



Partner Post

*A newsletter for Colleyville Elementary School parents
February 20, 2012*

Mon. Feb. 20	Tues. Feb. 21	Wed. Feb. 22	Thurs. Feb. 23	Fri. Feb. 24
Announcements for the week: Murray President's Day Student Holiday	Student Holiday Professional Learning Day	PLC: 2 nd Grade 2:45-3:45 Choir	PLC: 1 st Grade Kiwi will be served in the cafeteria Instrument Group 2:45-3:30 DEC @ PDEC 6:00	5 th Grade Trip to Museum Dr. Anderson visits to talk with students about dental health Play It Safe opt out letters sent home Nurse @ PDEC till 11:30

From CES Administration:

- Ⓢ The Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use

During the week of **March 5-9, 2012**, a sampling of students in grades 4-12 will take *The Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use*. Since the first statewide administration of *The Texas School Survey* in 1988 there have been nearly 3200 assessments conducted in school districts throughout the state of Texas. Well over two and a half million students in grades four through twelve have participated in the survey since that time. This year, as many as 350,000 students will take part in *The Texas School Survey*. The survey takes about thirty minutes and should not interfere with overall teaching objectives.

Survey questions have been carefully designed to draw out student responses as to actual use of tobacco products, alcohol, inhalants and illicit drugs; identified behaviors related to substance use; parental attitudes towards substance use; and the effectiveness of school-oriented substance use programs and/or activities. Examples of inhalants include correction fluid, spray paint and paint thinner, while examples of illicit substances include marijuana, powdered and crack cocaine, uppers and downers, steroids and ecstasy. The version used in the primary grades (four through six) is more simplified and general in nature than the secondary one.

Participation in The Texas School Survey is completely voluntary. There will be no adverse consequences---grades or class standing will not be affected in any way whatsoever--- for any student choosing not to participate. Those choosing not to participate are asked to read or work quietly during the administration of the survey.

Research design and protocols ensure that **participation in The Texas School Survey is completely anonymous.** This means no names or other personal identifiers will be collected.

The Texas School Survey has two primary objectives. It serves to inform state and local policy-makers about the extent and nature of the substance use problem in Texas schools and provides a statewide standard of comparison for districts conducting local assessments of drug and alcohol use. Administration of *The Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use* is conducted by the Public Policy Research Institute at Texas A&M University on behalf of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

If you would like to view a copy of the survey instrument, or if you have any questions concerning the survey methodology, you may contact Arthur Castro or Allison Seibert at the Public Policy Research Institute at Texas A&M University at (979) 845-1922 or email at txschoolsurvey@ppri.tamu.edu.

This research study has been reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board---Human Subjects in Research, Texas A&M University. For research-related problems or questions regarding subjects' rights, the Institutional Review Board may be contacted at (979) 458-4067 or email at irb@tamu.edu.

More information will be sent home with the exact date that the survey will be completed at CES.

- Ⓢ **February 23rd is Try Something New Kiwifruit!** Did you know that kiwi has no natural oils on the fruit and they will shrivel if left in the open air? Store them covered. Kiwifruit is the most nutrient-dense fruit grown on earth. It's like a vitamin pill...with fuzz! Kiwifruit contains as much potassium as a banana and is an excellent source of Vitamin C, A and E.
- Ⓢ **NCLB Report Cards:** CES is sharing this information about the district and your child's campus with you as part of its obligations under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB). NCLB Report Cards for the state as a whole, the district, and each of the district's campuses are now available on the district's web site at this link: <http://www.gcisd-k12.org/page/154>.

- Ⓢ **Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the consolidation of the Colleyville and Grapevine school districts in 1962.**

April 12, 2012

4:30-6:30

GCISD Administration Building
3051 Ira E. Woods Avenue
Grapevine, Texas 76051

The program begins in the GCISD Administration Parking Lot at 4:30 with bands performances by both high schools. Former superintendents, current and former board members and current city officials will be recognized. From 5:30-6:30, there will be a reception, tour of the administration building, displays of memorabilia, student exhibits and performances. Spread the word!

- Ⓢ **Play It Safe:** Play it safe opt out letters will go home this Friday. Please make sure to return your opt out slip if you do not want your child to participate in Play It Safe scheduled for March 2, 2012.
- Ⓢ **Talent Show:** The 3-5 Talent Show tonight was a wonderful success! Thanks to all students who participated and to Alisa McGregor for planning and organizing the event!

From CES PTA:

- Ⓢ **CES FAMILIES!** We are excited to have our first Triathlon! It is called Ten 2 TRI and we hope all our CES Families will TRY it! The event will be held April 27th from 4pm to 6pm. The three events will be running, a basketball shoot and an obstacle course. We will officially kick it off next week, which is exactly 10 weeks to the TRI! Every week, for the next 10 weeks, you will receive a tip to help you and your child get ready for the event. The entry fee will be \$10 per person and all proceeds will go to a permanent obstacle course around our playground! This is a great way to spend some quality healthy time together. And parents, don't worry, we will have a special start for you- this way your kids can cheer you on, too! Registration forms will be coming soon! Your tip for the first week of training is:

Nutrition-Let your child pick out a new fruit your family has never tried and try it!

Fitness- Play a hot potato game with a Frisbee.

Have a Happy and Healthy Week!

- Ⓢ **There's only ONE MORE WEEK to purchase your Harkins Theatre Summer Movie Fun Season Passes!** Kids can enjoy a movie a week for 10 weeks (June 4-Aug 10), for less than \$1 per film. Purchasing your Harkins Theatre 2012 Summer Movie Fun Season Tickets through CES PTA will help us earn instant rebates. Simply complete the order form sent home 2-10 and return it with your payment (cash or checks payable to CES PTA) by Friday, February 24th to the school office. You may also order your tickets online at www.colleyvillepta.org and pay using a credit card by Friday, February 24th. CES PTA will collect all order forms and payment and will then issue the SMF tickets accordingly. Contact Alisa McGregor (alisa_mcgregor@hotmail.com or [817.319.4192](tel:817.319.4192)) with questions.
- Ⓢ **Get ready for the next Talent Show!** Students in Grades K-3 may auditions on Feb. 27 at 3pm. Dress Rehearsal is on March 21 at 3pm and the K-3rd Talent Show is March 23 6:30pm. Permission forms were sent home Feb. 17 and are due to the school office by Friday, Feb. 24. Contact Alisa McGregor (alisa_mcgregor@hotmail.com or [817.319.4192](tel:817.319.4192)) with questions.
- Ⓢ **Coming Soon:** 2/27-3/1 Diagnostician/Psychologist Appreciation Week, 2/27 KidzU in library, 2/27 Talent Show Tryouts K-3rd 2:45, 2/27 Spanish Club 2:45-3:15, 2/27 CES Restaurant Night at McAlister's Deli 5:00-7:30, 2/27 GCISD Board Mtg. 7:00pm Admin. Bldg., 2/28 5th Grade Parent Night at CMS 6:30pm or CTMS at 7:00pm, 2/28 Photography Club 2:45-4:00, 2/29 Choir 2:45-3:45, 3/1 Nurse out at a meeting until 9:30, 3/1 Instrument Group 2:45-3:30, 3/2 Book Fair Set Up, 3/2 Play It Safe