

MUSTANG MINUTE

Greens Prairie Elementary Parent Monthly News & Updates

October 2026

Principal's Perspective

Welcome October! Rain, cooler weather, and the promise of fall bring a little extra energy and excitement to our campus! Speaking of excitement, October is packed with special activities and opportunities for our students and families to learn, connect, and have fun together.

Bookfair and STEM night are right around the corner! It is a family favorite! Don't miss it! We will end the month with our first Sing-A-Long and book character and vocabulary parade. We hope you'll join us as favorite book characters come to life and our students show off their creativity with some pretty impressive vocabulary words!

October is always a fun month at Greens Prairie, and I love seeing our school family come together for these special traditions. Thank you for being part of the excitement, supporting our students, and helping make GP such a special place to learn and grow.

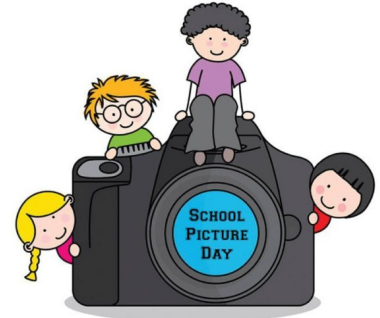


Greens Prairie News & Information

GP Parent Information Hub - Link

Picture Day

Thursday, October 15th, is our individual student picture day! Each student's picture will be in the yearbook as well. Picture order forms will go home in Monday folders. You can also order online at the following link: <https://vando.imagequix.com/P9M6G96?keyword=PTPUC> Scroll down on the October 2026 tab to locate Greens Prairie Elementary to order pictures.



Nursing Clinic Needs

Our nursing clinic could use any gently used shorts for boys. If you have any shorts that your child has outgrown, please consider donating them to GP. We would greatly appreciate it!



Mustang Time Bell to Bell



October & November School Events

October			November		
1	Thursday	PTO Meeting @ 12:00 in Science Lab	1	Sunday	
2	Friday		2	Monday	GP PTO Spirit Night @ McAlister's Deli
3/4	Saturday/Sunday		3	Tuesday	
5	Monday		4	Wednesday	
6	Tuesday		5	Thursday	PTO Meeting @ 12:00 in Science Lab
7	Wednesday		6	Friday	
8	Thursday	End of 1st Nine Weeks of School	7/8	Saturday/Sunday	
9	Friday	Student Holiday/Parent Conference Day	9	Monday	
10/11	Saturday/Sunday		10	Tuesday	
12	Monday	Student & Staff Fall Holiday	11	Wednesday	Student Council Meeting in Room 303; 8:15 & 9:30 Veterans Day Program
13	Tuesday	Student & Staff Fall Holiday	12	Thursday	
14	Wednesday	1st Nine Weeks Awards Assemblies	13	Friday	
15	Thursday	Individual Picture Day	14/15	Saturday/Sunday	
16	Friday		16	Monday	3rd & 4th Grade Spelling Bee @ 1:30
17/18	Saturday/Sunday		17	Tuesday	
19	Monday	PTO Spirit Night @ Mod Pizza	18	Wednesday	2nd Grade Spelling Bee @ 8:50
20	Tuesday		19	Thursday	4th Grade Field Trip - Washington on the Brazos; Individual Picture Retakes
21	Wednesday		20	Friday	PTO Staff Goodies of Gratitude; Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program @ 9:45; 1st Grade Balloons Over Broadway @ 10:30
22	Thursday		21/22	Saturday/Sunday	Thanksgiving Holidays
23	Friday		23	Monday	Thanksgiving Holidays
24/25	Saturday/Sunday		24	Tuesday	Thanksgiving Holidays
26	Monday	Book Fair Week	25	Wednesday	Thanksgiving Holidays
27	Tuesday	Book Fair Week; Book Fair & STEM Night 6:00-8:00	26	Thursday	Thanksgiving Holidays
28	Wednesday	Book Fair Week, Wear College, Career or Military Shirt Day	27	Friday	Thanksgiving Holidays
29	Thursday	Book Fair Week	28/29	Saturday/Sunday	Thanksgiving Holidays
30	Friday	Book Fair Week, Book Character & Vocabulary Parade, Sing-A-Long	30	Monday	
31	Saturday				

GP PTO Corner

Mustang PTO: Making a Difference

PTO Fundraiser

The Prairie Pride Fundraiser is open throughout the month of October! Greens Prairie PTO is working toward a \$20,000 goal to support teacher grants, staff appreciation, student celebrations, scholarships, field trips, and other programs that make GPE special.

