



# Anchored in Learning



## SHERIDAN STAR

Gina Guidry, Principle Texas "Exemplary" School [www.cfid.net](http://www.cfid.net) February 5, 2018

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are so proud of our Superstars. They are working very hard every day. Each day is important toward their education and is filled with lots of opportunities for learning. Our goal is to continue the excellence that has become a tradition at Sheridan. Each of us plays an important role in our school to keep it a place of high quality learning. It takes staff working together and preparing for excellence in the classrooms. It takes students coming to school on time, every day, working hard, being respectful and doing their best work. It takes parents being involved, holding children accountable for behavior and for effort in class. We are here to make a difference for our students and our community. It is clear when you walk through the doors at Sheridan that our Superstars love learning and strive to do their best. I am proud to say that they work hard to be R-3- Respectful, Responsible and ready to learn every day.

You are invited to join our children for several special events in February. Some of the events happening are:

Feb. 13 –Family Library Night

Feb. 23 – Western Day – Please visit during large group times. All children should remain in school following Western Day. There will be no lunch visitors on Western Day.

Feb. 27- Science Fair night.

Our Superstars have been working hard to prepare for the state mandated STAAR tests in the spring. The following are important dates to remember for testing:

April 10 – 4th Writing, 5th Math

April 11 – 5th Reading

May 14 – 3rd and 4th Math, 5th Math retest

May 15 – 3rd and 4th Reading, 5th Reading retest

May 16 – 5th Science

Visitors are not allowed at Sheridan on STAAR testing days to ensure a proper testing environment. Attendance is extremely important on testing days. Please do not make a doctor's appointment on these days. Doctors usually have these days available due to students across the state taking tests on these days. Parents should call our attendance secretary if your child is absent on a testing day at 281- 856-1423.

We look forward to an amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> semester at Sheridan.

Thank you for all you do to make our school great.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Feb. 2 - Play at Cy-Springs-4th & 5th grade trip
- Feb.5- Math DPM- Kindergarten  
Reading DPM- 2nd grade  
Language Arts DPM- 3rd grade
- Feb. 6 - Group Pictures (standardized dress)
- Feb.7- Math DPM-1st grade
- Feb. 9- Required Emergency Drills
- Feb. 13 – Family Library Night @ 4:30 pm
- Feb. 14 - Valentine Day Card Exchange-Schedule Change
- Feb. 20- Benchmark -4th grade- Writing  
Benchmark- 5to grado- Math  
5th grade Parent meeting @ 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- Feb. 21- Benchmark - 5th grade- Reading  
Progress Reports Go Home
- Feb. 23- Western Day K-5 during Large Group  
(NO LUNCH VISITORS)  
100th Day of School
- Feb. 27- Science Fair @ 6pm

### Dear Parents,

Friday, February 9th, we will be practicing our second semester required emergency drills. Student safety is one of our main priorities at Sheridan Elementary. Our goal for performing the drills is to provide our students and staff with knowledge about possible emergency situations and to make sure they are familiar with the procedures in the event if it is ever required.

On February 9th, we will be practicing the following drills: an evacuation and reverse evacuation of the building, lockdown with an intruder inside/outside the building, shelter in place/weather related drill, a lockdown with hazardous materials as well as our monthly fire drill. Each teacher will be prepared in advance for the drills and will spend time talking with our students to let them know that all of the drills are being done to practice in case of an emergency. We will assure them that there is no real emergency happening.

Thank you for assisting us by talking to your child about emergency situations both at home and school and the need to practice and be prepared. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Gina Guidry  
Principal



### **Attention 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Scientists!**

Projects are due February 20<sup>th</sup>.  
SCIENCE FAIR Night is February 27<sup>th</sup>.  
5:45- Participants will set up projects  
6:00-6:45 Browse projects  
6:45- Announce Winners

### **MORNING ARRIVAL – Car Riders**

We begin unloading car riders each day at 7:45 a.m. To help the line move quickly, we ask that each child get out of their vehicle once they are given the signal by the staff. Students should move to the nearest sidewalk quickly after exiting their car. During severe rain or lightning, loading/unloading will be done 2-3 cars at a time. Staff will be signaling for your child to unload/load during severe weather. Staff will not be using umbrellas and may not walk to the cars during storms with lightning.


### **Annual Kinder-2nd Science Poster Contest**



Research something you are curious about!  
Posters are due February 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Can't wait to see what you have learned!

### **BREAKFAST**



Breakfast is offered to students for \$  
Lunch is \$2.25 for students and \$3.50 for adults.

For parent drop-offs, we begin serving breakfast at 7:45. Students dropped off **after** 8:05 cannot eat breakfast due to classes beginning at 8:05. Breakfast is served for bus riders as they arrive at Sheridan.

