



The Mane Tail



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Dates to Remember

April 09	7:00	Choral Festival at Berry Center
	8:30 – 2:30	Kindergarten Registration
10		Spirit Shop
13	9:30	PTO Meeting
		District Horizons Showcase
25		75 th Anniversary Festival

STAAR Testing Dates:

April 20th - 5th Math – No Visitors on STAAR Days
 April 21st - 3rd & 4th Math - No Visitors
 April 22nd - 3rd & 4th Reading; 5th Science - No Visitors

Kindergarten Registration

Preregistration for **2015-2016** kindergarten classes will be held at Sampson Elementary on **April 9, 2015** from **8:30 to 2:30 p.m.** Visit your [campus website or contact your school](#) for further information. For the **2015-2016** school year, children entering **kindergarten** for the first time must be **five years old** on or before **September 1, 2015. Due to Texas state law on age requirements, no exceptions will be made.** The district provides full-day kindergarten. To register, parents must provide the school with the following items:

- Certified copy of the child’s birth certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics (see [City of Houston Bureau of Vital Statistics](#) to obtain a birth certificate if born in the city of Houston)
- Current [immunization record](#)
- Proof of residency (a current electric, gas, or water bill or a lease agreement)
- Social security card for each child, if available.
- Photo ID of parent or guardian

For additional information regarding where to register kindergarten students, parents can contact their neighborhood school.

Students currently enrolled CFISD’s prekindergarten program are automatically registered for kindergarten. The student’s permanent folder, which contains the student’s birth certificate and immunization records, will be sent to the student’s home school for the kindergarten year. Therefore, there is no need for parents of current pre-kindergartners to attend the kindergarten preregistration. For additional information, please call your child’s campus.

Included with the Mane Tail:

PTO/EPI School Supply Order Form
 Core Values Family Newsletter
 75th Anniversary Festival Flyer
 Community Flyers-Basketball, Halter, Splash



Did You Know? **We are on Twitter?**
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First Tee Champions Challenge

The First Tee Champions Challenge took place on March 28 at the Golf Club of Houston. Congratulations to Harper Wynn and Max Herbert for representing Sampson in this 9 Hole golf skills challenge event. The participants were scored based on their shot making ability and in the end Max Herbert finished 2nd among the boys group in the afternoon wave. Great job Harper and Max!



LIBRARY NEWS

EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE! Our annual Sampson Storybook Character Parade is going to take place on Friday, April 24 at 8:20 in the morning! All kinder and 1st grade students will march and will be dressed up as their favorite storybook character! The teachers have been working hard introducing lots of characters in books and discussing the traits of characters. These kids know what a storybook character is! They might choose Curious George, Pete the Cat, Tacky the Penguin, Amelia Bedelia, Froggy, or a CAT WITH SEVEN NAMES (the book our administrative team will be dressing up as!). Costumes will be “put together” at home. Be as creative or simple as you want! The students will wear their costumes to school. We will



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parade around the track and would love to have our Sampson parents, younger siblings, relatives, and friends join us! Parades are a lot more fun if there are spectators! The parade will start inside, but we will arrive at the tract by 8:30 or so. **EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE!** Come and join us!



Are You Moving?

Are you moving over the summer? If so, please let the registrar know where you are going so that your school records will follow. If you are going to another Cy-Fair school you will need to register at the new school during open registration which will take place in August. Please check on the district website, cfisd.net, for official dates and times of registration. If you have any questions please call the registrar at 281-213-1607.



Core Essential Values

Our character trait for April is **PEACE**.
The animal is a **DOVE**.
The color is **WHITE**.

Peace—Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.

Please see the attached Core Essentials Newsletter for ideas on how to talk with your kids about Peace at home.

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Message to 5th Grade Parents

Information about Level-1 classes for 6th grade:

Level-1 classes are designed to challenge students beyond grade-level academic courses and prepare them for success in future advanced coursework. They are more rigorous and in-depth content focus than on-level classes. Level-1 classes often move at a faster pace, include different types of assignments including additional outside reading, and may require more independent study skills.

Students are eligible for Level-1 classes in 6th grade (2015-2016 school year) if during their 5th grade year:

1. The student earns a yearly average of 85+ in the on-level class in the same subject level; **or**

2. The student earns Level III-Advanced on the STAAR Reading test to be eligible for the Level-1 Language Arts/Reading and/or Social Studies; **or**
3. The student earns Level III-Advanced on the STAAR Science to be eligible for Level-1 Science; **and**
4. The student has parent permission to enroll in Level-1 class.

