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McFee Elementary 281-463-5380
A Title 1 School

The Howler

Fundraiser Parent Pick Up

Mark your calendar. Fundraiser parent pick up time is on Tuesday, November 1st from 3:00 – 5:30pm in the cafeteria.

ALL products and prizes MUST be picked up on this day during pick up time. The school does NOT have freezer space to hold items.

Red Ribbon Week

October 24-28, 2016

Let's pledge to be Drug Free!
Help your student participate during Red Ribbon Week.

Monday:

"I Love My Silly Drug Free Selfie" – wear your McFee shirt with silly socks/hat/hair

Tuesday:

"I have the POWER to be Drug Free!" – wear your favorite super hero shirt

Wednesday:

"Team up against drugs" – wear your favorite team shirt

Thursday:

Read for the Record Day
"Cuddle up to a Drug Free Life!" – wear your pajamas and bring a small teddy bear

Friday:

"My character counts! I'm Drug Free!" – dress as your favorite book character

Compulsory Attendance

The Texas Education Code Section 21:041, Compulsory Attendance Law, states school age children must attend class no less than 158 days of the regular school term. An elementary student missing more than 16 days may possibly lose credit for the year.

The reason for an absence must be stated in writing and signed by the parent or adult/guardian.

Written excuses must be returned within 2 days upon the child's return to school from an absence. Failure to do so shall result with a student being charged with an unexcused absence. Students not in the building when attendance is taken will be counted absent. If the student is out due to a doctor's appointment during the time attendance is taken, a note from the doctor will erase the absence. The note must be provided that day or the next morning.

All students arriving after 8:45 a.m. are considered tardy and must first go to the office and be signed in by a parent/guardian. Your child will then be given a pass to enter class late.

Attendance is taken at 10:30 a.m. every morning. If your child

arrives to school at/or after 10:30 a.m., he/she will be marked absent for the day.

The cafeteria closes for breakfast for grades K-5 at 8:45.

Code of Conduct Parent Feedback

The district will soon begin to review the Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook for the coming year.

The Code of Conduct committee encourages and values feedback from our campuses and parents as part of this process.

To view the Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook, go to www.cfisd.net, click on Parents & Students, then click on ACADEMICS, then click on Student Code of Conduct/Student Handbook.

Feedback forms are available above the Student Code of Conduct link, click on the Blue Feedback Form link.

Responses should be returned to the Office of Student Services by Friday, December 16, 2016.

McFee Recognizes Campus WATCH D.O.G.S.

McFee staff would like to recognize the contributions of Yasser Abd Alrahman (father of Ali and Raseel), Brian Boxie (father of Bailee Boxie), Louis Matthews (grandfather of Caiden

Fontenette), Marcos Mazariegos (father of Allison, Stephanie and Jessica Mazariegos), La-rry Stewart (father of Shanyla Stewart), and Dr. Emmanuel Tatah (father of Borin Tatah) for serving as Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students) in the month of September.

Watch DOGS is a program where fathers are encouraged to visit the school for one day to serve as an extra set of eyes and ears while patrolling the school to enhance the safety and security for all students at McFee. The dads also spend time in a variety of classroom settings, serving as a responsible adult male role model all children.

We appreciate the service and sacrifice of these great fathers who took time off from work to help support the school. Many have said they will return for another day of service. We have had over 36 fathers sign up to serve as a Watch DOG and have room to grow.

Thanks to all of the fathers who have served and signed up to serve. If you are interested in learning more about Watch DOGS, please contact Carla Butler at carla.butler@cfisd.net or call 281-463-5681.



Upcoming Events

November 1, 2016 – Fundraiser Parent Pick up in the cafeteria

November 2, 2016 – Chuck E. Cheese night – come out and support our Music dept.

November 7, 2016 – 3rd grade program night @ 6:30 pm in cafeteria

November 15, 2016 – College Carnival / Family Reading Night

November 21 – 25, 2016 – Thanksgiving Break

November 30, 2016 – Adventure Dash Fundraiser kicks off!

