

CHRISTOVAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Principal's Report Christoval Elementary School October 10, 2013

1. Mrs. Jill Novak hosted a parent information booth at Region XV Dyslexia Parent Night on October 9th. Flyers went home with students with dyslexia during our 504 parent meetings.
2. Officer Muncey is doing the DARE program with the 5th graders on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m.
3. Housley Communications used some of their extra asphalt to fix our 3 walkways. The walkways just dropped off to the road and now we have a gradual incline slope.
4. Mrs. Tamra Kelly will again be doing PALS with the High School students at the Elementary. The PALS will begin coming to the campus in November.
5. The campus celebrated Monday, September 16 Constitution Day and Freedom Week September 16 – 21. Grades K-5 had fun, educational lessons on our Constitution and the freedoms we have as Americans.
6. Mrs. Felicity Scott, Mrs. Cari Ellis, Mrs. Julie Hargraves, Mr. Darrington White and I have all attended the CPI Restraint Refresher Training at Small Schools.
7. The Elementary campus was well represented at the Homecoming Parade. The PTO had a lively float that carried our cheerleaders, football players, Cougar fans, and PTO parents. A few of the campus teachers made a float titled "Past, Present, and Future Cougars!"
8. October is Fire Safety Month-The Christoval Volunteer Fire Department will do presentation on Wednesday, October 16th @ 8:05 a.m.
9. UIL introduction of events and tryouts began September 18th. We had a day of UIL tryout on September 25th. Students are having Monday – Friday practices during the campus Cougar Block (2:25-2:55). A special thanks to Mrs. Mary Dougherty and Mrs. Felicity Scott for all the extra work they have done behind the scenes creating the UIL schedules and getting practice materials.
10. SHAC had their first meeting of the year on Friday, September 13th. "Hidden in Plain Sight" will be on display for the November 12th basketball game.

11. Mrs. Georgia Fischer is coordinating our K-5 field trips to the Christoval Baptist Church Pumpkin Patch. Again all the proceeds will be going to the Backpack Program. Students will be visiting the Pumpkin Patch on October 17, 18 and 21. Also, designated students started receiving their Cougar Packs on September 20 and will continue to get them on Fridays.
12. Fall Festival is October 12th from 5-8. It is sure to be another fun-filled night!
13. The PTO has approved \$2,000 for new AR books for our library. The first order is in and we have 8 books by Rick Riordan, 1 book by Mark Goldblatt, 4 books by Jacqueline West, 4 books by John Grisham, 2 books by Jon Klassen, and 1 book by Annie Barrows and Sophia Blackall.
14. The Church on the Vine has donated 20 new coats for students in need! We are so thankful for their generosity.
15. VIPS, under the direction of Toni McGimpsey, had their first informational meeting on September 26th.
16. We had a fire drill on October 2 and for this drill students walked to the Baptist Church to practice going to an off-campus site. They did great. As always, faculty and staff are filling out an evaluation form for input.
17. Our first intruder drill will be October 23. Parents will once again be informed of the drill and a flyer will go home with suggested talking points to help their child with concerns. For November Intruder drill the Sheriff's department has agreed to attend, to observe, and to make suggestions as we continue to improve our safety procedures.
18. We had a staff meeting on October 9 pertaining to COPsync. Officer Alwine and Mr. Terrill coordinated the training.
19. Our third graders did their first STAAR benchmark on October 9 (Math) and October 10 (Reading). The 3rd graders did their benchmark earlier in the year so teachers could have results to show and discuss with parent at conferences. This is the first year for the 3rd graders to do state testing and we wanted to make sure parents had knowledge of what the tests looks like and what is tested.

Upcoming Events

- Parent Teacher Conferences are being scheduled for the month of October (K-5)
- **Monday, Oct. 14** – No School
- **Tuesday, Oct. 15** - Oct. 18 -Box Tops Collection Contest
- **Wednesday, Oct. 16** – Fire Safety Assembly @ 8:05 and Shelter in Place Drill @ 10:15
- **Thursday, Oct. 17** - Picture Day
- **Friday, Oct. 18** - Pep Rally
- **Monday-Friday Oct. 28-Nov. 1** – Red Ribbon Week
- **Wednesday, Oct. 30** – 3rd grade cookie baking (fundraiser for Toys for Totes and Christoval Troop Supporters)
- **Tuesday, November 5** – PTO meeting

