



# The Mane Tail



March 17, 2015



## Dates to Remember

March 19	Spring Pictures 7:00 Spring Sing
20	Toro STAAR Program for 3, 4, 5
27	Diabetes Walk

### STAAR Testing Dates:

March 30<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Writing Day 1  
 March 31<sup>st</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Writing Day 2; 5<sup>th</sup> Reading  
 April 20<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Math  
 April 21<sup>st</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Math  
 April 22<sup>nd</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Reading; 5<sup>th</sup> Science

### No Visitors on STAAR Test Days

In keeping with State STAAR Guidelines no visitors will be allowed in the building on STAAR test days.

Dear Parents,

*We hope that you will be able to join us on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> as Sampson hosts our first annual Walk for Juvenile Diabetes. The students received information about juvenile diabetes in their P.E. class in early March. We will be collecting money and selling t-shirts with all proceeds going to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. The money collection and purchase of a t-shirt is purely voluntary. All Sampson students will participate in the walk during their large group time on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Come join us as we support our community!*

### Spring Pictures are Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

Every child will have their picture taken. Use the form that came home yesterday to select a background. If no background is chosen, one will be chosen for you. Once you receive your packet you can choose to keep the pictures and send a check made out to Lifetouch or return the picture packet.



**Did You Know?** Each day 40 children are diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in the USA alone.

### Included with the Mane Tail:

Picture Day Form  
 March Family Newsletter  
 Community Flyers – Soccer and VBS  
 Diabetes Walk Pre-Registration Form  
 Original Art Works Information

### JDRF Kids Walk to Cure Diabetes

The Physical Education Team at Sampson Elementary is hosting a parent and student walk for JDRF on **March 27, 2015**. This walk and fundraiser benefits research for kids and adults with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. On **March 6, 2015** a representative from JDRF talked to all the students about diabetes and present details about the fundraiser. Students will have until March 27, 2015 to raise money. Please read the Mane Tail each week for more details. Find your tennis shoes and join us for a fun day at Sampson. If you have any questions, please email [deborah.bartholomew@cfisd.net](mailto:deborah.bartholomew@cfisd.net) for further information. See attached pre-registration form.

### T-Shirts for Diabetes Walk

We would love for the kids to have a special neon orange Sampson JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes T-Shirt for the day of the event! With the time crunch we are in, we need all shirt orders to come in no later than this FRIDAY, MARCH 20th so that we can have them printed and passed out for our event on the 27th. All are welcome to purchase, including parents. The shirts are \$10 and all proceeds will go straight to JDRF. Include the # of each size needed. Checks need to be made out to Sampson Elementary.

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Student's Name for Diabetes Walk Shirt

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## Lost and Found

Is your child missing a jacket or sweater? Lost and Found is overflowing. The cart will be moved to the front hallway today for easier access. All items remaining at the end of this week will be donated.



## Library News

The magazine fund raiser was a success and that is due to many things.

1. Families who helped support the fund raiser
2. Jennifer Vossler who volunteered her time and talent to help with the prize organization. (Thank you, Jennifer!)
3. Scholastic Book Fairs which donated prizes for the fund raiser! They are a very generous company that bends over backwards to do whatever they need to do!

## TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS:

A human growth and development lesson is included in the fourth grade curriculum to address the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Health. The lesson is scheduled to take place on 4/2/15. 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](http://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**

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

1. The video can be viewed online at: <http://www.pgschoolprograms.com/parents.php#2>  
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 for boys (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 3/24/15 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).

## ***Please Help – Art Needs Water Bottles***

3rd grade is doing a recycling project and we need clear water bottles. Kids can bring them to the Art room.



**Core Essential Values**



Our character trait for March is **PATIENCE**.  
The animal is a **SPIDER**.  
The color is **PINK**.

## **March— Waiting until later for what you want now.**

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

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## THE RESULTS ARE IN FOR SPRING CREEK BBQ

Another great turn out, the cold wind and rain didn't keep you away & we THANK YOU! (We know no one wanted to cook in that weather and before Spring Break!)

**Detail of the night: 455 students attended (that's 42% participation).**

**Fall details: 437 students attended (that's 40% participation).**

The three winning homerooms including their teachers will received a goody bag which will contain a t-shirt which can be worn in the restaurant that entitles them to FREE Blue Bell ICE CREAM, a cup and a gift card in the amount of \$10. Spring Creek is also very gracious and provides goody bags for our administrators and gift cards to the teachers who volunteered.

That is ONLY a few of the reasons WHY WE LOVE SPRING CREEK!!!

**A BIG THANKS to our teachers who worked a shift, YOU help make the night SPECIAL!**

***\*Spring Creek loves us right back...we continue to be their #1 school!***

### **Calling all 4th grade volunteers:**

The science demos are an excellent opportunity for our students to learn more about the natural world. Please consider getting trained to give a demonstration. There are 2 last opportunities for this year.

March 19 from 9:30-12:00 Galveston Bay Ecology

March 27 from 9:30-12:00 Aquatic Bird Skin Studies

Training is at the SRC building located at 11206 Telge Rd. You do not need to register to participate.

Please contact Mandy Pearson at [mandypearson2812@gmail.com](mailto:mandypearson2812@gmail.com) or [lindakrejbjerg@gmail.com](mailto:lindakrejbjerg@gmail.com) for more info.

Thanks!



### **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](http://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](mailto:neeleet@gmail.com).

### **VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED!**

#### **5th Grade Party**

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have joined committees to help prepare for the 5th Grade Party.

If you have not yet volunteered, it is not too late – please contact Ashley Bass or Jayne Laird, to have your name added to a committee. The committee chairs are selected and will contact the volunteers on their committee by the end of February.

Please remember that spectators are not allowed at the party. All parents must volunteer on a committee to attend the party. Please contact Jayne or Ashley to express your volunteer interests.

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Ashley Bass: [AshleyCBass@gmail.com](mailto:AshleyCBass@gmail.com)