



Timberwolf Tribune

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Dear Timberwolf Parents:

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you back to what I know will be another very successful year at Truitt Middle School. All of our students seem excited to be back at school, and we look forward to working with each and every one of them to maximize their individual successes.

It is our continued goal for Truitt to become a Recognized campus. Our students and staff are working very hard toward a common goal in this effort. Our TAKS results from 2009 testing revealed that of the twenty-five indicators tested, we were exemplary in fifteen areas, recognized in eight, and academically acceptable in two. This certainly shows that Truitt's students are making academic gains in all content areas.

Our focus at Truitt this year will be to accelerate the use of technology in our classrooms. With the help of district bond projects, we now have mounted projectors in each classroom, along with wireless capabilities throughout the building. Along with this, our teachers were able to attend training on how to engage students while embedding technology into their lessons. In addition, each teacher now has their own web page where you can view important information related to your child's courses. These may be accessed through our campus web page at www.cfisd.net.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to become a Truitt Key Communicator. As we continue to provide timely and accurate information to our parents and community, it is vital for you to be a part of this e-mail-based group. To become a part of this group, simply e-mail Truitt@cfisd.net, and we will add you to our list.

I'm extremely pleased with the smooth opening to the school year. Your continued support, along with the dedication of our staff, will ensure success for all of our students. The entire staff and I look forward to a successful year together.

Sincerely,

*Bob Hull
Principal*

**Truitt Middle School
2009-10 Spotlight Teacher
Connie Butcher**



Truitt PBIS Information:

As we start our fourth year of P.B.I.S. at Truitt (which stands for Positive Behavior Intervention and Support), we want to continue to enlist parents' support and enthusiasm for our program. Parents can help by incorporating PAWS into their family's routines at home and by actively guiding their student's learning and behavior at school and at home.

In future newsletters, we will keep you updated regarding new programs and how they will help students at Truitt. This month we offer the following advice as a first step for parents.

For Parent Pride

- Promote daily school attendance
- Teach respect for all people and things
- Encourage and praise good effort at school
- Provide a homework routine for your child- quiet space and specific time

Accountability

- Check backpacks every evening to ensure assignments are completed
- Attend school functions, read newsletter
- Volunteer at school - mentoring, tutoring, fundraising, classroom help
- Contact teacher with concerns and suggestions
- Talk with your child daily about school
- Offer support and help with homework

Wise Choices

- Stress the importance of education
- Ensure child follows school rules
- Read 30 minutes with your child each day
- Monitor and reduce TV time

Safety

- Monitor child's after-school activities
- Encourage healthy eating- eat breakfast and eat a meal together

Registrar/Attendance Office

ENROLLMENTS –

Only a parent or legal guardian may enroll a student. Things you will need to enroll a student are: (1) birth certificate, (2) immunization record, (3) last report card, (4) current utility bill (gas, water or electric), lease contract or closing papers, (5) social security card, and (6) parent's driver's license. If you are enrolling during the school year, you will also need a withdrawal form from the previous school.

WITHDRAWALS -

If you need to withdraw your student from Truitt MS, please notify the Registrar's Office before the actual withdrawal date. There are state forms to be completed and the student's books need to be returned. A parent or legal guardian must be here to sign the withdrawal form and present an I.D. Student will collect grades in progress from each of their teachers and, upon completion of signatures, will be given papers necessary to enroll at their new campus. Please allow time for this process when you arrive at the school.

ADDRESS CHANGES –

When a student moves during the course of the school year, the Registrar's Office must be notified immediately. A current utility bill (gas, water or electric), or the new lease or closing papers, are the only documentation accepted by the district to prove residency. If the student moves out of our attendance area, a transfer form must be filled out to remain at our school. The transfer form will require the principal's approval. Also, update any new phone numbers at that time. Please note: changing the address on the Emergency Card at the beginning of the school year is not acceptable documentation for proof of residency.

Registrar's Office: 281-856-1131
Attendance Office – 281-345-3185

**VIPS
Volunteers In Public School**

Truitt has the best volunteers! If you would like more information on volunteer opportunities at Truitt or you would like to be added to the VIPS email list, please contact Janet Van Reet, Truitt's VIPS Liaison, at 281-345-3540 or janet.vanreet@cfisd.net.

If you have already turned in a Volunteer Information Sheet, but are not receiving emails, please give Janet a call.

