



The Mane Tail



November 11, 2016



November

Nov 14 Dennis Lee – grades 2/3
 Nov 15 Dennis Lee – grades K/1/4/5
 6:00 Third Grade Program

Looking Ahead November 21-25 Thanksgiving Break
 November 28 – Cathey Nickell, Author



Core Essential Values

Our character trait for November is **HONOR**.
 The animal is a **Narwhal**.
 The color is **PURPLE**.

Honor—Letting someone know you see how valuable they really are.

Please read on for ideas on how to talk with your kids about Honor at home.

SAY IT:

Honor is letting someone know you see how valuable they really are.

KNOW IT:

Ask your child:

- What things do you think are valuable?
- How can people be valuable?
- Who do you know that should be honored for something?

Share with your child:

- Share about a time when you gave someone a chance and were surprised by what you found.
- Who are some groups of people that might be overlooked?
- How can we honor those who don't get a lot of recognition?

SEE IT:

Medals of Honor are the highest awards that can be given to people serving in the military. This month is Veteran's Day, and even though we can't give everyone a Medal of Honor, we can still thank them for their service. As a family, decide to honor men and women who have served our country.

Invite a veteran that you know over for dinner and ask them questions about their service and listen to their experiences.

BE IT:

Gather your family for an awards night! Have everyone dress in his or her best clothes and plan a fun meal. Each family member will give awards to the other family members using objects you can find around your house or by making certificates with markers and construction paper. Be creative, have fun, and let your family know you see how valuable they really are!

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Thank you

Cypress Yard Greetings and everyone who contributed to our Veterans Day Celebration. Cub Scout Pack 1179 did a wonderful job leading during the flag ceremony and of course the veterans that took time out of their day to visit with us.



MUSIC NOTES 3rd Grade Patriotic Program

When: Tuesday, November 15th

Time: Kids need to arrive to the GYM at 5:45pm and the program begins at 6:00pm

What: The 3rd graders will be singing a collection of patriotic FAVORITES. The children should be dressed in RED, WHITE and BLUE from head to TOE. If a student does not own red, white or blue clothing- a school spirit shirt would be perfect.



Library News

The Sampson library is busy and active with reading and discovering. The students do a great job of finding books based on their interest. The library is a great place for the children to grow as readers. They have a lot of guidance in the library, but they make their choices on what they pick. Please enjoy the books with your child and read with them at every opportunity you can.

Our next 5th grade book club is on Wednesday, December 14. The 5th graders will read *The Word Eater* by Mary Amato. We had a great time last week for our first one and look forward to another fun lunch!

Student Screening for Credit-by-Exam

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.

To apply to take the test to skip kindergarten, a student must be 5 by September 1, and registered in a CFISD school. To



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apply to take the test to skip grade 1, a student must be 6 by September 1, and enrolled in a CFISD school.

Students who earn scores of 80% or better on each component of the credit-by-exam will qualify to advance one grade. Only one grade level may be "skipped" each year. No retests will be given.

If you are interested in getting more information about credit-by-exam, please contact the school counselor. Testing is for the 2017-2018 school year. The deadline for this testing session is Wednesday, November 9th.

Horizons Testing

The Open Referral Period for Mid-year Testing for the Horizons Program is from October 3rd until December 2nd. During this time, parents may choose to refer their child for testing. Parents can get a permission form at the front desk or by contacting the school counselor. Please see the attached flow chart for more information.

Guidance Lesson Information

On November 14th, the counselors will be talking to each grade level during Large Group about Safety. As part of this topic, we will talk about keeping our bodies safe and what to do if someone asks us to do something that makes us feel uncomfortable or scared.

**3rd graders will be practicing for their program on this day, so the counselors will meet with them on Monday, Dec 5th.

Parents/Guardians of 5th Grade Students

A human growth and development lesson is included in the fifth grade curriculum to address the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Health. The lesson is scheduled to take place on 11/18/16. The instructional material being used in this lesson includes a video entitled "Always Changing" and an instructional PowerPoint directly related to the video. The instructional material focuses on growth and development. The same instructional materials are used in both fourth and fifth grades. The district's Local School Health Advisory Council (LSHAC) that includes community representatives as well as school personnel has approved the materials. (Information related to LSHAC meetings including opportunities for participating as a member of this group – can be accessed at www.cfisd.net under "Departments" and "Health Services.")

Under Texas statute, parents have the right to exercise an "opt out" option for their students. A letter will be distributed today through your child's teacher giving you this option. **If you wish to exercise the "opt out" option for your child in regard to Human Growth and Development instruction, mark that selection when completing the bottom portion of**

the letter. Parents will have the following opportunities to preview the video before the lesson is presented to students.

1. for boys The video can be viewed online at: <http://www.pgschoolprograms.com/programs.php?pid=1> Under "Puberty Materials for Parents," scroll to "Videos," and select either the

Boys' original or **girls' original** version of the video. At campuses, male students will view only the video (with the section from 4:58 to 10:18 cut), and girls will view only the video created for girls. The instructional PowerPoint used in the instruction is based on the material in the video.

2. The video can be viewed at the campus on 11/14/16 during regular school hours. After viewing the video, if you still have questions or wish to view the PowerPoint, please contact the building principal or Loretta Bourn (281-897-4140).

PTO NEWS

Junior Achievement!

Want to teach the kids about money? Play games with them about where coins are made and how to run a Do-Nut factory? Show them how to start their own businesses?

