

# The Cheetah Spot

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## Welcome to Cimarron!

We have been anxiously awaiting the arrival of your children, and we are so excited they are back with us! We had a fabulous first week with the children and are looking forward to a GREAT year!

*Big Thank You:* We would like to take the opportunity to thank our PTA for the Tears and Cheers celebration they hosted in the library and to also thank them for assisting with our first day procedures. The PTA assists the campus in purchasing over \$16,000 in materials directly for the children on our campus. Students enjoy free bus transportation to field trips, magazine and website subscriptions, books for the library and literacy library, materials for our specials teachers, and much more!

Please take this opportunity to join our PTA. Your dues will support your child's activities and will fund many exciting things this school year!

*Email Format:* We will be using an eNews format for sending information in the future. Please let your friends and neighbors know that they, too, can receive emails by signing up through [www.katyisd.org](http://www.katyisd.org). You will need to go into the Parent Information Center (PIC) and sign up in order to receive emails, check grades online, and pay for lunches (should you choose) using the internet. This is a great new tool for us to utilize in order to keep you informed!

Your Administrators,  
Mindy Dickerson & Nicole Morgan

## September Important Dates

Visit Cimarron website's online calendar for updates.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. **Mobile Flu Clinic**  
4:30-6PM Shots available in Conference Room
- 7<sup>th</sup> Mon. **Labor Day/School Holiday**
- 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30AM 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> **Choir & Ensemble begins**
- 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> **Grandparents' Days**
  - Mon. Kindergarten & 5<sup>th</sup> grade lunches
  - Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade lunches
  - Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade lunches
- 15<sup>th</sup> Tues. **Cimarron Spaghetti Dinner**  
6:30PM PTA General Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> Wed. **School Pictures**  
2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Progress Reports go home  
4-6PM Schwans delivery
- 18<sup>th</sup> Fri. **Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kick-off**

September's character focus

## Wisdom:

*finding out what you should do  
and doing it!*

School clothes, shiny shoes, new backpacks and sharp crayons—Back to School is so exciting! Cimarron's PTA is excited to be back to work as well. I would like to welcome back our returning Cimarron families along with families new to our community. My name is Cheryl Wienserski, and I am proud to serve as PTA President this year. I am a busy mother of two children; my daughter is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and my son is a senior in high school. I teach ESOL at Cimarron and can usually be found on morning duty by the front office.

The PTA works closely with the faculty and administration at Cimarron, supporting curriculum and promoting community events. It is an integral part of the school community. Our volunteers dedicate their time teaching Jr. Achievement, working in the library, setting up room parties, decorating and cleaning up after a dance or carnival, or cooking for teacher appreciation. Whether you volunteer one hour a week or one hour at the Spring carnival, your time is valued and appreciated. Please consider joining the PTA and volunteering when you have the chance.

Cheryl Wienserski  
PTA President

**Join the PTA** Cimarron Elementary PTA wants YOU as a member! Together we help support our school, and children throughout Texas. Some of the things Cimarron PTA. has done at CE include coordinating the Fall & Spring class parties, supplying field trip transportation for students, purchasing Scholastic magazine for classroom reading material, purchasing Study Island for student use, purchasing new bike racks, supplying a Student Directory and many more things to enhance the learning experience at Cimarron Elementary. If you haven't already become a P.T.A. member at Cimarron, please consider joining to help support our school. Contact Chris Zierk at [chris.zierk@gmail.com](mailto:chris.zierk@gmail.com) for more information!

**Spirit Wear** Welcome back Cheetah families! If you haven't purchased your new Cheetah shirt, don't hesitate! An order form went home in the take home packet from the first day of school. You can order the new Cheetah T-shirts, zip-up hoodies, pullover hoodies, and more! Just complete the form and return it with your payment to your child's teacher! Contact Stephani Peralta at 281-217-3635 or [lanie1012@aol.com](mailto:lanie1012@aol.com) for more information.