Parent Information Meetings for the Annual HORIZONS Spring Screening Process - Grades K-11 2009-2010

It is time to prepare for the annual HORIZONS spring screening process. Each year the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD screens for students who may have gifts and talents that can be met through the HORIZONS program. The process begins for grades K-11 when parents refer their children during the **October- November referral period.**

In order to help parents understand the referral and screening process, the coordinator for the HORIZONS program invites you to attend a meeting to hear an explanation of the screening and identification process. Topics at the meeting will include the following:

- * Referral Process
- * Tests Used in the Screening Process
- * Student Identification Matrix
- * Appeals Process

Because of the growing population in our school district, the coordinator will present four sessions with different locations and dates. Each session will contain the same information. Please plan to attend the session that is most convenient for you.

All four meetings will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the school cafeterias.

- Session 1: September 15, 2009 – Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress, Cypress, TX 77429
- *Session 2: September 22, 2009 - Gleason Elem. 9203 Willowbridge Blvd., Houston, TX 77064
- Session 3: October 6, 2009 - Sampson Elem. 16002 Coles Crossing Drive, Cypress, TX 77429
- *Session 4: October 13, 2009 - Lieder Elem. 17003 Keith Harrow Blvd., Houston, TX 77084

*We will offer both English and Spanish presentations for Session 2 and Session 4. Please notify your school counselor if you would like to attend a session presented in Spanish.

Please refer to the HORIZONS website at <http://www.cfid.net/dept2/curricu/gifted/gifted.htm> for additional information. A Power Point presentation is available to parents entitled, "Should I Refer My Child for the HORIZONS Program?"

The referral period for grades K-11 lasts from **October 1, 2009 – November 30, 2009.**

The screening for the referred students from grades K-11 will take place during the spring semester from **January 11 to the end of February, 2010.**

Reuniones informativas para padres de familia acerca del proceso de selección anual del programa HORIZONTES a realizarse en la primavera para grados K al 11 2009-2010

Llegó el momento de prepararse para el Proceso de Selección Anual del Programa HORIZONTES. Todos los años, el Distrito Escolar Independiente Cypress-Fairbanks, evalúa a los alumnos que podrían tener las destrezas y los talentos necesarios para participar en el programa HORIZONTES. Para los alumnos de K- 11^{mo} grado, este proceso comienza cuando los padres recomiendan a sus hijos durante el **período de recomendación de octubre - noviembre.**

Para ayudar a los padres a comprender el proceso de selección y de recomendación, la Coordinadora del Departamento del Programa HORIZONTES para alumnos de K a 12^{mo} grado tiene el agrado de invitarlos a asistir a una de las reuniones informativas en las que se explicará en detalle el procedimiento de selección e identificación de alumnos para el programa Horizontes del distrito. Entre los temas a tratar en dichas reuniones están los siguientes:

- ❖ Proceso de recomendación
- ❖ Pruebas usadas para el proceso de selección
- ❖ Matriz de identificación de alumnos
- ❖ Proceso de apelaciones

Debido al crecimiento continuo del alumnado de nuestro distrito escolar, la coordinadora de la oficina de Horizontes presentará cuatro reuniones en diferentes días y lugares. En todas las reuniones se presentará la misma información. Los padres podrán asistir a la reunión que les sea más conveniente.

Las cuatro reuniones se llevarán a cabo de 7:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. en la cafetería de escuelas a continuación.

- **Sesión 1:** 15 de septiembre de 2009 – Berry Center 8877 Barker Cypress, Cypress, TX 77429
- ***Sesión 2:** 22 de septiembre de 2009 – Escuela Primaria Gleason 9203 Willowbridge Park Blvd., Houston, TX 77064

- **Sesión 3:** 6 de octubre de 2009 – Escuela Primaria Sampson 16002 Coles Crossing Drive, Cypress, TX 77429
- ***Sesión 4:** 13 de octubre de 2009 – Escuela Primaria Lieder 17003 Keith Harrow Blvd., Houston, TX 77084

*Las presentaciones de las sesiones 2 y 4 serán realizadas en inglés y en español. Si piensa asistir a una sesión presentada en español, sírvase notificar al consejero de su escuela.

