

2023-2024 Cottage School Program

Weekly News--Week of April 8

In fact, a recent study showed that other than showing your child love and affection, managing your own stress is the best thing you can do to be an effective parent.

~ William Stixrud, author of *The Self-Driven Child*

How often do we project our own stress and worries as parents onto our children, even when we don't mean to? Children by nature are perceptive and will easily pick up on the emotions we're giving off. A potential implication is that children then internalize those emotions and blame themselves for whatever a parent is feeling, which usually manifests as some kind of negative behavior (withdrawal, fighting with siblings, atypical behavior, etc.). Stress is a normal and healthy part of life, at least a manageable amount, so talk to your child(ren) when you're feeling anxious about something. Open and honest communication will usually end with both sides feeling better...and less stressed, and it will reinforce the importance and effectiveness of talking things out.

As parents, we must remember to not exhibit the emotions we *think* our children should be exhibiting in a given situation. That's hard, no doubt, because our instinct is to protect our children from all manner of harm, so we often assume what they're feeling and swoop in. Chances are your child is OK and has a good grasp of the situation they're walking through. Come alongside them in those times, let them know you're there to listen and offer guidance, and let them take the lead on next steps.

Whether you have a kindergartner who is just about to finish their first year of school or a senior who is getting ready to launch into their next phase of life, our responsibility as parents never stops. Just as we want our own children to continue to grow, we as parents can do the same.

In Partnership,

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Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE:

April 9

- Midday dismissal for all TUESDAY students. More info below.

April 19

- CSP Evening of the Arts. More info below.

April 22

- CSP Parent Curriculum Meeting. More info below.

April 22-26

- SkyTree Book Fair. More info below.

May 3

- TCA Carnival sponsored by North Junior High. More info below.

NEW AND STILL INFORMATION:

1. **APRIL LUNCH MENU** can be found [here](#).

2. **THIS WEEK! MIDDAY DISMISSAL FOR ALL CSP TUESDAY STUDENTS** - On Tuesday, April 9th, all Tuesday students will be dismissed at noon for a CSP teacher in-service. (Kinder will dismiss as normal at 11:30.) CSP Students may wear denim bottoms and a uniform top on this day. Please remember that carpool at noon will run very quickly since our students will be the only ones dismissing at this time.

3. **SAVE THE DATE - CSP EVENING OF THE ARTS** - Friday, April 19th, 2:00-5:00 PM. The art show will take place in CSP hallways from 2-5 PM; stop by any time in this window to view your children's artwork on display. The concert for students in grade 2, 4, and 6 will take place from 3:30-5:00 PM. (Students in the concert should view their artwork prior to performing.)

4. **CSP PARENT CURRICULUM MEETING - April 22nd, 8:30-10:00 AM (RSVP Required)** As we approach the end of another school year, many of you are already planning for - or at least starting to think about - home schooling next fall. There is no shortage of curriculum options available right now and wrapping your head around what's best for your child(ren) and family can feel overwhelming. To help, we will be hosting our annual curriculum info meeting on Monday, April 22, from 8:30 - 10 AM to discuss and share various home school curricula and ideas with each other. We'll meet together initially (in a College Pathways classroom...look for signs when you enter the building) as one large group to review home schooling resources available on the CSP web site [HERE](#) before breaking into two smaller groups, a K-2 group and a 3-6 group. These individual groups will be led by experienced home school and current CSP parents. Our hope is for you to leave feeling prepared to make sound curriculum decisions for next year and in the years ahead. To help us best plan for this meeting, please RSVP [HERE](#) by 3 PM on Thursday, April 18th. Please note childcare will NOT be provided.

5. **SKYTREE BOOK FAIR - April 22nd - 26th.** For the first time, TCA East Campus is partnering with SkyTree Book Fair. CSP parents and students are welcome to browse and/or purchase books before school Monday-Friday, 7:45-8:15 AM; after school Monday-Thursday, 3:30-4:00pm; or Friday 7:45-8:15 AM 12:30-1:00 PM. Please have a parent present with students visiting the fair

6. TCA CARNIVAL – Friday, May 3, 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM TCA Junior High proudly presents -TCA Day Carnival! Come one! Come all! Proceeds of the event will benefit St. Jude's Hospital. Click [here](#) for more info. Pre-Sale Ticket on sale [here](#).