**Library Latest** Welcome back to school! We look forward to seeing all of your students in the library this week. Students will be learning, or remembering, how to take good care of their library books and choose "just right" books. Molly, our library mascot, is especially excited to see all the students returning to Cimarron. She's been picking out her favorite dog stories to share with the children. If you don't know Molly, ask your child! We have lots of fantastic events and activities in store for this school year. Our first book club will be on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> featuring one of Mrs. Nored's favorites from this year's Bluebonnet List, *The Gollywhopper Games*. This book takes readers on a funny and exciting ride, filled with games and riddles and interesting characters. \$6 Paperback copies should come in next week for purchase from the library. Until then, explore the cool website: [www.gollywhoppergames.com](http://www.gollywhoppergames.com). This book is most appropriate for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Melissa Nored, CE Librarian

**Schwan's** Schwan's orders due by Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Pick up will be on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 4-6PM. For easiest processing, order online [www.schwansfundraising.com](http://www.schwansfundraising.com) or by phone. Use Event ID # 10637 and the school's address 1100 S. Peek Rd. Katy, TX 77450. Everything purchased on that date benefits Cimarron's Literacy Library. Direct questions to Linda Leung.

**Nurse's Nook** Please remember the 24-hour rule when your child has fever, vomiting, or diarrhea. Do not send them to school until they are symptom-free for at least 24 hours. For more details and explanations: [www.katyisd.org/em/Pages/24hr.aspx](http://www.katyisd.org/em/Pages/24hr.aspx). Our mobile flu clinic is September 3<sup>rd</sup>, and open to students & families from 4:30 until 6PM. Your nurse highly encourages the flu vaccine for everyone who is able to get one. This year the CDC is recommending the Seasonal Influenza Vaccine as soon as possible and the swine flu vaccine for high-risk groups when it is ready. The swine flu vaccine is being handled by the government directly. We will have 2 choices on the Seasonal Influenza Vaccine: (1) Flu shot \$20. (2) Flu Mist or inhaled Nasal Spray: \$30. Vaccine side effects are rare, brief, and mild, and no vaccine is recommended for people allergic to egg products or people with fever. Other available vaccines for adults: Tdap (every 5 to 10 years): \$30 & Pneumonia Vaccine (for people 50 years and older): \$45. Medicare is accepted for the flu shot and Pneumonia Vaccine. Lisa Pack, RN, BSN

**Teacher Appreciation** The Teacher Appreciation Committee's year was kicked off with a bang!! The Cimarron faculty and staff were treated to a beautiful breakfast buffet Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. A great big thank you goes out to those of you who brought in food bright and early and who stayed to help, to The Kolache Factory for donating a variety of kolaches, and to HEB for giving a gift card for last minute necessities. The success of the morning was ensured by the help and dedication of volunteers. Thank you! Anyone wanting to help with Teacher Appreciation, can contact Rebecca Cortez at [rvcortez75@yahoo.com](mailto:rvcortez75@yahoo.com).

**Volunteers** Here's a reason to cheer: No more signing in or filling out little pieces of paper for your hours on campus. Whenever you come to Cimarron to volunteer, our receptionist, Mrs. DelaCerde, will ask if you are there to volunteer and will key that information into the Raptor system. It will count your hours. Just make sure to tell her when you are leaving so we can have accurate accounts of time.

**Music Note** Cheetah Choir and Orff Ensemble will begin the week of Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> for fourth and fifth graders. All activities will be held before school, from 7:30AM to 8:10AM. Make sure you read, sign and return the permission slips that were passed out this week in order for your child to begin attending. Thanks! Dara Palmer, CE Music

## Cimarron Character Counts

Our goal at CE this year is to inspire and teach character values so each student will treat others right, make smart decisions, and maximize their potential. One of our character education programs this year is called Core Essentials, and this program includes classroom posters, teacher guides on character, student bookmarks, student Chick-fil-A reward cards, monthly tablecards for parents, and much more for grades K-5!

Each Monday will be Character Education Day. On that day during the student's Paw Time, the character trait of the month will be presented and discussed by the teacher and students. September's character trait is WISDOM. Wisdom is finding out what you should do and doing it!

Bookmarks are provided for each student and will be colorful reminders of the values and definitions. Also, bilingual table cards will be sent home with each student at the beginning of each month. They are designed to be posted in a convenient location at home (refrigerator, message boards, kitchen table). The parents of each child may then use this tool to emphasize the value through family discussion and activities.

A Chick-fil-A "Value-Able" Card will be given by teachers to students displaying the character trait of the month. These reward cards are only earned by "Campers caught being good." Students can earn a maximum of 3 Value-Able Cards per year, redeemable at your local Chick-fil-A restaurant.

Values need to be digested, discussed, and transferred from the head to the heart. It is our desire at Cimarron to work together with our parents and guardians to help students treat each other fairly, make the right decisions, and become good citizens with character at Cimarron!

Susan Turner  
CE Counselor

