action to follow.

Additionally, secondary students will be asked to sign an honor statement before taking any version of the EOC or TELPAS tests. The statement, shown below, will be printed on each student's answer sheet, and students will be asked to sign it before testing begins.

By signing my name, I agree that I will not give or receive unauthorized assistance during the test. I understand that giving or receiving unauthorized assistance during the test is cheating and may result in the invalidation of my test results.

Please discuss the importance of adhering to this policy with your child. If you have any questions or concerns, your campus counselor is available to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy McDaniel".

Tracy McDaniel, Ed. D.  
Director of Testing



# PTO NEWS

## March 2019

### Emery PTO Annual Carnival is near!



Emery PTO invites you to join us in making this years Emery Carnival a success!

Every year Emery PTO gets together with our community to prepare for a day filled with food, games, music and lots of FUN!

We need all the help we can get! To learn more on how you can help please join us for our upcoming carnival meeting on

**Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00pm**

Thank you for all of your support! Hope to see you there!

### BOX TOPS COLLECTION!



Thank you so much to all of you who participated in turning in your box tops! You were a big help in raising money for our school!

Your support is truly appreciated!

### Emery PTO Spirit Shop

Students will have the opportunity to stop by our spirit shop during school lunches.

Lots of fun items to chose from!

**Next Spirit Shop date: March 22nd**

**Upcoming Dates**

**April 19<sup>th</sup> May 17th**

### 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)



**We are currently looking for volunteers for our annual Carnival March 30<sup>th</sup>!**

### Amazon Smiles

Help support your school with your amazon purchases!

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

Emery PTO thanks you for all your support!

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# Hour Of Code (Fun with Computers!)



Do your children LOVE computers? Did you ever wonder how web pages are created or how apps are programmed? Well, we have a really fun event coming up that can help you and your child both learn just a little bit about how programming works. On March 19, Emery will be having an Hour of Code event. The Hour of Code is an online set of games that teach the type of thinking needed to create (or code) web pages and other types of computer programming. We will have computers set up and families can sign up for a specific time. Although we would love for everyone to come, the Hour of Code is most appropriate for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up. If your family would like to participate in the hour of code, you will need to register using the form below. We will also be having Family Library Night, so families can check out books and there will be some other activities in the library for the younger children.

Registrations will be accepted in the order that they are received until all spots are filled. Parents will receive confirmation of registration before the event.

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## Registration for Hour of Code Activity

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred time to attend on March 19 (please circle one)

5:00-6:00

6:00-7:00



Star Wars: Building a Galaxy with Code



Code with Anna and Elsa