



The Mane Tail



February 5, 2016



February

- February 8 9:30 PTO Meeting
- 9 Sampson Email/Internet Down
- 12 Spirit Shop
- 15 Student Holiday
- 16 8:15 Spillane Electives/ 5th Lg Group
- 19 8:30/9:30 Mike Artell Illustrator (2/3)
Dental Visit for K/1

Looking Ahead – March 10th PBIS Family Walk



Core Essential Values



Our character trait for February is **COOPERATION**.

The animal is an **ANT**.

The color is **ORANGE**.

Cooperation: Working together to do more than you can do alone.

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

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Group Counseling Information

We will be offering the following group opportunities this spring for students:

Topic: Change in Family (1st-5th)

Small group sessions for students who are experiencing a change in family structure due to a recent parental separation, divorce, or remarriage.

Topic: Loss of a Family Member (1st-5th)

Small group sessions for students who are experiencing changes due to the loss of someone close to them.

Topic: Test-taking (3rd-5th)

Small group sessions focused on learning techniques for overcoming negative feelings about taking tests and relaxation strategies.

Students will be put into groups with others of similar age. Groups will meet during the school day. If you are interested in having your child take part in a group, please contact **Brigitte Campbell at 281-213-1628 or brigitte.campbell@cfisd.net**

No Visitors – February 9th

We will have no working technology on February 9th while upgrades are being made to the Cy Fair internet. There will be no way of screening guests to Sampson. Entrance to the building will be for emergencies and scheduled meetings only.



Choir Festival

Congratulations to the following students for representing Sampson at the District Choir Festival.

Alex George	Cameron McCallum
Uma Sivakumar	Jenna Dow
Julie D'Aversa	Sarah Terry
Presley Oistad	Nick Eastwood

5th Grade Choir to Perform at Rocket/Spurs Game – February 27th at 7:00

If Sampson parents and students are interested in attending the game and supporting our Sampson Stallion Singers as they sing the National Anthem you can use the link below for a discounted rate.

www.rockets.com/promocode

Promotion code: Sampson



PBIS Family Neon Fun Run/ Walk

Please plan to join us in our first school wide / community Family Neon Fun Run/Walk benefitting our PBIS Program at Sampson. Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 10th at 6:30 pm. Kick off will take place in the back parking lot and the route will take us along the trails near Sampson.

There is no registration fee for this event. We would like our Sampson Community to come out and walk or run with us! You may choose to wear your own neon shirt. However, if you would like to buy a Sampson Strong Neon T-shirt, we are selling them for \$10. **The deadline has been extended to Monday, February 8th.** The proceeds will go to our PBIS Committee. The money raised will be used to acquire incentives that the students can buy with their Sampson Bucks. There will be NO date on the t-shirt! Plan to join us on the 10th ... we would love to see our Sampson Community enjoying an evening together!



Library News

A Family that reads together, has fun together!

I recently enjoyed a morning of inspiration at a librarian's conference here in Houston. I wanted to share a quote by a Newberry winning author, Kate DiCamillo. She did a marvelous job of stating how wonderful it is to share a story...to share a book.

“Stories Connect Us”

“When we read together- when a grandfather reads to his granddaughter, when a teacher reads to a classroom, when a parent reads to a child, when a sister reads to her brother,



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when everyone in a small town reads the same book silently,
together ~ we are taken out of our aloneness.
Together, we see the world. Together, we see one another.
We connect.
And when we connect, we are changed”
By Kate DiCamillo

Sampson PTO News and Information

PTO Meeting

Sampson PTO's next general meeting is February 8 at 9:30 in the cafeteria. Because of our Annual Fundraiser's success, we have some extra money in our budget! Do you have a proposal for how we can spend \$15,000 to benefit Sampson and our students? Please consider attending our general PTO meeting to discuss your ideas! We would love to hear and consider your input.

PTO By-Laws Amending

The Executive Board of the Sampson PTO has voted to proceed to a general vote regarding an amendment to the PTO By-Laws. Our BY- Laws currently require monthly PTO meetings. The proposed amendment contains more general requirements, allowing the PTO to decide an appropriate number of meetings per school year. The language of the current section, and the proposed amendment are as follows:



Current Sampson PTO By-Laws:

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Section 1: Monthly meetings of the Organization shall be held each month during the school year. Meetings of the PTO Executive Board shall also be held monthly during the school year. The PTO President will decide the meeting times prior to the first Executive Board meeting of the school year.

Proposed Amendment to the By Laws:

Section 1: At least four General meetings of the Organization shall be held each school year. Meetings of the PTO Executive Board shall also be held at least four times during the school year. The PTO President will decide the meeting times prior to the first Executive Board meeting of the school year.

A general vote on this amendment will take place February 8, at our general PTO meeting. Please attempt to attend this important meeting.



Valentine Spirit Shop
Friday February 12th
Come get the ones you love
A little something to show how
much they are loved
Carnations \$2



ATTENTION ALL SUPER HEROES:
February will have 2 contests!

The top 3 Super Heroes, per grade, who turn in the most Box Tops get to have lunch with Mrs. Motzny. Also, ALL Super Heroes who submit 100+ Box Tops by February 26th will WIN ICE CREAM at lunch and a gift certificate for Candelari's Pizza!



You're all doing such a SUPER job! We really appreciate your continued support and participation. Keep up the great work!