Prior (but still relevant!) Information

1. LANDSHARKS REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1 - CSP students have two options for participating in Landsharks. There is a homeschool-specific team, the Homeschool Hammerheads (see flyer below for dates and coach contact info), as well as a team with TCA East Elementary students. To register, please go to www.landsharksrunningclub.com. Other dates specific to the TCA East team are as follows:

1/30 – Financial Aid closes

2/1 – Spring track registration opens

3/17 – Registration price increase

3/27 – Registration closes

4/9 – First practice begins at 7:10am on the east turf field

4/21, 4/28, 5/5 – 3:00 meets at Chinook Middle School

5/7 – Final practice/season celebration

Please contact Mandy Souder (719-258-7786) if you have any questions.

2. Our SilverGraphics Online Art Shop is Still Open! Find the perfect gift for any special occasion, preserve a memory of your child's school year, and proudly display your child's art on beautiful keepsakes. You can still order beautiful personalized products featuring your child's artwork through our SilverGraphics Art Fundraiser. Our **ONLINE ART SHOP** is open through **June 30th**. Now's your chance to place additional orders. You can also **UPLOAD NEW ART & PHOTOGRAPHS!** Products will ship direct to you (or whatever address you enter at Checkout), with shipping fees added. Your order will continue to support our school.

To place your order:

1. Go to: www.silvergraphics.com/shop

2. Enter our School Access Code: ArtCottage23

Contact Michelle Dalrymple at mdalrymple@asd20.org if you have any questions.

3. TCA SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!

Types of jobs available: Teacher, Tutor, Office/Kiosk/Health Room, Test Proctoring
Requirements--

- TEACHER: Bachelor's degree in any subject **or** HS Diploma + CDE Substitute Teacher Authorization
- PARAPROFESSIONAL: High School Diploma or GED
- Office/Kiosk/Health Room/: High School Diploma/GED and additional training in the specific area
- Proctoring: Bachelor's degree in any subject and additional training in the specific area

To apply, please visit TCA's employment site at [here](#) and submit an application for Substitute.

4. Looking for ways to bless our staff? Food is always welcome! We have a "Sunshine Cabinet" in the Staff Lounge that we like to keep stocked with snacks and goodies for staff members to enjoy throughout the week. If ever you want to contribute a treat to the cabinet (whether store bought or homemade, savory or sweet), items can be dropped off in the CSP/CP office.

5. IMMEDIATE NEED FOR CSP and CP - It's that time of year when we find ourselves running low on both Kleenex and paper towels. If you would be able to pick up an extra box/roll and have your student bring it to the front office, we would be so grateful! Thank you!

6. CSP ART NEEDS - Parents, if you have an extra skein of yarn and would like to donate it to the art room, we would be grateful.

LIBRARY NEWS!

Hello CSP Families!

Did you know that you have access to the East Campus Library and not just your students? You can come and check out materials (4 items per account) and have them for 2 weeks! Parents are welcome as soon as 8:00am until 8:20am. If you are here during school hours, feel free to stop by, however, if Mrs. Hinkin has a class with her in the library then we ask that you wait until after school or come back when she isn't with a class. The library is also open from 3:30pm-4:00pm.

Your student is also welcome to come by and checkout books! Without a parent, your student(s) can come in at 8:05am until 8:15am OR at the end of the day. However, we do ask that your student spends no more than 5min as we have to make sure the library isn't a "holding" area for late carpoolers, but rather an environment of finding great books and interacting with the library staff to help them find great books!