Remitirse al sitio web del programa HORIZONTES en:

<http://www.cfishd.net/dept2/curricu/gifted/gifted.htm> para más información. Allí encontrará una presentación en formato de *Power Point* llamada "¿Debo recomendar a mi hijo para el programa HORIZONTES?"

El período de recomendación para los alumnos de K-11^{mo} grados será del 1 de octubre de 2009 al 30 de noviembre de 2009.

La selección de los alumnos recomendados de K-11^{mo} grados se llevará a cabo en el semestre de la primavera del **11 de enero al final del mes de febrero de 2010.**

***Truitt Middle School presents
Hush Little Celia!***

HUSH LITTLE CELIA will be presented November 12th and 13th at 7:00 p.m. on the Truitt stage. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.

Don't miss this heartfelt play about teenagers trying to find themselves as they face the difficulties of school and home-life. The play is driven by Todd, a charming, witty, sometimes-in-trouble, high-schooler who befriends Celia, an overly quiet classmate. Celia's decision to stop talking provokes some harsh treatment by her classmates, however, Todd's efforts double. He does not give up on her, but patiently loves her through it, encouraging her along the way. As their friendship blossoms, Celia becomes more confident. She finds that she can express herself through art, poetry and eventually even speech! Come experience this story of redemption as told by the Truitt Middle School Theatre Department.



Parents of the Theatrically Inclined

The Cy Falls Theatre and Debate Dept. will host a Middle School

***SPOOKTACULAR SPEECH
TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER 31.***

Interested students may see Mrs. Matranga in room D102 during lunch for details.

Student Council

Hello, my name is Christine Johnson and I am this year's Student Council sponsor. My goal this year is to be actively involved in projects to help raise money, raise school spirit and help the community. All grade levels will be represented in Student Council. Some of the activities we are involved in are Box Tops for Education, Heart Walk, and Red Ribbon week, as well as teacher appreciation and donations to area shelters.

Box Tops for Education is a program that donates money to schools based upon how many "box tops" you acquire. You can find "box tops" on many items at the grocery or corner store, such as cereals, pastas, boxed or bagged food items, garbage bags, and so much more. All you have to do is cut out the label that says "Box Tops for Education" and send it to school with your son/daughter and they can drop it off at a display in the front office.

The annual Heart Walk is to show our support for heart health. This year, it is on Saturday, November 7, 2009, 8:30 a.m. at Lone Star Cy-Fair College next to the Berry Center on Barker-Cypress Rd. There is no cost, just show up and walk!

Red Ribbon week is the 3rd week in October. During this week, students will pledge to be drug free by placing their thumb print on a poster displayed in the main hall of Truitt.

If you have further questions regarding Student Council, please feel free to contact me anytime at christine.johnson@cfisd.net or 281-856-1119. I am looking forward to working with your children to make Truitt even more awesome!!

HORIZONS Spring Screening

Parents who wish to refer their child must go through the following process:

- Please view the HORIZONS website at: <http://www.cfid.net/dept2/curricu/gifted/gifted.htm>. A PowerPoint presentation is available to parents entitled, "Should I Refer My Child for the HORIZONS Program?"
- Request a "HORIZONS Parent Survey and Permission to Test Form" if testing for the program is appropriate.
- Return "HORIZONS Parent Survey and Permission to Test Form" to elementary counselor or secondary director of instruction no later than **November 30, 2009**.

Completed parent referral forms for students in grades K – 11 are due at the school by **Monday, November 30, 2009**. Students will not be screened unless the parent permission form has been returned on time. The complex planning for the spring screening necessitates the November deadline.

The screening for referred **elementary students** will take place at their school between January 11th and February 22nd. Details regarding location, dates, and times for individual schools will be available from your campus at the beginning of January. **Secondary students** will take the tests on one of two Saturdays in January and February. The testing date will depend on the location of the student's school.

Evaluación para HORIZONTES - Primavera

Los padres que desean recomendar a su hijo deben seguir el siguiente proceso:

- Visitar el sitio web de HORIZONTES en <http://www.cfid.net/dept2/curricu/gifted/gifted.htm> y mirar la presentación en formato de PowerPoint titulada: "¿Debo recomendar a mi hijo para el programa HORIZONTES?"
- Solicitar un "Formulario de Recomendación y Permiso para Evaluar para el programa HORIZONTES", si la evaluación para el programa fuese apropiada.
- Llenar y devolver el "Formulario de Recomendación para el programa HORIZONTES" al consejero de su escuela primaria o al director de instrucción de su escuela secundaria antes del **30 de noviembre de 2009**.