Deadline: February 26, 2016
Awarded: March 23, 2016
Prize: Ice cream or Lunch with the Principal!



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**We Have Spirit - Yes We Do
We Have Spirit – How About YOU!**



Save the date...

Join us this Spring for **ROUND TWO**
at Spring Creek BBQ.

Can we beat our Fall turnout?!?
427 students & their families participated!
Which netted us

\$3200.00....Stallion Power!!

*Take the night off from cooking and join us,
as we get ready to kick off Spring Break!!*

March 2nd and 3rd 5-9pm

*Join us on one or both nights –
carry out also available.*

*Spring Creek gives us 20% of net sales from 5-9pm!

* All the students and teachers in the
top homeroom by attendance will receive a
special prize.



Only \$10.00 each!

Deadline Extended to Monday

ORDER FORM (Shirts are 100% Cotton)

Child's Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Youth S (6/8) _____ Adult L _____

Youth M (10/12) _____ Adult XL _____

Youth L (14/16) _____ Adult 2XL _____

Adult S _____ Adult 3XL _____

Adult M _____

Total # of shirts in
this order: _____

Ordering DEADLINE: Extended to Monday, February 8th!

Return your order form and money to your homeroom teacher.

Please make checks payable to Sampson Elementary.



Sampson Elementary PTO 2016-17 Executive Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee is seeking qualified individuals for the 2016-17 PTO Executive Board. **Most board positions are open and we welcome all nominees!** You may nominate yourself or a friend. Below is a brief description of each position. If you would like additional information about a specific position or the board in general, please feel free to contact either the current board member or Nominating Committee Chairperson via email at lindakrejbjerg@gmail.com. **All information provided will be strictly confidential.** **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS March 2nd!!!** Please return in a sealed envelope to the front office addressed to: ATTN: Linda Krejbjerg-Nominating Committee.

President: Works closely with the Principal and school administration. Oversees all Executive Board members and chair people. Plans and runs PTO meetings.	Vice President - VIPs: Responsible for the volunteer program (VIPs). Oversees Grade Rep Coordinator and Grade Level Reps, Art/Music Rooms, Library, Front Office, Junior Achievement, SRC and Community Services. Attends monthly district VIPs meetings.
Vice President - Membership: Responsible for all aspects of PTO membership. Oversees PTO Directory, School Supplies, Health & Welfare/Clinic Helpers, Welcome and Kindergarten committees.	Vice President - Special Events: Responsible for overseeing committees that enhance the education of our children. These include Cultural Arts, Field Days, 5 th Grade Events, Class Parties, Staff Appreciation, Red Ribbon Week and Family Events.
Vice President - Primary Fundraising: Responsible for coordinating an annual fundraising plan and executing the plan in conjunction with the VP of Secondary Fundraising.	Vice President - Communications: Responsible for recording information on all pertinent events and communicating it to approved media. Manages PTO Website. Oversees Yearbook and Marquee committees. Submits articles to District Newsletter-The Applecore.
Vice President - Secondary Fundraising: Responsible for coordinating an annual fundraising plan and executing the plan in conjunction with the VP of Primary Fundraising. Oversees Spirit Shop, Restaurant Spirit Nights and Box Tops.	Treasurer: Responsible for developing and proposing an itemized annual budget, keeping accurate records of receipts and expenditures, preparing financial statements and filing of taxes and financial forms. Responsible for receiving all monies of the PTO, payment and reimbursement of funds in accordance with the approved budget
Secretary/Parliamentarian: Responsible for recording and distributing minutes of all meetings. Responsible for making sure that Robert's Rules of Orders and our Bylaws are adhered to while conducting business. Updates Bylaws as needed.	

Nominee Name/Phone Number: _____

Position(s) Desired: _____

Please tell us about the nominee (use back if necessary): Very outgoing, has been committee chair for years and she cares deeply about Sampson and its staff and students.

2016-2017

SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

'16 JULY							AUGUST							SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER									
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Important Dates

Aug. 8-12	Professional Days
Aug. 15-19	Professional Days
Aug 22	First Day of School
Sept. 5	Student/Staff Holiday
Oct. 10	Professional Day/ES Parent Conference
Nov. 21-25	Student/Staff Holiday
Dec. 19-23	Student/Staff Holiday
Dec. 26-30	Student/Staff Holiday
Jan. 2	Professional Day
Jan. 16	Student/Staff Holiday
Feb. 20	Professional Day - Inclement Weather Day
Mar. 13-17	Student/Staff Holiday
Apr. 14	Student/Staff Holiday
May 25	Last Day of School
May 26	Professional Day - Inclement Weather Day

Grading Periods

Elementary Schools	Secondary Schools	
	1st Semester	2nd Semester
1st: Aug. 22 - Oct. 21	1st: Aug. 22 - Sept. 30	4th: Jan. 3 - Feb. 17
2nd: Oct. 24 - Jan. 13	2nd: Oct. 3 - Nov. 4	5th: Feb. 21 - April 7
3rd: Jan. 17 - Mar. 24	3rd: Nov. 7 - Dec. 16	6th: April 10 - May 25
4th: Mar. 27 - May 25		

Access

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Legend

- Student/Staff Holiday
- Professional Day (Student Holiday)
- First and Last Days of School
- Parent Conferences
- ⬡ Inclement Weather Day