



# China Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

It doesn't seem possible that we are finishing the first 11 weeks of instruction for this school year. Report cards went out last Friday. Be sure to look carefully at them, checking all sections. Ask for a conference with your child's teacher if you have any questions. Remember that the district grading guidelines are in the Student-Parent Handbook, which is posted on our district website ([www.hjisd.net](http://www.hjisd.net)) under the Parent tab. You also have electronic access to your child's grades 2-7 through the website.

We had a very successful Red Ribbon Week. Our children brought so many items for other boys and girls who are experiencing unfortunate situations right now. Thanks to the Food Bank of Southeast Texas who loaded the mountain of canned goods and took them to their warehouse. We also took several large bags of stuffed animals to CASA. The Humane Society came in a large truck to collect the pet food. The dogs and cats there will have lots of good food for a long time with all the pet food collected. The elderly people at a local nursing home will have warm feet when they wear the socks we took to them. Thanks to Ms. Bruce who coordinated this project, to our Student Council members who helped load all the items and Ms. Ann Mitchell for helping deliver items. It is our hope that our children learned more about compassion and kindness during our Red Ribbon Week. Thanks to all our parents who encouraged their children in giving.

We are very proud that China Elementary has a wonderful group of students who are Student Council members. This group meets after school once each month. Ms. Allen has volunteered to be their sponsor. Watch for lots of sponsored activities from this club.

2014-15 Student Council officers are:

Heather Meyers	President
Iris Aguilar	Vice President
Mikela Hellberg	Historian
Gracie Laman	Secretary
Carson May	Treasurer

Members are:

Austin Hitchcock	Ashlon Jackson	Logan Padgett	Sereniti Lee
Braden Taylor	Weston Brooks	Clara Robertson	Mason Willis
Collin Shiff	Seth Miller	Zethan Pierce	Abby Wagenhause
Anthony Turner	McKinlee Paschal	Wesli Miller	

We are excited to announce that we have a new project for our Student Council members. Members are each taking turns for a week being an official greeter and opening the front door for other students in the mornings. They are really enjoying this activity and learning self-discipline and responsibility.

A couple of long-term goals became a reality in the past few weeks. We have always wanted our bus students to have more options during the long wait (some for an actual hour) in the mornings before school. We now

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have all four computer labs available for tutoring, library and AR testing access, gym, or cafeteria. Another goal: we have begun to select our student Hawk of the Week. Each grade level will nominate a student for each month. Students will receive a certificate and be spotlighted on our web page, FB page, and on our special hall display.

Our hard working PTO members have already had several successful events. The t-shirts that they sold were a big hit with our students, all other campuses, and our Hawk Community. The next activity was the “Links and Drinks” that were for pick-up after school. Watch for more announcements about other fundraising activities from this group. Officers and chairmen for this year are:

President: Trish Mattison  
Vice President: Ashley Kaczynski  
Secretary: Wendy Brooks  
Treasurer: Michelle Miller  
Parliamentarian: Shelle Samaha

Chairpersons are:  
Hospitality: Crystal Allen  
Volunteers: Lindsay Miller  
Yearbook: Twilla Bollier  
Consumer Fund Raising: Katie Dickey

Anyone interested in helping with any of these activities should contact Mrs. Mattison ([tmattison@hjisd.net](mailto:tmattison@hjisd.net)) and let her know your interests. She will put you in contact with the right person.

As you can see, we are very busy at CE. Our staff has taken on several new activities. With the small number of teachers and staff we have, some of the activities that we would like to do have to be put on the back burner or actually forgotten. We do appreciate the volunteer help that we have from our parents and grandparents. One of the activities that we are so tickled to have is our Pawpaw Greeters. This is a group of volunteer granddads that help with student drop off at our front entrance in the mornings. They open car doors, greet our little ones with a bright, cheery “Good Morning” and help traffic flow. New to this group are Jim Samaha, Nate Jackson and Joe Canizales. Returning Pawpaws are: Colby Bridges, Rick Skelton, Pat Evans, Alex Stelly, Roger Slatterfield, John Lawrence Kolander, and James Reaux. We are so very proud of this group and are thankful for the time that they give to CE.

The Student Parent Handbook is where you can check for district policies that affect your student. The district policy about paying a \$10 fee to get cell phones back after they have been taken up extends to all electronic devices. Teachers and staff have been extremely pleased with students following the dress code. We have had very few situations that warranted the student having a conference with an administrator concerning any dress code violations. Thanks to our parents for monitoring this and helping our children learn to follow school rules.

If you are not receiving information by e-mail, and would like to get information from CE in that manner, please send your e-mail address to [ssherman@hjisd.net](mailto:ssherman@hjisd.net) You can also like us on FB (China Elementary) and on Twitter (ceprin).

Our annual Thanksgiving meal will be Thursday, November 20, at students’ regular lunch periods. If you would like to come and eat with your child, please call 981-6410 by Tuesday, Nov. 18 to let us know how many adults will be coming so that we can have plenty of food prepared. Students will be out for the week of Thanksgiving, November 24-28. Classes will resume Monday, Dec. 1. In this season of thanksgiving, we are thankful for our students and the opportunity to teach them and for your support at home as we endeavor to help them.

Sincerely,

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