La fecha límite para presentar los formularios completos de recomendación para alumnos de K a 11^{mo} grado es el **lunes 30 de noviembre de 2009**. No se evaluará a ningún alumno que no haya presentado el formulario completo y firmado por los padres antes de la fecha límite. Para planificar satisfactoriamente el complejo proceso de selección y evaluación de alumnos que se realiza en la primavera, es necesario respetar la fecha límite para entregar los formularios en noviembre.

La evaluación para los **alumnos de primaria** que han sido recomendados para la misma, se llevará a cabo en las escuelas entre el 11 de enero y el 22 de febrero. Los detalles acerca del lugar, la fecha y el horario para las diferentes escuelas se darán a conocer en las escuelas a principios del mes de enero. Los **alumnos de secundaria** rendirán las pruebas en uno de los dos sábados del mes de enero y de febrero. La fecha de la administración de la prueba dependerá de dónde esté ubicada la escuela a la que asiste el alumno.

Department News:

History

Ghoir

Welcome back Truitt Choir members! We are off to a great start this year and we are looking forward to a year full of wonderful achievements. The choir program is booming this year! We have 21 members in our Men's Chorale, 28 members in our Treble Chorale, 28 members in our Chamber Choir 7 members in our Intermediated Concert Choir, and a whopping 103 members in our Beginning Concert Choir!! You may have also noticed we have changed the names of our choirs. This is a new tradition that we started last year. We have ordered the choir polo uniform shirts for 6th grade choir students and anyone new to the program. If you have not paid for your choir polo, you need to as soon as possible. We will be passing out the polos when we receive them to members that have paid. Our first event was the Astro's game on Friday, September 25. GO ASTROS!

We are diligently preparing music for our first concert of the year on Monday, October 19, at 7pm here at Truitt. The choirs are sounding excellent. Please come and support your students and children!

The Chamber girls are performing in an additional concert and BBQ dinner with Cy-Falls High School on Tuesday, October 20 at 7pm at Cy-Falls HS, and the Men's Chorale is also performing an additional concert with Cy-Ridge High School on Thursday, October 8.

The Truitt choir is also taking group photos in November during school. We will inform you when we have an exact date. All choir members need to wear their choir polo shirt, blue jeans and tennis shoes. They will not be in the photo without their uniform.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at 281-856-1119 or via e-mail at christine.johnson@cfisd.net



8th Grade: Eighth grade U.S. History got off to a great start to the school year with a trip identifying the regions and geography of America. We will then be sailing off to Jamestown, Virginia and Plymouth, Massachusetts. The students will identify and locate the original 13 Colonies and how the colonists made them successful. We are going to take a look at some historical government documents and how the colonists used them to set up their governments in the New World.

Math

6th Grade Math: We have taken the first few weeks of school to review concepts from fifth grade that may have gotten rusty over the summer. Statistics, graphs, place value, rounding, multiplication and division are just a few skills we are sharpening before we move into more challenging curriculum.

6th Grade Advanced Math: K level students just completed our first unit, Statistics and Graphs, and have done very well. We are currently reviewing a few fifth grade skills, such as multiplication and division, and are learning to use number sentences to solve application problems.

We are starting to pick up the pace, and we encourage students to stay current with homework and ask questions in class in order to keep up!

All 6th Grade Math: Tutorials are held Wednesday afternoons. Students must return a signed permission slip before each Wednesday tutorial and have a parent pick-up or permission to walk home at 3:15. Parents must be on time to pick up their child in the front of the building.

Students will have homework every night, Monday through Thursday, which covers the skills we learned in class that day. Like any sport, musical instrument, or other talent, we have to practice to become masters!

Math is a skill that requires lots of practice. To get the most out of each class, students must have the following supplies each day: spiral for note taking, pencils, homework and warm up sheets, folders (1 for returned papers and 1 for current lessons), as well as supplies for checking and correcting work.

We are looking forward to a great year and are grateful for parent support. With a strong connection between home and school, we can ensure a successful year for your child. The students have been wonderful in putting forth great effort, and we are excited to see the results!

