

# THE PAW PRINT

Mrs. Stacie Everson, Principal

January 4, 2021 [www.cfisd.net](http://www.cfisd.net)



Happy New Year to all our students, families and staff!

We are looking forward to seeing all of our students, either on campus or through CFISD Connect, and our staff on the first instructional day of 2021, Monday, Jan. 4. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in continuing to adhere to our health and safety protocols to maximize the safest learning environment for our students and staff on campus, especially wearing face masks, social distancing, and frequent hand sanitizing and washing. We would like to share a couple of reminders with you regarding the 2020-2021 school year.

**Daily Health Self-Screening** - Parents must screen students daily, and employees must self-screen (prior to entering a school bus or school) for the following signs and symptoms of COVID-19:

1. Are you experiencing any of the following **in a way that is not normal to you**?

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0° F
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

2. Have you had known close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days?

*Students and staff must stay home if they answer "yes" to any of the above. If you tested positive for COVID-19 during the winter break:*

- Fill out the Investigation Form
- [Student form \[Español\]](#)
- [Staff form \[Español\]](#)
- Email the completed form to [healthservices@cfisd.net](mailto:healthservices@cfisd.net)

CFISD Health Services Call Center (281-517-6339) hours this weekend are 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Resuming on Jan. 4, all positive cases should be reported to the campus nurse.

## **CFISD Rapid Testing Program**

The CFISD testing site will reopen on Monday, Jan 4 and is free for all CFISD students and staff. If you have any testing site questions, please contact the CFISD Office of Emergency Management at 281-897-6448 or [EmergencyManagement@cfisd.net](mailto:EmergencyManagement@cfisd.net).

- Monday – Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Old Windfern High School, 12630 Windfern Rd., Houston, TX 77064

- Parking is available on the Bobcat Rd. side of the building.
- Upon arrival, please get in line outside of the double doors, standing ONLY on the designated socially-distanced spots. If all spots are full, please wait in your car until a spot becomes available.

Staff:

- No appointment is needed
- CFISD Employee ID required
- Must arrive at testing site no later than 30 minutes prior to closing

Students:

- Each student being tested MUST HAVE their own appointment time. Multiple students in one family must have multiple appointment slots.
- If you are unable to keep your appointment(s), please cancel to allow an opportunity for others to sign up.
- Visit <http://www.cfisd.net/covid19> for appointment scheduling, required information and consent forms.

Sincerely,  
CFISD Communication

### THANK YOU!

Birkes appreciates our volunteers! We would like to extend a warm "Thank You" to our PTO. A special thanks to all of you who donated items for our holiday party goodie bags in December. Also, a huge thank you to our moms who put all the bags together for our Face2Face and Connect students. We are thankful for everyone who made our holiday parties a success. We appreciate you!!

In addition, we would like to thank the PTO for the Sonic drinks in December. Our staff works so hard and the love shown by our generous volunteers is always appreciated.

Thank you to the Stonegate Homeowners Association for the \$2500 donation. This donation will help subsidize one of our math technology interventions. We truly appreciate this generous donation to support the needs of our students.

### BIRKES' WEBSITE

Please remember to visit our school website by going to:

[www.cfisd.net](http://www.cfisd.net)

- School & Facilities
- Elementary School
- Scroll down to Birkes
- Website

Our newsletters and monthly calendar will be posted on our website under "School News."

### CHARACTER TRAIT

Our Character Trait for January is "RESPONSIBILITY." Showing you can be trusted with what's expected of you.

### LABEL PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Please label your child's mask, water bottles, jackets, sweaters, lunch kits, and backpacks with first and last name.

### STAYING HEALTHY

We want to remind students and staff to continue to take these important precautions:

- ◆ Wash your hands frequently
- ◆ Wear facemasks
- ◆ Social distance
- ◆ Stay home if ill

Parents, please notify the school nurse if your student has been exposed to someone with covid and/or if anyone is ill in your household. See more information on our website: <https://www.cfisd.net/en/lead-safely-2020-21>

### COUNSELOR'S CORNER

#### **Giving rewards and praise**

Children want to do well & make you happy. When we "catch them being good" and tell them, it increases good behavior. Practice looking for good things and rewarding them in one of the following ways:

- Verbal rewards - tell your child exactly what they did that you liked & praise them.
- Physical rewards - give them a pat on the back, hugs, high fives.
- Activity rewards - do something with your children they like to do, like play a game.
- Material rewards - special treat or toy helps when you start teaching a new behavior.