## **Western Day at Sheridan!** **Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Parents are welcome to come & dance with their child during large group time. Students can wear their western clothes & hats. Please no toy guns or spurs. We are asking that students stay at school and not go home early, since this is a day of learning. Due to Western Day being in the cafeteria, there will be no lunch visitors on this day.

Students will have Grab & Go lunch in class.

### **Large Group Schedule**

5 <sup>th</sup>	8:10-9:05
4 <sup>th</sup>	9:05-10:00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00-10:55
1 <sup>st</sup>	12:20-1:15
K	1:15-2:10
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:10-3:05



### **LABEL ALL COATS, JACKETS, LUNCH KITS, AND BACKPACKS**

Please label your child's coats, jackets, sweaters, lunch kits, and backpacks with first and last name. Please check lost and found if your student is missing an item.



### **Title 1 Funds**

#### **NOTICE TO PARENTS**

As a parent of a student at a campus receiving Title I funds, federal law allows you to ask for information about the certification, college major, and advanced degrees of your child's teacher(s). You also have the right to request information about the qualifications of a teacher aide or paraprofessional providing direct services to your child. If you would like to receive this information, you may contact the Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D. Human Resources Department at 281-897-4099.



### **Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to Taylor Wallace (4<sup>th</sup> grade)! She will represent Sheridan Elementary at the district spelling bee on February 8, 2018 at 4:45 pm at the Berry Center.

A big "Congratulations!" also goes out to Justin Medina (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) who was the runner-up.

# ANCHORED IN LEARNING

Joyce Boin, librarian

Reading Incentive

Our "World Series of Reading Challenge" has started for students in kindergarten, first, second, third, fourth, and fifth grades! Students were given game sheets on their library day. Instructions: Become an MVP and complete the 28 reading activities listed-- only one per day. Color each ball or base and have an adult initial each activity after it is completed. Have your student return the game sheet with their class on their library day in February to claim 5 prizes. This awesome incentive ends February 23. Play ball and READ!

Horned Toad Tales Reading Incentive

The library's Horned Toad Tales Reading Incentive is designed for our third, fourth, and fifth graders. Twenty (20) terrific recently published books have been selected by Cy-Fair ISD librarians for the students in these grade levels to read. Students have been given Texas tracking sheets and book marks to keep track of the books they have read. After students read a book on the list, they need to tell their language arts teacher. In February, students who have read at least 5 Horned Toad Tales will get to vote for their favorite one in the district election. In May, prizes will be awarded to students who have read the most Horned Toad Tales.

"Weather Wonders" Presentation on February 6

Margaret Clauder will be performing as Meteorologist Maggie with her puppets to present "Weather Wonders" to PM Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> graders on Tuesday, February 6 during large group time. The students will become engaged as they watch and listen as she presents the material about the water cycle. Our P.T.O. funds this awesome presentation!

Family Library Night

Our next FLN is February 13th from 4:30 – 6:00 pm! Each family may check out 5 books! If you still have books from our last FLN, please return them.

Library Volunteers Needed!

Do you love books? Do you have spare time to help Sheridan? We need volunteers to help shelve books, process books, and to help our students find books in the library. If you can come weekly, or every other week, we need you! Please contact me.

Joyce Boin, Librarian  
281-856-1469



From the nurse



ILLNESS

Parents are asked to keep their children home if they have a fever of 100.0 degrees or higher, if they are vomiting or have diarrhea. The student must remain at home until they are fever-free (less than 100.0 degrees) for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medications, no vomiting or diarrhea.

To help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses such as the flu, take extra precaution to:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or sneeze into the crook of your arm.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. If you are not near water, use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick as well.
- Stay home from work, school and social gatherings if you have the flu, fever, or a contagious illness.
- Keep your hands and feet away from your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread rapidly this way.

Medication Policy

Students are not allowed to have any medication in their possession during the school day. This includes cough drops or lozenges. Medications CANNOT be transported by students. All medication must be brought to the clinic by a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult.

Medications that are not properly checked into the clinic will be confiscated and held in the clinic or discarded. It will NOT be administered to the student.

JoAnn Colpoys, RN  
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281-856-1426 (office)  
281-856-1421 (fax)

**From the registrar**



**Withdrawal of Student from School**

The parent or legal guardian withdrawing the student should notify the school in writing at least **24 hours in advance** in order to provide time for the school to complete the withdrawal procedures, the parent or guardian should be prepared to present a picture ID to school officials when withdrawing the student.

Maria Hottensen  
Registrar  
281-856-1423



**Coaches Corner**



Parents for the safety of our students we ask that athletic (tennis, closed toe) shoes be worn on the day your student participates in P.E. These days are either Monday, Wednesday and Friday OR Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please ask your student which days they participate and plan accordingly. Sandals, strappy shoes, boots, and other slick bottom shoes do not provide your child the support they need during exercise or athletic activity. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe.

Mrs. Reeves  
Mrs. Hoffman

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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