Junior Achievement is a nationally developed program where we teach children from K-12 about currency, money management, business, and entrepreneurship. The curriculum is fully scripted and all the materials are provided. We just need parent volunteers with energy and enthusiasm to teach them! It's only a 3-4 hour commitment per year (all in the Spring Semester) and it's a LOT of FUN! Check out their website for more information – www.ja.org. And if you would like more information or would like to volunteer, email Sheri Howard @ jshoward16@att.net.

We only need 6 more volunteers!!!!

First: Herring, McCreight, and Courville

Third: Long and Yang

Fourth: Bygness

Come inspire them to dream big and reach their potential!



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Calling all Parents!!

SRC is training in November and December –
Training at SRC 11206 Telge Rd. 9:30 am
November 16: 4th Grade Aquatic Bird Study Skins
December 1st: Kindergarten Hedgehog
December 9th: 1st grade Small Mammals
Thank you all for volunteering!



The Sampson Yearbook

2016-2017 Yearbook is currently on sale for \$26.
Leap into action now, prices will increase to \$36 beginning
December 1st. To place an order, go to www.sampsonpto.com.
Click on the yearbook link in the sidebar to begin the order
process. There is a limited supply of yearbooks, so please
order early. Please save your email confirmation order from
Balfour.com. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Poteet at
lapoteet@[gmail.com](mailto:lapoteet@gmail.com).

Dear Parents,

I'm excited to tell you about an upcoming AUTHOR VISIT. On **Monday, Nov. 28**, author **Cathey Graham Nickell** of Houston, Texas, will visit our school to speak to students.

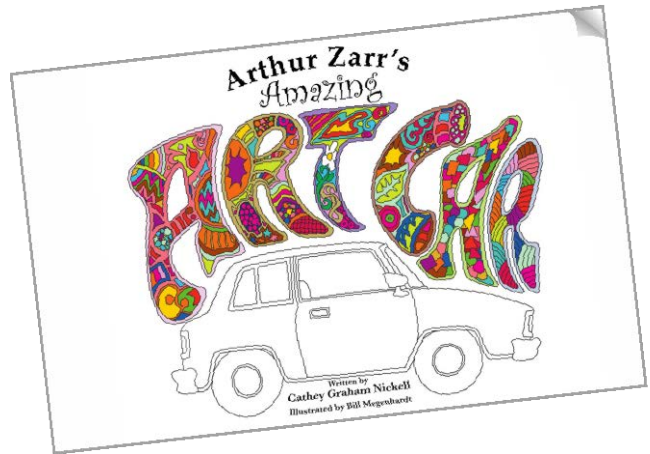
Arthur Zarr's Amazing Art Car is Cathey's first children's book. She draws from her experience as a former newspaper reporter and public relations professional to bring an exciting presentation full of personal stories, writing/publishing tips, and "insider information" about her book.

If you would like your child to have a book signed by the author, or if you want to order multiple books as gifts, please complete and return this form with payment to your child's teacher. Cathey will sign and personalize each book. You are under no obligation to order a book, and Cathey has already donated a copy to our school library.

Thank you!

Mrs. Maxian, Art Specialist

Questions: Please email kimberly.maxian@cfisd.net



“ARTHUR ZARR’S AMAZING ART CAR”

Written by Cathey Graham Nickell

Illustrated by Bill Megenhardt

SUMMARY: Arthur Zarr is a quiet man with few friends. His life is rather plain, and his car is plain, too. But not for long! Mr. Zarr finds happiness and makes friends by building an amazing art car. In this whimsical story, children learn about recycling, community, friendship building, and the power of imagination. The book includes a “History of Art Cars” page for readers who’ve never heard of this creative form of artistic expression. Children of all ages—and even adults—will enjoy the colorful story of Arthur Zarr. Hardcover book with dust jacket, 40 pgs, color illustrations. © 2016. MSRP \$19.99 + tax. ISBN: 978-0-9961150-0-1



ARTHUR ZARR’S AMAZING ART CAR Book Order & Autograph Form

Book #1: Child’s Name (please print legibly!) _____

Check this box to verify that you want the book personalized by the author with your child’s name (above). If you prefer no personalization (signature only), please leave the box unchecked or make a notation to that effect.

Please list other name(s) below if you are ordering additional copies that you would like personalized:

Name(s) for Book #2: _____

Name(s) for Book #3: _____

Child’s Teacher & Grade _____

_____ books @ **\$21.64** each (this price already includes the tax) = \$ _____

Please make check or money order payable to **Twenty-Eight Creative** and return to your child’s teacher by **November 11, 2016**. Your child will receive his or her book(s) on the day of Cathey’s author visit to our school. Thank you for your support of this author! You may use the back of this page if more space is needed to order more than 3 copies of the book.

Sampson Spelling Bee 2016-17

Sampson Students and Parents:

Here's the buzz! On Monday, November 14th, there will be a written spelling test for qualification in the Sampson Spelling Bee to be held on December 15th.

This opportunity is open to all 3rd - 5th graders. The test will be given during your student's recess period and a score of 100% must be obtained in order to qualify for the oral spelling bee.

If your child is interested, please complete the permission slip below and return it to your child's homeroom teacher no later than **Monday, November 7th**. The list of words to study will be sent home once the permission slip is received.

My child, _____,
has permission to participate in the qualifying written spelling test to be held on Monday, November 14, 2016.

Parent signature

Homeroom teacher



Sampson is thankful for our families who have collected Box Tops!

We have earned over \$1,600 since August!

Ms. Callaghan's 5th grade class won our October contest by turning in the most Box Tops. They will have Rice Krispy treats during lunch on Wednesday, November 16th.

The November contest kicked off on Tuesday, November 1st. This month the GRADE that turns in the most Box Tops will get a popcorn party – one grade, all teachers in that grade.