**We are proud  
of our  
Bulldogs!**



### 2020 Kids Heart Challenge Participants

Camue Sapolucia	Reet Shoker	Suhaas Kotra	Noble Moses
Lillian Cobos	Kingston Colbert	Adelaide Bell	Evan Lane
Everett Gilgour	Phoenix Knight	Jilleah Sarnello	Kyle Courcier
Carson Shushtarizadeh	Khloe Shushtarizadeh	Evolet Aguirre	Gianni Higueros
Alex Cantu	Lharissa Warshaw	Drake Carter	Christian Carter
Avery Elizondo	Mia Garza	John Walden	Catherine Walden
Emery Graham	Harlie O'Sullivan	Grayson O'Sullivan	Isaiah Yanes
Giovanni Davila	Camila Davila	Holden Walker	Colin Walker
Liliana Alwan	Reid Toval	Ellie Sharrett	Noah Cooper
Alison Klusacek	Zoey Figgs	Dominic Martinez	Keith Jameson
Caleb Fliehler	Kendall Fliehler	Clarisa Rosario	Annalee Smith
Dean Pena	Olivia Mayfield	Hunter Jones	NoFer Abdelmalak
Ruby Jeffeies	Tanner Jones	Esther Clover	Laura Hernandez
Enoch Bostick	Jennifer Vasquez	Parker Robinson	Peyton Robinson
Ezra Bostick	Taylor Neuneker	Eliza Gilgour	Dylan Nguyen
Kayden Ivey	Molly McGinty	Caden Vidal	Jonathan Otegbeye
Sophie Sellier	Lily Sellier	Tripp Sellier	Riley Kennedy
Ava Nguyen	Joseph Lewis	Kaitlyn Zavala	Briella Angsomwine
Petra Lomeli	Jordan Ratliff	Zoe Flores	Jessilyn Ardianto
Kayden Ray	Arwa Murtaza	Wyatt-Gray McCormick	Garrett Boutwell
Sophia Carter	Noah Tran	Noah Caraveo	Emily Caraveo
Adam Terraz	Christian Montoya	Batool Murtaza	Brooklynn Richardson
Bryan Tan	Landon Lacy	Jacob Pierce Maldonado	Khanak Parekh
Eduardo Paredes	Colby Carr	Anna Victoria Amador	
		<b>Total Raised:</b>	<b>\$ 4165.06</b>

**Top Fundraiser:**  
**Avery Elizondo, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, \$574.45**

**Thank you to all our families and friends for their generous donations to the Kids Heart Challenge/American Heart Association. We are thrilled to have exceeded our goal of \$ 3,000.00. What an accomplishment!!**

#### HOW TO ACCESS OUR NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR

Parents, you can access our newsletters, PTO newsletters, calendars and flyers by going to:

- [www.cflisd.net](http://www.cflisd.net)
- Click Schools & Facilities
- Click Elementary Schools
- Click Birkes website
- School News at top right
- Click Newsletters or calendar



# Birkes Elementary



## January 2021



Did you know that CFISD encompasses 187 square miles of Northwest Harris County?

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Birkes Elem. 8500 Queenston Blvd. Houston, TX 77095 Ph. #281-345-3300 Fax #281-345-3305</p>	<p>School Hours: 8:40 – 4:10 We open our doors at 8:20. If you drop your child off before 8:20, there is no supervision.</p>	<p><u>Lunch Schedule</u> PK – 11:00-11:30 K - 11:00-11:30 1<sup>st</sup> – 12:00-12:30 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11:30-12:00 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1:30-2:00 4<sup>th</sup> – 1:00-1:30 5<sup>th</sup> - 12:30-1:00</p>			<p>1 Student Holiday</p>	<p>2</p>
3	<p>4 School Resumes</p>	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	<p>12 Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night</p>	13	14	<p>15 Remote learning day from home for all students.</p>	16
17	<p>18 ML King's Day Student/Staff Holiday</p>	<p>19 4:00 p.m. – close Willie's Icehouse Spirit Night – Copperfield</p>	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	<p>29 End of 1<sup>st</sup> semester  Group Picture Day</p>	30
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# **BIRKES BARKER**

Team Birkes  
Stronger Together!



PTO WEBSITE: [www.birkespto.com](http://www.birkespto.com)

PTO FACEBOOK: Birkes Elementary PTO/VIPs

## **YEARBOOK**

This school year may look different, but plenty of fun memories are still being made and captured for our yearbook. Click here: <http://jostensyearbooks.com?ref=A01122869> to order your 2020-2021 yearbook for only \$27!

We need your pictures! Please submit them for consideration for the yearbook by following these steps:

- 1) Click on this link: <https://images.jostens.com/415468563>
- 2) Upload your photo
- 3) Fill in your child's name and enter important information in the description (grade and which activity/event)

## **PTO BOARD/CHAIR OPEN POSITIONS**

We have several positions available. Some will not be needed until we can go back to in person volunteering, but it's a great year to get your feet wet with a PTO Board or Chair position. Email [alison.birkespto@gmail.com](mailto:alison.birkespto@gmail.com)

### **Board**

Major Fundraising

(2) VIPs (Volunteer Coordinator)

### **Chairpersons**

Major Fundraising

Yearbook

(2) SRC

Art/Music

## **MINOR FUNDRAISING**

### **January Spirit Nights**

Texas Roadhouse - (1960 and 290) **TUESDAY, Jan. 12th** - kids eat free! 15% back to Birkes.

Willie's - (Copperfield – Hwy 6 location) Tuesday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> **4pm- close**, 15% goes back to Birkes, MUST verify Birkes is on receipt. In person and phone pick up orders. Do not order online for this offer.

### **Amazon Smile and Kroger**

If you shop Amazon, you can go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and look for our Birkes Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization in drop down list to support our school. Your Kroger shopping card can also be linked to Birkes PTO to give back a portion of your grocery bill.

### **Box Tops**

Box tops has changed their way to redeem. We will continue to accept the ones you continue to find on food boxes and will begin to implement the new way to redeem. Please follow the link for an instructional video, download the app, and scan your receipt from the store -

<https://youtu.be/Hh94b2BvFK4>

### **MEMBERSHIP**

By joining and participating in PTO, you help us make Birkes awesome! A huge 'THANK YOU' to the Bulldog parents who have already joined! We have so many families and staff members that are connected to improve our school. Remember, it's not too late to join PTO. You can log on to our website: <http://www.birkespto.com> and select "log in/register". Your membership dues are one of the few ways this year that we are able to collect funds to continue supporting our Bulldogs.