December 1, 2016 – Progress Reports go home

December 2, 2016 – Picture Retakes

December 2, 2016 – Deadline for Horizons Open Referral

December 6, 2016 – 1st grade Program @ 6:30 in the cafeteria

December 13, 2016 – Choir Program @ 6:30 in the cafeteria

December 16, 2016 – Holiday Parties 9:45-10:30 for PM Pre-K 1:45-2:30

December 19, 2016 – Jan. 2, 2017 – Student Winter Break

January 3, 2017 – Classes Resume

January 10, 2017 – Family Fitness Night

English Classes for Parents

McFee Elementary will continue to provide English classes for parents who are interested in learning to speak English. Classes will be held at McFee Elementary every Thursday at 10:00.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Alma Espericueta at 281-463-5386 and give your name, the name of your school age children, your email and contact number.

Community Events and Activities

Community Events and Activities are now advertised on the following website:

www.cifsd.net/communityflyers.

Please visit this site for information on area sports associations, scout groups, family events, lessons and other activities provided by non-profit organizations in the Cy-Fair area.

Breakfast Time

Please remember-except for our Pre-Kinder children who eat breakfast in the cafeteria, breakfast is available to KG – 5th grade students on a “grab and go” basis.

This means that students go directly to the cafeteria as soon as they arrive at school, pick up a “lunch bag” with their breakfast in it, and take it to class, where they eat it. However, students who arrive late to school, which is considered to be any time after 8:45, may miss out on breakfast.

Be sure to be here on time!

You're invited to the 7th Annual Cypress Lakes Fall Festival

Entry Fee: \$2.00 (pp) or FREE with college/school spirit shirt
Ticket prices: \$.50 each

"Run thru Spartan Fun Run 5K and Fun Run" Sponsored by the CLHS Cheerleaders Saturday, November 12, 2016 Same day registration will start at 8am and end at 8:45 am.

We would like to invite students and families from the following schools:
Thornton Patriots, Watkins Bulldogs, Emery Eagles, Lieder Leopards, Hemmenway Tigers, McFee Timberwolves, M. Robinson Lions, Tipps Tigers, Sheridan Superstars, and Wilson Wranglers

All who enter the festival will receive a wrist band. The wrist band must be worn at all times.



Fun, Food, Games, Music and More!
Where: Cypress Lakes High School
When: Saturday, November 12, 2016
Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



50% of Yearly Goal

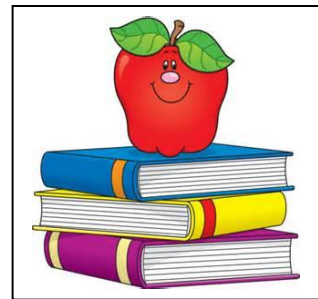
2nd Grade – Lesly Roman, Noah Sanchez,

4th Grade – Mandesha Neopaney, Kaleb Davis, Charles Washington

5th Grade – Mathew Valencia, Lilliana Ramirez, Cristabel Carrillo, Oluwanifemi Johnson, Aaron Rodriguez,

75% of Yearly Goal

4th Grade – Dagan Moncada, Kaleb Davis



McFee's Annual
Book Character Parade

Friday, October 28, 2016

We are very excited about our upcoming Book Character Parade. Just a few reminders:

- Students **MUST** have a book to participate in the parade.
- No scary costumes including witches, goblins, zombies or clowns will be permitted.
- Please leave all masks at home.

We appreciate your help in making this a fun and enjoyable experience for all of our students!



HORIZONS IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

A Guide to Parent Referrals for GT Program Eligibility in CFISD

A parent's first step is to review the information located on the HORIZONS website:
www.cfishd.net/en/parents-students/academics/gifted-talented/ especially

- Program Overview
- Parent Information
- Testing for the HORIZONS Program

Parents should discuss appropriateness of GT testing referrals with child's teacher(s) and/or campus elementary Counselor or secondary Director of Instruction.

HORIZONS Testing Open-Referral Period: October 3 through December 2, 2016
Parents and teachers can refer students for testing.

Parents/guardians can obtain the **Parent Survey and Permission to Test** form from their child's campus. Completed forms must be returned to the elementary campus Counselor or the secondary Director of Instruction **by December 2, 2016**. Late forms will **NOT** be honored.

Referred students' information is placed on the Mid-year Testing Roster by Counselors/Directors of Instruction; students are then scheduled for testing.
Testing is administered on campus during school hours on a date set by the campus during the district testing window.

