



# The Mane Tail



March 24, 2016



## March

March 25	Student Holiday
29	STAAR- 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Writing/5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math
30	STAAR – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading
31	Sampson GT Showcase
April 01	Spirit Shop during lunch Report Cards

**March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> STAAR Testing  
(No Visitors in the Building)  
No AR Tests, Tutoring, Computer Club or  
Retake/Redo on these days.**

### STAAR Testing Dates

March 29<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Writing; 5<sup>th</sup> Math

March 30<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Reading

May 9<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Math; 2<sup>nd</sup> Administration 5<sup>th</sup> Math

May 10<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Reading; (2<sup>nd</sup> Administration 5<sup>th</sup> Reading)

May 11<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Science



### Neon Fun Run / Walk Rescheduled

The new date for the Neon Fun Run / Walk is April 21<sup>st</sup>. Invite your neighbors and join us at 6:30 in the back parking lot of Sampson Elementary. We will do a 3 mile walk on the trails. If you can't walk the entire way just come out and walk part of the way or just enjoy the social event! A few reminders:

- Please bring water as the school building will be locked.
- The parking lot will be blocked off. You may park on the street or it would be great if you walk to the event!
- We encourage you to bring flash lights, wear battery operated lights, neon shoelaces, etc.
- Wear as many neon colors as you can to school and to the walk!
- No animals are allowed on CFISD grounds.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends on April 21!



### Blood Drive at Sampson

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will be in the back parking lot at Sampson Elementary on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30 AM until 1:30 PM. Please consider donating. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



### Kindergarten Registration

Children that turn 5 on or before September 1, 2016 are eligible to register for kindergarten for the 2016/2017 school year. Sampson will have early registration April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 2:30.



### Library News

#### *The Parade is coming! The Parade is coming!*

Yes, the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Sampson Elementary Book Character Parade is coming on April 15 for all Kinder and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students. Our teachers are teaching units about characters. What kind of traits do characters have and why we do love some more than others? Do we love them because they make us smile? Laugh? Worry?

On April 15, we hope to see our K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade Sampson students dressed up like their favorite book character. There are three easy steps to get ready for this event:

1. Read your favorite book
2. Recognize/choose your favorite character in that book
3. Dress up like him/ her/it

The parade will start at 8:20 Friday, April 15. We will be marching around the track in the back of the Sampson property.

EVERYONE is invited! Moms, dads, sibling (young and old), grandparents, neighbors, etc.! Every parade needs a great audience! Bring your camera! There will be lots of "Kodak" moments!

**Accelerated Reader** - This program is entering the final days. All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to meet an AR reading goal. They have been working on this since the first month of school. Most students have completed their goal or getting very, very close to meeting their goal. The last day to take AR quizzes is April 29.

We will celebrate with a Reading Celebration on May 18. The students who have met their goal will attend the celebration, enjoy the entertainment – Comedy Sportz – and receive a brand new book from the 2016-17 Horned Toad Tale list!

**Parents** – have a discussion with your child about AR. Ask them how they are doing? How close are they to reaching their goal? Students – escorted with an adult - are welcome to come to the library at 7:30 any school day (EXCEPT THURSDAYS) to take AR quizzes. Parents can relax at a table while the student takes the quiz! The benefits are many!!!



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## PTO NEWS

### ATTENTION ALL SUPER HEROES:



We want to thank ALL of our Box Tops Super Heroes!  
It's been an incredible year!

ALL the students who turned in Box Tops throughout the year will be entered into a Random Drawing. We will be emptying out the treasure chest, so lots of prizes will be awarded!

All of those little Box Tops have really added up!  
So far we have earned \$3791.50! Keep clipping and sending them in!  
Thank you for your continued support!

**Deadline: March 31, 2016**

Awarded: April 20, 2016

Prize: Trip to the Treasure Chest

A big thank you to our volunteers for this month's Box Top lunch:

Jeanna Harsh, Karen Hinaman, Maite Odriozola!



