



# China Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

It is December and that means UIL events for students at CE. We are very proud of the 66 students who are involved with our UIL Literary events. We thank all those parents who have had to make special trips to pick up students late in the afternoon because of the practices. Our students have worked hard and are excited to be able to “show what they know” this week. They will also enjoy meeting peers from other districts who have like interests.

The parent portal for our district-adopted curriculum is now live. Use this link to follow your child’s grade level curriculum: [www.cscope.us/parentportal](http://www.cscope.us/parentportal) .

We are encouraged that we have not yet had an after school make up time for those children who have excessive tardies. We appreciate all the parents who have sacrificed this personal snooze time so that they will have their children on time to school. At CE we begin at the sound of that 8:10 bell and it is important to note that most students are working on warm-up activities as soon as they get into their classrooms at 8:00 before the tardy bell rings. Any time students miss any part of the lesson, it is very hard for them to make it up.

Parents (grandparents, family members) who pick up in the afternoon:

We are again asking that you follow the procedures that we have outlined before. We have had a couple of near misses recently and several complaints.

- Please use the west entrance off of Hwy 90 onto Henderson Ave to enter the campus.
- Please stay in your car and pull through the car line to pick up your student. Traffic moves quickly – we have 4 or more staff persons on duty – helping. If you don’t want to wait in line – come about 7-8 minutes later pick your child up – you won’t have to wait at all
- Do not pick up your child early except in case of emergencies. We ask that you not walk up or come inside to ask for your child. This causes unnecessary confusion and distraction at a time when we are moving a large number of students through this area
- If there is an emergency, we ask that you park in the Visitor’s Parking lot and come in. Do not park on either side of Henderson Ave directly in front of the school where the other vehicles are exiting the parking lots.

We have a unique situation on this campus. We are located on Henderson Avenue, which is a city street and not part of the campus. All traffic laws are in effect. Vehicles parking on either side of Henderson Avenue prevent emergency vehicles getting through. Our district SRO will be in attendance in the afternoons to help with the flow of traffic and to find alternate parking spots.

We are very concerned with every safety issue on this campus, including the flow of traffic and the release of students to parents waiting in the car pick up line. We do appreciate the fact that the majority of our parents do follow these procedures. But even one vehicle could cause an accident.

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Upcoming events for your calendars:

- 5th Grade Famous Americans program – PTO will welcome everyone at 5:30 in the gym, and we will begin our evening with patriotic musical selections by 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Then we will move into the hallways of the main building to see our fifth graders depict their famous Americans. Donations will be taken to enrich fifth grade curriculum and supplies.
- Christmas week will have some very special events. There will be a note later this week that will detail those events.

Sincerely,

Sandra Sherman, Principal

Dianne Timberlake, Assistant Principal