



TIPPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



TITLE I SCHOOL

KARI HOUGH, PRINCIPAL

AUGUST 26, 2016

Important Dates

- Aug. 30** Girls on the Run Registration
6:00 – 7:00 pm -Computer Lab
- Sept. 5** School Holiday for Students
and Staff Members
- Sept. 7** Cub Scout Rally – 7:00 pm
- Sept. 13** Curriculum Night – Open House
Grades 3, 4, 5 and Life Skills
6:00 PM
- Sept. 15** Girl Scout Rally – 7:00 pm
- Sept. 20** Curriculum Night – Open House
PPCD, PreK, K, 1st & 2nd grades
- Sept. 20** Progress Reports go home
- Sept. 22** Cub Scout Rally – 7:00 pm
- Oct. 10** Parent Conference Day
(Student Holiday)

7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PEOPLE

- HABIT #1 BE PROACTIVE**
- HABIT #2 BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND**
- HABIT #3 PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST**
- HABIT #4 THINK WIN-WIN**
- HABIT #5 SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND,
THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD**
- HABIT #6 SYNERGIZE**
- HABIT #7 SHARPEN THE SAW**



The
Leader in Me™

Principal's Corner

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year!

We are so glad to see all of our Tipps' Tigers back! Looking forward to see you "Leading the Way!" this school year. I hope everyone had a fun, relaxing, summer break.

This year our school day has 15 additional minutes. We will begin accepting students for arrival at 8:25 AM with instruction beginning at 8:45 AM. Traffic will be extremely heavy during the first week of school. If you can, please put your student on the bus so that they will arrive in a timely manner.

Dismissal will begin at 4:00 PM. We are working to get our buses on to their routes quickly and will work to make sure they have been loaded by 4:15 PM each day following the first week of school. Please plan to be out at the bus stop each afternoon around 4:15-4:30 PM. If you have a Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten student, an adult needs to meet them at the bus stop each afternoon. If there is an older sibling, they may walk the young student home.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,
Ms. Hough



What is Title I

Title I is a federally-funded program designed to reinforce the basic and advanced skills of students who are struggling in school. Title I is part of the No Child Left Behind Act passed by Congress in 2002. A school is selected as a Title I school on the basis of the number of families within its boundaries who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Title I Notice to Parents

As a parent of a student at a campus receiving Title I funds, federal law allows you to ask for information about the certification, college major, and advanced degrees of your child's teacher(s). You also have the right to request information about the qualifications of a teacher's aid (paraprofessional) providing direct services to your child.

You may contact the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Human Resources Department at 281-897-4009 to obtain this information.

CAR RIDER LINE INFORMATION

We would like to thank all of our parents for doing a wonderful job of dropping off and picking up your students. We are working very hard to get all students loaded and unloaded in a very safe and orderly manner.

If you have not come to the front office to get your new car rider tag; please do so as soon as possible.

This year, we are working with the students to help them memorize their car rider number. We will begin calling students by "number" in the very near future. This is another layer of safety and protection for our students.

Thank you again for your patience as we get the year started! Welcome back!

Things to Know

Student Code of Conduct: Please review the student code of conduct on www.cfisd.net with your student(s) so that you are familiar with the district rules and requirements.

Large Group: When your students come home and mention "Large Group", they are referring to our Physical Education, Art and Music Departments. Students in grades K-5 spend 55 minutes a day in large group. This satisfies the state requirement of 135 minutes of Physical Education each week.

Free/Reduced Meal Applications

- ◆ A new application must be submitted each year and, **all students in the family can be placed on one application.** Parents will be notified in writing as to the status of the application; however, they must provide money for meals until the current application is approved.

Applications are dated once they arrive at the Food Production Center and are processed by dates. Online applications are generally approved within 72 hours and paper applications can take up to 10 days to be approved.

2016-2017 applications have been sent home. Students who do not have a current application will be dropped from the program in early October.



End of Day

Transportation Changes

If you need to pick your child early, please send a note with a specific time, your children's first and last name and the teachers' name written clearly on the note.

For your children's safety, changes of transportation cannot be made over the phone. If you did not send a note, please feel free to send a fax with the above information and your picture ID on it.

All transportation changes need to be made before 3:30PM. After 3:30 pm we are not able to make transportation changes. This applies to faxes and/or requests made in person.

Parent Lunch Visit Information

Lunch times: We welcome you to stop in and have lunch with your children. Our lunch schedule is:

Kindergarten	11:00
1 st grade	11:30
2 nd grade	12:00
3 rd grade	12:30
PM Pre-K	12:40
4 th grade	1:30
5 th grade	1:00

NOTE – NO BREAKFAST OR LUNCH VISITORS WILL BE ALLOWED UNTIL WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016. This allows students to become familiar with their daily routine. Thank you for your understanding.

CREDIT BY EXAM

Students in grades K-5 will have four opportunities during the school year to use “credit-by-exam” to accelerate to another grade level. Students will only have one opportunity to test for each grade level considered.

