



# China Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

Just a few FYI's and reminders before we end our version of "March Madness."

Texas Public Schools Week was a fantastic time for the CE campus last week. We broke records of attendance with the Friday grandparent lunch with almost 200 persons signing in that day. The moms had already broken their record with 162 signing in on Wednesday and our new activity, Kids Invite Someone Special (K.I.S.S.) Breakfast, had 82 attendees. The book fair had a goal of \$12,000, and sales totaled \$12,339! Special thanks go to the volunteers who helped in the book fair all week: Alicia Manuel, Amanda Kolander, Laura Stager, Wendy Brooks, Sandy Skelton, CE Student Council members.

The PTO had their Silent Auction all week long and when all the bidding was over, their total was \$4180. Thanks to all who supported that event with their donations and bids.

The end of the third 9 weeks is fast approaching. **Please remember we have early release on Friday, March 27, at 12:40 p.m.** It's also a good time to check with your student about replenishing basic school supplies for these last months of school. Check on items such as paper, pencils, glue sticks, crayons, etc. – those are the consumables that are used up pretty quickly. We do have a pencil and paper machine in the cafeteria. If you don't have time to pick up these two items, they can be purchased each morning before school.

It is springtime. Even if we had no calendar, we could tell by the activity level of our students. We have had a growing number of student misbehaviors in the past weeks. Much of the misbehavior starts with "horseplay" which soon gets out of hand and crosses over to fighting. Some of the teasing and name-calling has escalated beyond "kid play". The incidents are close to being labeled as bullying. We have a zero tolerance policy toward bullying in this district. You may access our bullying report form on our web page by clicking on "Zero Tolerance". Please report any bullying activity that has not been reported to school personnel. Mrs. Timberlake will investigate, make determinations, call parents and give consequences. We are serious about ensuring that every one of our students are able to come to school and not be afraid. We are also serious about students respecting each other and the adults in charge. Continual harassment (teasing) will not be tolerated. Part of the China Elementary motto (which students say every morning in the cafeteria or gym) is "I will treat others as I want to be treated." Please review and discuss this topic with your child.

Please review the Student Code of Conduct with your child. It can be found on our web site, or you may request a hard copy from our campus. Be sure that your child knows what items are not to be brought to school and what the consequences are for doing so. It will help us tremendously if you randomly check your child's backpack and/or pockets for "show-and-tell" items that shouldn't be brought to school.

We took Spring Fling pictures last week. We have a new provider, Photo Texas, but our longtime photographer, Mike Miller took the pictures. The information sheet with two proofs will be coming home in a few days. Select the package you wish and return the sealed envelope by Friday, April 10. The company will

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take cash, checks (made to Photo Texas Photography), or you may order online via their webpage (spring.phototexasphotography.com); please use the unique order code on the info sheet and your credit card.

STAAR testing time is rapidly approaching. These are high stakes tests for all students in grades 3-5. Fifth graders must pass the reading test to be promoted to middle school. Our staff is working diligently to help your child be successful on these tests. We are having mock STAAR tests this week and will have tutorial opportunities based on these scores. Our tutorials are held before school at 7:30. If your child is eligible for this opportunity, please, please have them here before 7:30. If they wish to eat breakfast before tutorials, please have them here by 7:15.

**STAAR testing schedule:**

4 <sup>th</sup> grade Writing	Monday and Tuesday, March 30 and 31
5 <sup>th</sup> grade Reading	Tuesday, March 31
5 <sup>th</sup> grade Math	Monday, April 20
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> grade Math	Tuesday, April 21
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> grade Reading	Wednesday, April 22
5 <sup>th</sup> grade Science	Wednesday, April 22

More April Activities:

- The Easter Break will be next week. The Easter Bonnet Parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. for PK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students on Thursday, April 2. Their parties will follow around 2:30. You will get specific information from these teachers about the parties. We will have a holiday on Friday, April 3.
- Our annual Jog A Thon will be held on Friday, April 10. More specific information will be coming from our P.E. department.
- 5<sup>th</sup> graders will visit HMS on Friday, April 24.
- Kindergarten Pre Registration is scheduled for Thursday, April 30.

We have a great school with wonderful parents who want their children to be respectful. Please know that we very much appreciate the help and support that we get from all of you. Please continue this dialogue with your children. Your child's academic growth and our success as a campus are directly related to your involvement with your child and a positive home-school relationship. We are working to earn your trust each minute of the day. Hopefully, you can see this. However, we know there is always room for improvement. If you have specific areas of concern, please call or come to visit with us. It is always good to hear a matter from a different perspective. Communication is the key to all great relationships. We have an open door policy at China Elementary, and we encourage you to come by and visit. See what we are doing, look at the various volunteer options we have, and help us provide the very best education possible to each of our students.

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If you would like to receive notices by e-mail, please send your address to [ssherman@hjisd.net](mailto:ssherman@hjisd.net) .

Sincerely,

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**It's always a great day to be a HAWK!**

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