7th grade Math: The first half of the first grading period has been spent reviewing addition and subtraction of positive rational numbers. In the second half, the students will learn to multiply and divide positive rational numbers. In the second grading period we will continue working on division. By the end, we will start mixing all the operations with positive rational numbers.

Pre-Algebra: the first half of the first grading period has been spent covering integers and order of operations. In the second half, the students will start to use positive rational numbers. We will continue this in the second grading period and then finish off with the start of proportions and percents.

8th grade Algebra: It is a pleasure being your child's Algebra teacher, and we hope to have a great year with the students. Our goal is to prepare our students for high school and college. We are hopeful that all students will take Calculus in their senior year. In order for our students to be successful in these higher level math classes, students need to have a strong foundation in Algebra. Please work with your child at home and stress the importance of regularly reviewing class notes for a successful year. Each student has access to our online textbook at www.pearsonsuccessnet.com. The username is algebra2009 and password is algebra2009. Currently, we are in Unit 3: Properties and Attributes of Functions. We are covering domain, range of functions and given situations, scatterplots, and prediction based on trend lines. There are homework assignments about four times throughout the week, and we strongly recommend 100% completion of all homework assignments. Homework is an integral part of reinforcement of topics covered in class, and practice, of course, eases speed and comfort level. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email your child's math teacher. We look forward to an amazing year!

8th Grade Math: The 8th grade math team would like to greet you and say how excited we are to be instructing your child. This is an exciting year as your child prepares to transition from middle school to high school. We are committed to helping them prepare for this next level. We want to make you aware of the math resources available for you and your child to use at home. Each eighth grade student has access to our online book at <http://my.hrw.com>, and access to our interactive math website at www.explorellearning.com. Your child will be provided a username and password for both websites and we ask that you have them spend time at home developing their math skills. We also want to encourage you to access ParentConnect.

You will be able to view your child's grades and the dates for upcoming test/assessments.

We are currently in Unit 2, which includes solving equations, table building, and finite differences. Your child is solving one and two-step equations, determining the rule for a given table, and so much more. We will move into Unit 3 in the upcoming weeks where we review operations with decimals and fractions. OOOOOOOOOOh those beloved fractions and decimals! Please take this opportunity to discuss money and recipes with your child. Pull them in the kitchen and have them help you bake. It's a perfect time to discuss math. Please feel free to use everyday moments as teaching moments.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email your child's math teacher.

For the love of math, 8th grade math team
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Cynthia Walker (cynthia2.walker@cfisd.net)

Language Arts

8th Grade: In 8th grade Language Arts, students have spent the first six weeks making connections between the text and themselves as readers. These included making insight into the text into their own lives, and into the world. Students wrote an "Auto-Biographical" Poem about their lives, their family, and their hopes and dreams.

Additionally, students have read and analyzed several stories. They also read a wonderful short story about a teenager's chance encounter with a homeless man in "The Treasure of Lemon Brown". This resulted in students thinking and writing about what they treasure.

Finally, students enjoyed reading and writing about Emerson's poem, "What Is Success?", which made them rethink their own ideas and definitions of success.

Level One students have picked a novel to read and are creating an activity using Photo Story 3. Teachers are excited about this technology and hope this activity was a fun and informative process!

Reading

6th grade: This six weeks, the 6th grade reading classes are reading "Tuesday of the Other June." While reading this short story, we will focus on characterization and theme. The students are also taking the SRI assessment test in the beginning of September. At the end of this computer based test, the students will know their lexile score.

Reading 7th and 8th grade: READ 180, intensive reading program, is a proven solution that produces learning gains among struggling readers whose reading achievement is below the proficient level. Read 180 will help students recognize and spell words correctly, read with fluency, and comprehend the text. The goal of this program is for the students to read grade-level material independently, with confidence and fluency in all subjects.

We are also excited about a new web based program proven to increase reading comprehension, writing skills, vocabulary, and high-stake test scores for students in 7th and 8th grade Workshop.

Science

7th Grade: As usual in Science, we started off the year reviewing how important safety is - most importantly in lab situations. The students did a great job showing their knowledge of safety! We then moved on to learn the properties of metals and nonmetals, and how to determine their locations on the periodic table. We've learned a lot of information about elements, compounds, atoms, and molecules. In fact, our first major exam is this Friday over all this material. I feel the kids will do a great job!