Sampson PTO News and Information

Sampson Elementary

2015-2016 PTO Executive Board Slate

President – Linda Krejbjerg

VP, VIPS –

VP, Treasurer – Melanie Calloway

VP, Primary Fundraising – Tisha McLemore

VP, Secondary Fundraising – Terri Bugg

VP, Secretary/Parliamentarian – Claudine Tamez

VP, Membership – Wendy Capasso

VP, Communications – Amber Gailey

VP, Special Events – Ashley Holbert

We would like to extend a very special thanks to this year's Nominating Committee: Shelley Boyle, Linda Ramcharan, Tisha McLemore, Julie Corrigan and Megan Roberson. We sincerely appreciate your support and diligence in putting forth a strong slate of candidates and we look forward to welcoming out newest board members. Monday, April 14th at 9:30 am is the next PTO General Meeting. This is an extremely important PTO meeting, we will be voting on the 2014-2015 Executive Board Slate hope you can make it! If you have any questions please contact Linda Ramcharan at lcramcharan@hotmail.com

PTO Committee Chair & Grade Rep Selections 2015-2016

PTO Planning for the 2015-16 school year is under way. If you would like to be considered for a committee chair position or a grade representative, please log onto www.sampsonpto.ptomanager.com. Under the "My Information" tab, select the Step 2 (volunteer interests)



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tab. You'll see a list of all committees. Please note all chair positions are in all CAPITAL LETTERS. You can click on the title to see a brief description of each committee. Click "save" on the bottom right. Committee chairs must be a PTO member in good standing. Deadline to Check the box is Wednesday, May 6th at 9am. If you have any questions please contact Tish Mclemore at tishamclemore@yahoo.com



ORDER YOUR 2015 SCHOOL SUPPLIES!!!

This is your chance to purchase pre-packaged school supplies from the PTO.

Each pack is teacher approved and custom made with quality products for each grade level. By ordering online, your child's supplies will be waiting in his or her classroom on the first day of school. Sampson Elementary PTO has negotiated with EPI to provide you with the lowest cost possible. This is not a fundraiser and the PTO does not receive any funds from the sale of the school supplies. It is arranged as a convenience for the families of Sampson Elementary and endorsed by Sampson teachers and staff. Sales start March 18th and orders will be online only through the Sampson PTO Website (www.sampsonpto.com) using PayPal and sales will end June 4th. We do not order extra packs so please be sure to order by June 4th. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Neelee Tschetter at neeleet@gmail.com.

March Box Top Contest Deadline Has Been Extended!!

In an attempt to give our little Stallions every chance to get the Box Tops turned in, we have extended the deadline for our March contest to April 10th!! This is our last contest for this school year so dig deep in those drawers, you wouldn't want them to expire over the Summer!

There are two opportunities to win in our March contest!

1. ALL STUDENTS that bring in 5+ Box Tops will win a trip to the Treasure Chest.
2. In addition to Treasure Chest prize, students that bring in 10+ Box Tops will also win choice of certificate for 5 oz. free Menchie's frozen yogurt or an inflatable instrument (while supplies last).

Thank you for supporting Sampson Box Tops! Remember - SEE, CLIP, CONTRIBUTE!! For more information check out

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/>.

Don't Forget to Log your Volunteer Hours by MAY 1st at 9 a.m.

The VIPS Appreciation Breakfast is just around the corner, it is very important you log your hours so we can reward you for all your hard work. Volunteers with 100+ hours will have a library book chosen by your child and donated in your name to the Sampson Library. Books will be presented at the volunteer appreciation luncheon on May 15th. Please make sure all of your hours are logged before Monday, May 1st at 9am. If you have any questions Please contact Tish Mclemore at tishamclemore@yahoo.com

To Register with v-volunteer: (to create an account; new volunteers only)

1. Login to the internet
2. Go to the Cy-Fair ISD website: www.cfid.net
3. At the top of the screen, move your mouse to "Departments"
4. Click on "Partners in Education"
5. Click on "How to Register as a Volunteer in CFISD"
6. Click on "Volunteer Participation Form"
7. Complete the information
8. Registration information will be accepted by CFISD
9. Volunteer will receive an email with her account information from support@raptorware.com

To Log Volunteer Hours: (already have an account)

1. Go to the V-Volunteer website: www.v-volunteer.com
2. Login using your email address and the password sent by support@raptorware.com
3. Click the Log Hours button
4. Scroll through the Functions and choose the one that applies to your volunteer hours
5. Enter the date and times for your volunteer hours
6. Click the Submit button



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District News

Join CFISD in celebration of 75 years of success! Mark your calendars for April 25, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at the Berry Center for the 75th Anniversary Festival! From food trucks, carnival amusements, games, juggler, unicyclist, stilt walker, vendor booth, live band – Sawdust Road, and more! The event and all entertainment is free, the food trucks have individual prices. Performances in the stadium with a parade of students from every campus will highlight the show, with fireworks following. Don't miss out on this memorable event. Questions: 75th@cfisd.net or call 281-807-8664.