



# The Mane Tail



December 9, 2016



## December

Dec 10	Second Grade Caroling
12	Princess & The Pea K/1
13	6 PM 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Program
15	8:30 AM Spelling Bee
16	Holiday Parties K, 1, 2 9:45-10:15 3, 4, 5 10:45 – 11:15 Pre Registration Form is attached to this newsletter.

*Looking Ahead Dec 19 – Jan 2 Winter Break*

### Reminder – Holiday Party Week

Happy Holidays! As we continue to keep safety a priority on our campus, secondary campuses have been instructed to advise students that they will not be allowed to visit other campuses next week (Dec. 12 – 16, 2106). We want to let you know that older siblings will not be allowed to attend holiday activities during the school day if they are students in CFISD.

*Dear Parents,*

*There were additional boundary proposals presented to the school board last evening. Sampson Elementary is proposed to increase the attendance zone by adding residential codes 95 and 141. Residential code 95 includes Greystar Cypress Village Apartments. These apartments are located near the Metro on Skinner Rd. and 290. Residential code 141 includes The Provenza Apartments. These apartments are located next door to the Sonic on Barker Cypress Road. Parents can view maps and specific details about the boundary proposals on the district website [www.cfisd.net](http://www.cfisd.net). Parents may also provide feedback by clicking on the link below.*

*. <http://www.cfisd.net/en/schools-facilities/our-schools/attendance-boundaries/>*

*Heather Motzny*



## Core Essential Values

Our character trait for December is **JOY**.

The animal is a **CARDINAL**.

The color is **WHITE**.

**Joy— Finding a way to be happy, even when things don't go your way.**

Happy and sad will certainly come and go in our life—but being aware of what gives us joy will keep us moving forward when we are having one of those alarm-hitting, bus-missing, backpack-forgetting kind of days. This month, talk about what

keeps us afloat when things seem like they might never go our way. What does your family do to seek joy?

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

### SAY IT:

Joy is choosing to be happy even when things don't go your way.

### KNOW IT:

*Ask your child:*

- Talk about a time it was hard to choose joy because something bad happened.
- What things or people bring you joy?

*Share with your child:*

- What might happen if we don't choose joy?
- When was the last time you were really joyful?

### SEE IT:

Do a Google image search of happy animals (trust us, you'll have joy after seeing those faces!). Pick your favorite and print it out to hang on your fridge or make it your device's wallpaper. Whenever you're feeling down this month, check out your happy animal picture and remember that you can choose to have joy.

### BE IT:

Have a dance party! Put some happy songs on and bust a move. It's hard not to choose joy when you are dancing. Some suggestions:

- "Walking on Sunshine" by Katrina and the Waves
- "Happy" by Pharrell
- "Good Vibrations" by the Beach Boys

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### Music Notes

"SNOW BIZ" our 5th Grade Winter Program is quickly approaching! Our students have been working extremely hard to prepare entertaining holiday music, dancing and KNEE-SLAPPING comedy! We welcome our 5th grade families to come enjoy the show- details below!

**When:** Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00pm Students are asked to arrive at 5:45pm or 5:30pm if they have a special singing/speaking or dancing part.

**Where:** Students will meet in the GYM. Parents may begin finding seats AFTER 5:30pm in the cafeteria.

**Details:** Students are asked to dress in their HOLIDAY BEST. We will fill the stage with red, green and white. The more festive- the BETTER!



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## Library News

The 5th grade book club will meet on Wednesday to discuss Mary Amato's *The Word Eater*. I'm excited to hear about what they would make disappear if they had the power!

The library is an exciting time for children to select books they enjoy. The books they choose are free choice, but the adults help guide the children. They just may choose a book knowing they will enjoy reading with someone at home. Thanks for supporting the love of reading in the library.

## PTO NEWS



### **Wild About Spotlight Volunteers**

Please join us in thanking our Spotlight Volunteers -- Wendy Cook, Cindy Kemper, Andrea Nicholas, Faith Schuchardt, and Ashley Taylor -- for going above & beyond in their volunteer efforts over the last 2 months. We really appreciate you!!



### **The Sampson Yearbook**

2016-2017 Year Book prices have increased to \$36. To place an order, go to [www.sampsonpto.com](http://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).



A new month and a new opportunity to earn money for our school! Due to the holiday, we will have a combined December-January Box Tops contest.

1. Turn in at least 5 Box Tops and get entered into a drawing to pick a prize from the treasure chest. We will have 10 winners per grade or 60 winners.

2. The top 3 students who turn in the most Box Tops will win lunch on the stage with 1 friend. We will have 3 winners per Grade or 18 winners.



**The Box Tops Committee wishes you a fun, safe and relaxing holiday! And Happy New Year!**