You also have online access to audio books and e-books. Checkout our library page <https://co50010872.schoolwires.net/Page/83> for more information. If you have any questions, contact the East Campus Librarian: Mrs. Hinkin, ahinkin@asd20.org

A MESSAGE FROM PPSC POLICE REGARDING CARPOOL

Last week, a PPSC officer observed our carpool processes at TCA East Campus. He observed the following:

1. Cars in the K-2 line driving down the PPSC road and bypassing the line. These cars end up stuck at the stop sign and block PPSC students from getting through.
2. Cars in the K-2 line pulling into the intersection and blocking it.
3. Children in cars not buckled and climbing around in the cars while the cars are in motion.
4. Some parents being rude and disrespectful when stopped by a police officer and/or a TCA East staff member.

Many thanks to all in our CSP community for all you're already doing to help carpool be as smooth

good neighbors to our PPSC counterparts. Should you ever have any concerns about carpool, please don't hesitate to reach out CSP administration (Justin Peterson or Stef Hille).



Homeschool Hammerheads
Landsharks Running Club
Spring Track Series

We offer a non-competitive youth program to introduce running to young athletes in a safe and fun environment. The focus is on self-improvement, being an encouraging teammate, and making new friends. The Spring Track Series is a fun running program led by a teacher, parent or coach and is open to students in kindergarten through 6th grade. Please remember to purchase a team race shirt if this is your first season running.

FIRST PRACTICE: WEEK OF APRIL 8, 2024

PRACTICE DAYS: TUESDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS, 4:45-5:30PM

PRACTICE TIMES AND LOCATION: TUESDAYS: GREEN SPACE BY TRAILS AT FOREST MEADOWS PARK, FRIDAYS: TRAILHEAD WEST OF FRANK CASTELLO PARK IN FAIRFAX

RACES: Meets are tentatively scheduled at Lewis Palmer High School on the following Sunday afternoons at 3:00 pm: April 21st, April 28th, May 5th, 2024
Meet #1- All runners will run the 50m dash, followed by either the 400 or 800m
Meet #2- All runners will run the 100m dash, followed by either the 400 or 800m
Meet #3- All runners will run the 200m dash, followed by either the 400 or 1600m

Registration opens February 1, 2023 at 9am and closes March 27, 2024

Runners must be registered prior to their first practice
Please register online at www.landsharksrunningclub.com
(\$68 registration fee until March 17, 2024 when \$15 late fees apply)

We look forward to working with your athletes. If you have any questions, please contact us!

Coaches Danny & Leah Wicks

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SNOW DAY AND 2-HOUR DELAY POLICY

Winter weather will undoubtedly impact the school week at some point in the coming months, so I wanted to send out CSP's snow day and 2-hour delay policy. As a reminder, TCA follows D20's delay and closure status.

SNOW DAYS

CSP will follow Academy School District 20 closure status. When ASD20 administration cancels school due to inclement weather, several radio/TV stations will be contacted to broadcast the closure or delay. TCA uses the Blackboard Connect™ service to notify the TCA community in the event of a delay or closure COTTAGE SCHOOL PROGRAM DOES NOT MAKE UP SNOW DAYS.

2-HOUR DELAYS

Periodically throughout the winter, school will be delayed two hours due to inclement weather. Students may wear blue denim on these days. Hot lunch will still be available on delay days, or students may bring a sack lunch. All students should bring a snack and water bottle. Carpool as usual.

2-Hour Delay Schedule:

Grades 1-6: 10:15 - 3:30 pm

Kindergarten: AM class—10:15 - 12:30 pm

Typing Pal Log-In Instructions (Grades 3-6)

Typing Pal is a learn-to-type program that we offer at no charge to all of our upper elementary students. There is no requirement to participate; it's simply something families may use as part of their home school curricula if students desire to learn/master basic typing skills. Log-in instructions are below.

1. Go to <https://clascott.typingpal.com>
2. Each student's **user name** is the first letter of his/her first name (as given in Infinite Campus; not a nickname) followed by the student's last name (i.e. shille would be the username for Stefani Hille).
3. The **password** is identical for each student—*titans*—UNLESS a student was with us previously and changed his/her account to a unique password. Once students are logged in, they may change their password to something unique to them.
4. Questions or trouble logging in? Contact Stef Hille at shille@asd20.org.



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