

The Cheetah Spot

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Cimarron Parents,

Last Friday, our fifth graders, utilizing their new Mobile Learning Devices, made the Fox 26 evening News. Our students and teachers were hard at work during school Friday, October 2nd, learning how to use their devices, and Fox 26 News joined us during the school day to record our journey. We are thrilled our students are the second group in Texas and the only school in Katy ISD to be utilizing the Smart Phones for educational purposes.

We are proud of our students and teachers for the great job they did Friday during the initial lessons with the devices.

I appreciate the support given to us by Katy ISD Technology department, the Teaching and Learning sector, and the administration. We had additional staff and support on campus to assist students and teachers with the implementation of the devices and the associated software.

I am so proud of Cimarron for the great things our teachers and students are accomplishing! Hooray for Cimarron!

Your Principal,
Mindy Dickerson

Big thanks

for your support of your
PTA's Cookie Dough
Fundraiser

Cookie Dough orders are due now.
Please return your orders as soon as possible.
And thanks again for helping one of the
PTA's main fundraisers & your Cimarron
Cheetahs!

October Important Dates

Visit Cimarron website's online calendar for updates.

- 5th Mon. **Wear Black & White**
Cookie Dough Sale Ends/\$ due
- 6th-8th 2nd grade OLSAT/SAT 10 testing
- 9th Fri. **Kindergarten Field Trip**
Report Cards go home
- 12th Mon. **Student Holiday/Columbus Day**
Professional Learning Exchange Day
- 14th-16th 5th grade OLSAT/SAT 10 testing
- 14th 4-6PM Schwans delivery
- 15th Thurs. PTA Skate Night Mason Rd Skate Center
- 19th-21st 2nd grade OLSAT/SAT 10 testing
- 20th Tues. **Cimarron Open House**
5:30-6:30 Pizza dinner benefitting 5th grade
6-7PM Classes Open
- 22nd 8:30-10 Kindergarten & AM PreK Field Day
10:30-12 1st grade Field Day
1:30-3 2nd grade & PM PreK Field Day
- 23rd 8:30-10 5th grade Field Day
10:30-12 3rd grade Field Day
1:30-3 4th grade Field Day
- 26th-30th **CE's Red Ribbon Week**
- 27th Tues. Texas Roadhouse Night
- 30th Fri. Kindergarten character parade
Author Robin LaFever speaks to 3rd-5th

October's character focus
Individuality:
*discovering who you are meant to be
so you can make a difference.*

It's not too late to join the PTA
If you haven't already joined Cimarron PTA, it's not too late. Being a member shows your support for Cimarron Elementary, as well as State and National PTA. Individual Membership is only \$7, and a Family Membership is \$11. Please join PTA and show your support for Cimarron!
Questions? Contact Chris Zierk at chris.zierk@gmail.com.

Easy Button Fundraising When shopping at Office Depot, reference Cimarron Elementary #70098590, and the school will get a percentage of the sale. The number works online and in-store and in addition to the work life rewards program.

Schwan's Schwans pick-up day is Wednesday, October 14th 4-6PM in the back parking lot. Reserve your order online at www.schwansfundraising.com or by phone. Use Event ID # 10637 and the school's address 1100 S. Peek Rd. Katy, TX 77450. The deadline for phone and email orders is Monday, October 12th. Everything purchased from Schwan's and picked up at Cimarron benefits Cimarron's Literacy Library. Direct questions to Linda Leung, lindaflung@katyisd.org.

Music Note Cheetah Choir and Orff Ensemble practices are well under way. All the groups are already working hard on their Christmas music, and sounding fantastic! Just a reminder that all students in Choir and Orff Ensemble need a t-shirt for performances. The deadline to order your t-shirt is October 9th. Parents may order shirts as well!

Library Latest On October 30th, Cimarron will welcome author Robin LaFevers. Ms. LaFevers wrote the Forging the Blade fantasy series as well as another series about a girl named Theodosia whose parents run the Museum of Legends and Antiquities in London. Both series are filled with fun, magic, and adventure. We'll be introducing the books to students during library time and encouraging them to read one before the author comes. Look for a flyer to come home October 13th. Students will be able to purchase paperback copies of her books for \$5.95 and have them autographed. Parents and students can also visit Ms. LaFevers' exciting website: <http://www.rllafevers.com>. Ms. LaFevers will only be speaking to grades 3, 4, and 5 since her books are more appropriate for these students.

Kindergarten Gifted and Talented Screening Information regarding this year's screening of kindergarten students for the gifted and talented program was sent home with kindergarten students beginning the week of September 21st. Kindergarten parents who would like to refer their children for screening must return the Kindergarten Parent Checklist to their campus by October 16th. Three GT information sessions will be held for parents of kindergarten students. All three sessions will take place on October 8th: 10AM or 1PM at the Katy ISD Education Support Complex or at 7PM at Polly McRoberts Elementary School. Kindergarten parents who would like more information about the gifted and talented program and the screening process may attend any one of the three sessions. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Angela Schneider 281-237-6996 or angelaschneider@katyisd.org.

Cookie Dough Cookie dough order deadline was yesterday. Our cookie dough delivery date is Friday, November 13th. Please mark your calendars, as this will be the only day for pick up. Look for more details on the delivery as the day approaches. Thank you for supporting our Cimarron Cheetahs! If you have any questions about the cookie dough fundraiser, please contact Stephani Peralta at 281-217-3635 or lanie1012@aol.com.

5th grade Volunteer Opportunity
At Cimarron's Open House Tuesday, October 20th, 5th grade parents and students will be selling pizza and drinks in the cafeteria from 5:30-6:30PM. Please contact Kerri White if you would like volunteer some time at wkerri71@yahoo.com.

Field Day Volunteers Any parents interested in helping on October 22nd or 23rd for Field Day can call Carol Stevens at 281-237-6963. Volunteers are needed and wanted.

Nurse's Nook from Lisa Pack, RN, BSN
1) Please remember the 24-hour rule before you send your child to school after illness. It is important to know ***a doctor's note does not supercede the 24-hour rule.***
Look for more information in the KISD website about the 24-hour rule or in the next newsletter.

2) When your child needs medications, there are a few important things parents need to know if they are considering sending those medications to school.
Three times a day Please do not send medications to school that are specifically ordered as "three times a day" or less. The Katy ISD policy is that the 3 doses of these medications need to be (1) "given with breakfast" before school, (2) "given with a snack after school," (3) "given at bedtime (with a snack as needed)." Three times a day medications are not required to be given every 8 hours.

Forms required Any medications that parents need to have administered at school, even if they are over-the-counter medications, must be in original packaging and accompanied by a KISD form. One form, for medicines administered for 15 days or less, can be signed by the parent. These forms are available under the parent section of the Katy ISD website. <http://www.katyisd.org/healthservices/Medication%20Administration%202022/Forms/AllItems.aspx>
If parents do not have access to a computer and printer, these forms are available in the clinic, and the parent can fill out the 15-day-or-less form when dropping off the medication in the morning. If the parent would like a medication to remain in the clinic for the school year for "as needed" administration, the *child's physician* must complete and sign the greater-than-15-day form that will remain on file in the clinic.

Cough drops If the parent is sending the child to school with cough drops, they must send in a parent's signed note that includes the date and permission for the child to have the cough drops at school. Please note that cough drops should be limited to 2 per day while at school, and will not be allowed before PE, recess, lunch, or dismissal due to choking risk.