To apply to take the test to skip Kindergarten, a student must be 5 by September 1, and registered in a CFISD school. To apply to take the test to skip Grade 1, a student must be 6 by September 1, and enrolled in a CFISD school.

Students who earn scores of 80% or better on each component of the credit-by-exam will qualify to advance one grade. Only one grade level may be “skipped” each year. **No retests will be given.**

If you are interested in getting more information about credit-by-exam, please contact the school counselor at 281-345-3350 and request an application. **All applications are due back to the school by August 31, 2016.**

All **new** students from an out of state school or a private school can request testing for the GT program. More information is available from the school Counselor.

MESSAGE FROM PE COACHES

We are excited to have the opportunity to teach your students during their physical education (P.E.) class this year. In order to make this a successful, enjoyable, and safe experience, there are a few guidelines we'd like to review: A) Proper Dress Attire and B) Sick Notes.

Proper Dress Attire

All students must wear comfortable athletic shoes that provide foot and/or ankle support. If your child is wearing sandals, slippers, dress shoes, or any other type of non-athletic shoes please pack your child a pair of athletic shoes to change into for P.E. and recess (for additional information about dress code, please see page 38 in the Student Handbook). Wearing proper footwear helps ensure that students have a safe and successful P.E. experience. In the event that a student does not wear or bring athletic shoes, we will ask the student to refrain from the active physical education exercises, and instead participate in an alternate activity. Should this occur, we will also be sending a letter home to remind students of proper dress attire.

In addition, please make sure your child wears or brings comfortable clothes for P.E. class. T-shirts, loose-fitting pants, jeans, and sweatshirts are examples of clothes that are acceptable to wear during P.E. Shorts or leggings can be worn under skirts or dresses. Thank you for helping support your child in dressing appropriately for P.E.

Sick Notes

It is important that all sick or injury notes be brought to the nurse first to be documented before given to the coach. Please include the following information in the note that is submitted to the nurse:

- Describe the reason for missing P.E. What is the nature of the sickness or injury?
- How many days will your child be sitting out of P.E.
- What is the best way to contact you should we have follow-up questions? Without a note from you, the doctor or the nurse your child will not be excused from P.E.

Thank you for all of your support in helping ensure your child has a fun and educational P.E. experience this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us: Casandra.brisbin@cfisd.net

Sincerely,
Coach Brisbin and Ms. Davidson

Notes from the Nurse

As the school year begins, this is a great time to talk about health awareness! Please talk to your children about the importance of always washing your hands. That is their BEST defense against all these crazy germs.

Unfortunately, kids do still get sick. If your child becomes ill and has a temperature of 100.0 or higher, they must remain home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of any medication before returning to school. Please do not send your child to school if they have a fever or are vomiting. Your children will not perform at their best if they are sick.

As a reminder, district policy states that Students are **NOT** allowed to bring medication to and from school. All medication must be brought to the clinic by an adult and signed in. Medicine has to be in its original container. (Including inhalers and Epi-pen) Medication must then be picked up by an adult when it is no longer needed or at the end of the school year.

Lastly, accidents at school do happen. Please keep a change of clothes in your child's backpack in case an accident does occur.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and I am looking forward to a great year.

Nurse Keating – 281-345-3354

RECYCLING PROGRAM ENDING ON 9/1/16

Over the years, Tipps Elementary has participated in recycling of paper, cardboard and clothing. Unfortunately, due to recent problems with unauthorized materials and trash being left in and around the recycling bins, we will end the program on or around September 1st.

There are other community locations offering recycling options. Our paper bins have been removed and the clothing and cardboard bins will be removed shortly.

We apologize for the inconvenience and hope that in the future we can resume recycling at our campus.

Student Attendance

Daily attendance is extremely important. We understand that your child might need to be absent due to illness or other circumstances. If your child is absent, please send a written note with your child's name, homeroom teacher/grade along with the date of the absence(s) and the reason for the absence. All notes must be signed by the parent/guardian.

The Texas State Board of Education requires that a written excuse be submitted to the school attendance office for each absence. Students who have "excess" absences will receive a written letter from the school.

If there are extenuating circumstances, please communicate with your child's teacher or the front office at 281-345-3350.

SCHOOL VISITATION POLICY

All visitors must report first to the office to sign in and obtain a name tag to wear while in the building. School personnel have been instructed to stop all visitors without a name tag and escort them to the front office.

If you wish to observe your child's class, please call your child's Assistant Principal to arrange a time. Prior arrangements are necessary in order to avoid visits when any type of testing is being administered, and periodically, when your child's grade level is not on a regular schedule. Your visit will be approved for 20 minutes.

When in the instructional area to observe, parents should not attempt to conference with the teachers. The teachers' first obligation is to all of the students in their charge. If you have a concern, please make an appointment to speak with the teacher. You will have an opportunity to leave a message at the front desk following your visit.

Parents needing to drop off a lunch, lunch money or school materials are asked to write their child's name on these articles and leave them at the front desk so as not to disrupt a class in session.