Writing Workshop

Writing Workshop got off to a great start. Students wrote "I Am" poems, expressing who they are in creative ways with poetry. We followed this up with campfire writing – writing scary stories! We're now learning new ways of expressing ourselves with poetry. We'll be starting the next six weeks with students choosing their own fiction stories.

Orchestra Notes

Welcome to Orchestra '09-'10! Our T-shirts are on sale now through October 2nd. Please wear your support for our wonderful orchestras. This year we are featuring two designs---The Advanced Group has their own shirt this year. Get one for each member of the family!



Please continue to encourage your child to practice at home. Have a time and a quiet place set up at home specifically for practicing. We want our students at Truitt to be 100% successful! Have them play for the family as often as possible. Family concerts at holidays were a tradition in my home---Make it a new tradition in yours!!

Remind students to turn in practice logs and to return all letters sent home. As with any subject, getting homework turned in really makes a big difference in grades!

Important Dates

Fundraiser Kick-off
November 4th.

Advanced and
Intermediate Fall
Concert November 19th Truitt
Stage, 6:15 Tuning

Beginner Concert December 9th, Truitt
Stage, 6:15 Tuning.



From the Nurse:

Dear Parents, As many of you are aware we have seen flu cases at school.

Truitt Middle School Clinic will continue to follow the flu plan set by the school district and the CDC. We are constantly monitoring those students and staff who present with flu-like symptoms and those that have returned. The CDC and many doctors are no longer differentiating between the "seasonal" flu and the well advertised H1N1 virus.

Parents are asked to check their children each morning for illness and keep them home if they have a fever of **100** degrees or higher. **The student must remain home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medications.** The student must be seen in the clinic upon returning to school for a temperature check. In this way you will help prevent others from catching your illness. 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 get the flu.
- Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread rapidly this way.
- Stay informed of the facts. An accurate source is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). You may visit their website at www.cdc.gov/swineflu or call their hotline at 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636). There is also information available on the school's website at CFISD.net.

Thank You, Truitt Middle School Clinic

Estimados padres:

Como ya muchos de ustedes están enterados, en nuestra escuela hemos visto varios casos de gripe.

La Enfermería de la Escuela Intermedia Truitt continuará siguiendo el plan para la gripe

establecido por el distrito y la agencia de Centros para el Control y la Prevención de las Enfermedades (CDC, por sus siglas en inglés). Estamos continuamente monitoreando a los estudiantes y los miembros del personal que presentan síntomas de gripe y a los que se vuelven a integrar a la escuela. La agencia CDC y muchos médicos ya no hacen diferencia entre la gripe "estacional" y el tan anunciado virus H1N1.

Pedimos que los padres revisen a sus hijos todas las mañanas para ver si están enfermos y que los hagan quedarse en casa si tienen una temperatura de **100** grados o más. **El estudiante deberá permanecer en casa hasta que haya estado sin fiebre por 24 horas sin la ayuda de medicamentos para reducir la fiebre.** A su regreso a la escuela, el estudiante deberá pasar por la Enfermería para que se le tome la temperatura. De esta forma, se evitará que otras personas se contagien la enfermedad. Para ayudar a evitar el contagio de enfermedades respiratorias tales como la gripe, asegúrese de:

- Cubrirse la nariz y la boca con un pañuelo de papel al toser o estornudar o estornudar en la parte interior del brazo.
- Lavarse las manos con agua y jabón, especialmente después de toser o estornudar. Si no está cerca de un lugar donde haya agua, usar un desinfectante a base de alcohol.
- Evitar el contacto con las personas enfermas. Si está enfermo, mantener distancia con los demás para no contagiarlos.
- Quedarse en la casa si contrae la influenza. Evitar ir a la escuela al trabajo y a reuniones sociales.
- Tratar de no tocarse los ojos, la nariz y la boca para evitar propagar la enfermedad.
- Mantenerse informado y conocer los hechos. La agencia de Centros para el Control y la Prevención de las Enfermedades es una buena fuente de información. Usted puede visitar su sitio web en www.cdc.gov/swineflu o hace una llamada gratis al 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4536). En el sitio web de CFISD (www.cfisd.net) también hay información respecto a la gripe.

Muchas gracias,

Enfermería de la Escuela Intermedia Truitt



COUNSELOR CORNER



Truitt Counselors want to say, "Welcome" to all of our students and parents. The new school year began very well. We are looking forward to another great year of teaching, learning, and building relationships.