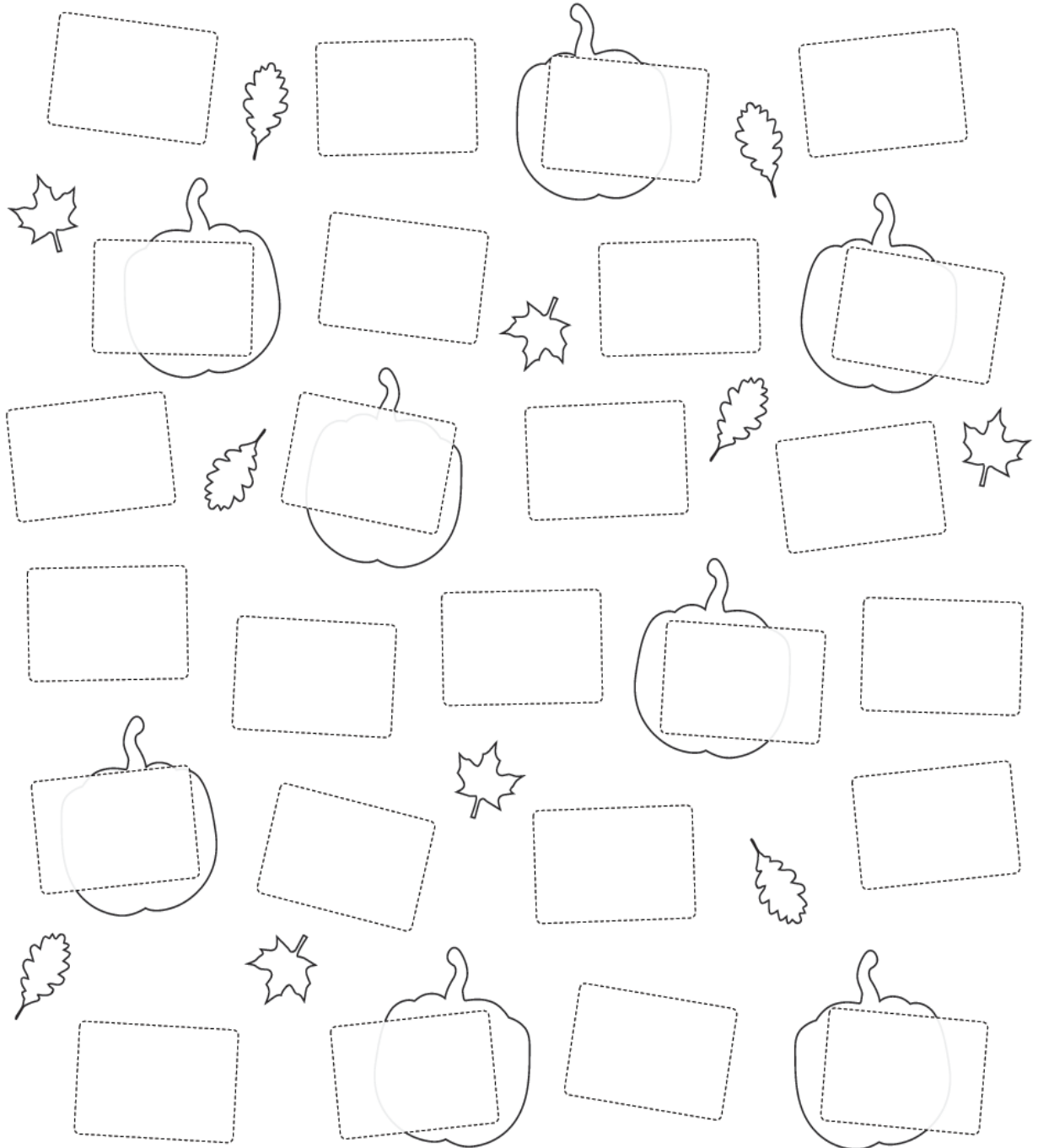
Testing includes the administration of two nationally-normed standardized abilities tests.

Students who score 130 or higher on the abilities tests qualify for HORIZONS services. Results are then sent home to parents from each campus.

Students who do not score 130 as a minimum score on the abilities tests do not qualify for HORIZONS services. Parents of students with scores of 125-129 may wish to view information about the appeal process contained in the **Appeal Process** guide.



HARVEST ALL YOUR BOX TOPS AND SEND THEM TO SCHOOL!



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school.
Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately.
To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to BTFE.com.