



# The Mane Tail



January 22, 2016



## January

- January 25 5:30 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing Night  
 6:45 Kdg Curriculum Night  
 27 9:00 Fifth Grade Party Meeting  
 February 8 9:30 PTO Meeting  
 12 Spirit Shop  
 15 Student Holiday

**Looking Ahead – March 10<sup>th</sup> PBIS Family Walk – Watch the Mane Tail for more information.**

*Dear Parents,*

*We would like for you to participate in a brief online survey about Sampson Elementary. We will use this feedback to target areas of strength and needed improvement. Thank you for helping us maintain excellence at Sampson. The survey will be live until February 2, 2016.*

*Heather Motzny*

English:

<http://prsurvey.cfid.net/2016NonTitle1ESParentEng.htm?u=L.000000001>

Spanish:

<http://prsurvey.cfid.net/2016NonTitle1ESParentSpan.htm?u=L.000000001>



### **CALLING ALL FOURTH GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS!!**

Fourth grade parents and students are invited to Sampson Fourth Grade Writing Night on Monday, January 25, 2016, from 5:30-6:30 in the cafeteria. This gathering will be full of information and parent/child interaction to help our Stallions push forward their writing skills. Teachers will be sharing important tidbits and techniques. Students/parents will share writing and create a make-and-take activity for home use. Please join us for this writing-filled evening



### **Kindergarten Parents**

Wondering whether or not your Kindergarten child is on track? Will your child be ready for first grade? What exactly are the expectations in the upcoming months? Join the Sampson Kindergarten Teachers at the Kindergarten Curriculum Night, the Sequel. **Monday, January 25 at 6:45 PM in cafeteria.**



**Library News:** A BIG THANK YOU to the awesome volunteers who helped with library inventory this week! With lots of helpers, we breezed right through 20,000+ books! Thank you to Maria Gonzales, Linda Ramcharan, Patti Leonard, Kim Scherzer, Cameo Morris, Stephanie Vaughn, Anita Garodnick, Becky Halaska, Shelli Boyle, Maurine Wright, Dottie Lin, and Mukulika Joshi.

**No Magazine Fundraiser** this year. This was announced at the beginning of the school year, but sometimes a reminder is appreciated!

**Accelerated Reader:** We are half way through the year. Many of our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders have reached their AR goal and many others are well on their way! Talk to your child about it in the car, at the kitchen table, wherever you have a free minute and find out how they are doing with AR. Students are welcome to come to the library – chaperoned by an adult – to take AR tests from 7:30 – 8:00 each morning of the week – EXCEPT THURSDAYS.

## 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.



### **3rd Grade Parents – Science Demos**

The Snake Demo has been cancelled for this year, no need to attend the upcoming training.

Our only SRC demo for third grade this year will be Amphibians. There are two training dates, the first is next Friday, at 9:30am-11:30am at the SRC at Telge and 290. Hope to see you there. Please email me after you are trained & available for the demo.

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We will be combining the **Box Tops** that are turned in for the months of **December and January**.

Turn in at least 5 Box Tops for your name to go into the Random Drawing (10 per grade) for a trip to the treasure chest.

We will also reward the TOP 3 students per grade will pick a friend and eat lunch ON STAGE!



Deadline: January 29, 2016

Awarded: February 17, 2016

Prize: Random drawing, Lunch on stage

Thank you so very much to our October volunteers: Caroline McDowell, Jane Bolton, Kristi Knight, Linda Watso, Christina Worrall, Ashley Williams, and Jeanna Harsh!



## Attention 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents!

Mark your calendars! 5th GRADE PARTY Planning Meeting is on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Sampson cafeteria (young children are welcome!).

If you can't attend the meeting, but are interested in being a committee chair or helping with a certain committee, please let us know and we will add your name to that committee list.

Volunteers are needed for the following committee:

FOOD  
FAVORS  
DECORATIONS  
PHOTOS  
GAMES  
WATER SLIDE INFLATABLES  
TEACHER STATION  
FIRST AID  
TRASH

If you (or your company) are interested in sponsoring a specific area or donating favors/food/prizes/decorations/cash etc... please let us know.

Thank you in advance for your help...this party could not happen without you! If you have any questions please contact Linda Ramcharan at [lcramcharan@hotmail.com](mailto:lcramcharan@hotmail.com) or Shelley Boyle at [shelleybboyle@att.net](mailto:shelleybboyle@att.net)

## District Information

The State of Texas 2014-15 School Report Card for **Sampson Elementary** has been publically released and is now posted on our campus website.

This is a report required by the Texas Legislature and prepared by the Texas Education Agency. It is to be sent to the parent or guardian of every child enrolled in a Texas public school. The report provides information concerning student performance on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR), as well as information on student enrollment, class size averages, and financial expenditures.

The School Report Cards can be found online at:

[www.CFISD.net](http://www.CFISD.net)

About Us

School Ratings

Select Campus Name

Select 2014-15

Click Filter

Click School Report Card (State)

If you do not have access to the internet to view the School Report Card online, please call **281-213-1600** to request the School Report Card be sent home with your child. You may also visit the main office and request to view or have a copy of the School Report Card provided to you.

Please feel free to contact **Heather Motzny** at 281-213-1600 if you have any questions regarding the School Report Card.

# Become a Mentor!

The CFISD Mentor Program is a cooperative effort of volunteers from businesses, faith-based and/or non-profit organizations, the community and CFISD designed to encourage students (elementary through high school) to finish school and focus on future education and career goals.

A mentor is a suitable role model committed to helping a student with his/her academic and social development.

## How ?

1. Attend a training session
2. Consent to a criminal record check
3. Complete a global volunteer/mentor application



## Where ?

Sign up for training sessions and access online applications at [www.cfid.net/mentor](http://www.cfid.net/mentor)



## Questions ?

Contact the Community Engagement department

Leslie Francis ([leslie.francis@cfisd.net](mailto:leslie.francis@cfisd.net))

Director of Marketing and Business Relations

(281) 894-3950



**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](mailto: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.

<b>President:</b> Works closely with the Principal and school administration. Oversees all Executive Board members and chair people. Plans and runs PTO meetings.	<b>Vice President - VIPS:</b> 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.
<b>Vice President - Membership:</b> Responsible for all aspects of PTO membership. Oversees PTO Directory, School Supplies, Health & Welfare/Clinic Helpers, Welcome and Kindergarten committees.	<b>Vice President - Special Events:</b> Responsible for overseeing committees that enhance the education of our children. These include Cultural Arts, Field Days, 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Events, Class Parties, Staff Appreciation, Red Ribbon Week and Family Events.
<b>Vice President - Primary Fundraising:</b> Responsible for coordinating an annual fundraising plan and executing the plan in conjunction with the VP of Secondary Fundraising.	<b>Vice President - Communications:</b> 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.
<b>Vice President - Secondary Fundraising:</b> 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.	<b>Treasurer:</b> 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
<b>Secretary/Parliamentarian:</b> 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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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.

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