### **5th Grade Science Demos- Looking for Trained Volunteers**

Are you trained to present the mammal skulls, bird skins study, or CSI demos? These demos are being scheduled for April and we are looking for trained parent volunteers to help. Please email Kristyn Allen at [Kristyn.L.allen@gmail.com](mailto:Kristyn.L.allen@gmail.com) to coordinate presenting to your child's class.



### **Garden Volunteers Needed**

We are in need of volunteers on Thursdays from 1:15 – 2:15, no experience required. All you need is a pair of gloves and the willingness to help. You do not have to be a third grade parent, everyone is welcome.



### **Last 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade SRC Demo**

Training for the Amphibians Demo is March 31st, 9:30-11:30 at the Science Resource Center: 11206 Telge Rd (adults only, please). The Amphibians Demo date still has not been set yet, it will be in April. No reservations needed. Please let me know after you are trained.

-Pam Siragusa 832-647-8777 [plstx@yahoo.com](mailto:plstx@yahoo.com)



### **Spotlight Volunteers**

We want to send a huge THANK YOU to our March **Spotlight Volunteers** in appreciation of your **super** help at Sampson Elementary. Page Vacek, Patti Leonard & Stephanie Vaughn -- you **ROCK!!**

### **Join the Team**

Sampson PTO has kicked off the Committee Chair volunteer drive! We have several open positions for the 2016/2017 school year! We need your help to make next year successful for PTO and Sampson!

-Are you crafty? Become our Music Chair! We need help to make props for our music programs! Become our Art Committee Chair, to help hang art throughout our school!

-Are you organized? Consider becoming our Cultural Arts Chair! We need a liaison between our cultural arts guests and the school/PTO! How about Field Day Chair? Help the coaches plan a successful day!

-Do you like to plan a party? The Welcome committee chair position is for you. Help plan the Kindergarten Kickoff. You don't need a kindergartener to take on this role.

-Have a 3rd grader? We need you for Imagination Garden Chair! Help with the upkeep of our garden!

-Want to help from home? Be our Box Tops Chair! Help us collect over \$4,000 from box tops!

-Do you like to shop? Spirit Shop Chair is the job for you!

Please feel free to email [Lindakrejbjerg@gmail.com](mailto:Lindakrejbjerg@gmail.com) or Amy at [ahfarley@yahoo.com](mailto:ahfarley@yahoo.com) with any interest/questions.

 **SOPHIA STRONG**



**GIVE BLOOD**  
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Save lives like Sophia's! She is a leukemia patient at Texas Children's Hospital and receives multiple transfusions as part of her medical treatment. She and her family are very grateful for your *Commit for Life* donation.

Gulf Coast Regional  
Blood Center

*Commit for Life*®

**Sampson Elementary**

**Blood Drive**

*In Honor of*

***Sophia Anagnostou***

**Friday, April 22**

**7:30 am – 1:30 pm**

***Parking Lot***

To schedule an appointment, visit [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org) and login to Digital Donor. Enter sponsor SAMP or contact Cathy Beckemeyer at (281) 213-1622.

All blood donations are in honor of this patient and will go into the general blood supply for all patients in the Texas Gulf Coast Region. FDA policy requires blood donors be unpaid volunteers. No individual may receive a financial benefit from your donation today.

# Look What's Coming!

**Original Works**

YOUR ARTWORK ON FUN  
PRODUCTS TO WEAR + SHARE!

Hello Family: Our school has teamed up with Original Works to offer a very special program. Your child will be creating his or her own artwork. Then you will have the opportunity to order a variety of useful items, all professionally made and featuring your child's very own artwork.

## Why Join in:

- \* Purchase personal gifts & keepsakes.
- \* Celebrate your child's creativity.
- \* Fun products under \$10.
- \* Support your school.
- \* Our  products.



Look for complete details coming home soon!

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