The Parent Internet Viewer is up and running. This is a wonderful on line tool to help parents keep track of how their children are doing in school. If you received a Parent Internet Viewer password last year, your password is the same.

If you want a password, go to CFISD.net, campuses, then Truitt's website under school information and fill out the PIV request form. Send that to our office with your student or come by in person. Remember, computers are also available at your local library for checking student information.

Parenting Classes

If you have found yourself getting into power struggles when it comes to disciplining your child, **Cypress Fairbanks has several parenting classes** that may give you the help you need. If you are interested in finding out more about these parenting classes, **call us or pick up a flyer from our front desk.**



COIN

Career Testing

The eighth grade classes will be doing COIN career testing through history classes during the month of November. COIN is an on-line computer program that allows the students to reply to surveys and receive valuable career option information. Parents, you can help by discussing careers with your students at home. Each student will be bringing home a copy of the career information. There is also a parent/student portion to the program so that further research can be done at home. This information may be useful when choosing classes for high school.

COLLEGE DAY

On October 7, Truitt will have College Day. To create a college going culture we are asking all students and staff to be involved by wearing college shirts, displaying college banners and participating in a PAWs lesson that will be centered on college preparation.

REMINDER

7th Grade

**DUKE UNIVERSITY TALENT
SEARCH PARTICIPANTS
SAT TEST**

**DEADLINE – OCTOBER 1, 2009
TEST DATE – DECEMBER 5, 2009**

HELP YOUR TEEN SET GOALS

The beginning of the school year is an important time to set goals. It's just as important to write them down. Putting words on paper is a way to move dreams to reality. Once your teen has noted a goal (and the steps she'll take to reach it), suggest that she post it somewhere prominent. This can encourage her to keep working. She should cross off tasks as she goes. Notice---and celebrate---progress!



Source: *Helping Students Learn* (sample edition)

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns:

***Ms. Chaney -7th grade
Mrs. Hunt - 8th grade
Mrs. Slein - 6th grade***



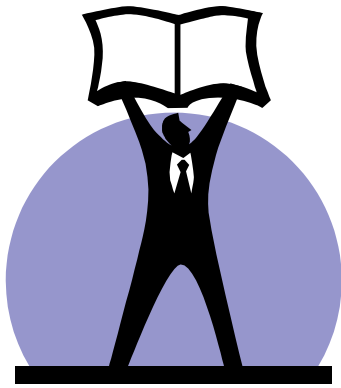
MILITARY NIGHT

November 17, 2009

7:00 – 9:00

The Berry Center

Get information about a future in the military.









Library News

Parents, Please save this table which lists passwords to access helpful and safe online resources that your child may use for research.

Truitt Students – At-Home Research

Online resources – IDs & Passwords

To access these online resources, go to www.cfisd.net/departments/libraries/middle_school/Truitt

	User ID: cfisd Password: cfisd
	Password: lonestar
	No password needed.
	ID: cfisd Password: wldbk
	ID: truitt Password: timber
	ID and password: truittstudent

Celebrate Teen Read Week

October 18-24

This year's theme is **Read Beyond Reality @ your library**, which encourages teens to read something out of this world, just for the fun of it.

Encourage your teen to visit the **Truitt or public library...reading for fun raises test scores and confidence.**

Book Fair

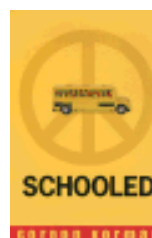
Mark your calendar and save your money! **BOOK FAIR** time is just around the corner. The dates for the **BOOK FAIR** are **October 27th – 30th**. Thank you for supporting the Library!



The Library would like to thank you for adding the Truitt library barcode to your Kroger card through their neighbor-to-neighbor program. The money donated supports our reading promotions and storyteller visits.

Read It Forward

(School-wide reading contest)
Ask your child if they have been **SCHOOLED** yet?



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.

AVISO A LOS PADRES

Como padre o madre de un estudiante en una escuela recibiendo fondos del Título I, la ley federal le permite pedir información acerca de la certificación, especialidad, y grados avanzados del maestro de su niño. Usted también tiene el derecho de pedir información sobre las calificaciones de un ayudante de maestro o paraprofesional que proporciona servicios directos a su niño. Si desea recibir esta información, usted puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Recursos Humanos de Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D. llamando al 281-897-4099.