Every donation—large or small—moves our Mustangs closer to unlocking school-wide rewards, including popsicles, extra recess, a Halloween dance party, and ultimately **Party on the Prairie!**

Visit <https://www.greensprairiepto.org/prairie-pride-fundraiser> during October to learn more, follow our progress, and donate.



Our Prairie. Our Pride. Our Mustangs.

GP Spirit Shop - Our Online Spirit Shop IS HERE!

GP Spirit Shop– Our Online Spirit Shop IS HERE! We've got exciting new designs, and we're thrilled to be partnering with CC Creations to bring them to life. Get your Mustang Spirit wear today!!

MUSTANG
— SPIRIT SHOP —



SHOP IS OPEN!

Greens Prairie Elementary PTO



Spirit Shop QR Code



STEM Night & Bookfair

SAVE THE DATE!

STEM NIGHT
Tuesday October, 27th 6-8PM



PTO Staff Favorites Information

- **Amazon Wish Lists** – Looking for a simple but impactful way to support our Greens Prairie team? Check out their Amazon Wish Lists! Each list is filled with classroom essentials and fun extras that help create a positive and engaging learning environment. It's a quick and easy way to show your appreciation and make a difference in their day.
- **Teacher Favorite Things** – Teacher's "Favorite Things" <https://www.greensprairiepto.org/favorite-things-list> is a great resource for birthdays, holidays, and appreciation weeks. The list can also be found at the link above and is always on our PTO website.



Stock the Lounge – Treats for Our Teachers!

The Mustang PTO is excited to "Stock the Lounge" with treats to keep our hardworking staff fueled, focused, and feeling appreciated! Here's how you can help:

- Amazon Wish List – Contribute items that ship directly to the school, from snacks to beverages: <https://a.co/3iqTgxT>
- Local Purchases – Prefer to shop locally? Drop off your items at the front office, labeled "PTO."



Fall Spirit Nights - Enjoy a night out with your family while supporting GP!

GREENS PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY

SPIRIT NIGHTS

FALL 2026

August 27th – Freddy's

September 8th – Blue Baker

September 21st – Gringo's

October 19th – MOD Pizza

November 2nd – McAlister's Deli

December 3rd – Willie's Grill & Ice House

Please mark your calendars and join us as local businesses give back to our school!

Thank you to our 26-27 GP PTO Sponsors!

GP 26-27 Sponsor – Thank you to our generous 2026-2027 sponsors!

Thank You Sponsors!



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2026-27 GPE PTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
August 18 - Chalk the Walk 19 - BooHoo/Yahoo Breakfast 20 - PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm 27 - Spirit Night - Freddy's	September 3 - PTO Meeting @ 12pm 7 - Student Holiday 8 - Spirit Night- Blue Baker 2-12 - Kinder Color Days 21 - Spirit Night - Gringos 25 - Student Holiday	October 1 - PTO Meeting @ 12pm 15- Fall Picture Day 9-13 - Student Holiday 19 - Spirit Night - Mod Pizza 26-30 - Fall Book Fair 27 - STEM Night 6-8pm 30 - Book Character Day (parade @ 8am)
November 2 - Spirit Night - McAllister's 5- PTO Meeting @ 12pm 20 - Goodies for Gratitude 23-27 - School Holiday	December 2-5 - Mustang Market 3 - PTO Meeting @ 12pm 3 - Spirit Night - Willie's Ice House 5 - Frosty's SnowBash 9-11 18 - Early Release 21-Jan 4 - School Holiday	January 5 - First Day 2 nd Semester 7 - PTO Meeting @ 12pm 18 - School Holiday 28- Spring Picture Day
February 1-5 - Spring Book Fair 2 - Fine Arts Night 4 - PTO Meeting @ 12pm 15 - School Holiday	March 4- PTO Meeting @ 12pm 15-19 - Spring Break 26 - School Holiday 29 - Student Holiday	April 1 - PTO Meeting @ 12pm 10 - Mustang Rodeo
May 3-7 - Staff Appreciation Week 4 - Field Day 6- PTO Meeting @ 12pm	June summer time	July

CSISD Helpful Information

2026-2027 Academic Calendar



College Station ISD 2026-27 Academic Calendar



August 2026 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	August 6 th Staff Work Days 7 th - 14 th Professional Learning Days (Campus & District) 17 th - 18 th Staff Work Day 19 th First Day of School September 7 th Holiday / No School 25 th Staff Work Day - Student Holiday October 9 th Parent Conference Day (elementary) / PD Day (secondary) 12 th - 13 th Fall Break / No School November 23 rd - 27 th Thanksgiving Break / No School December 18 th Early Release / Last Day of Fall Semester 21 st - 31 st Christmas Break / No School January 1 st Christmas Break / No School 4 th Professional Learning Day 18 th Holiday / No School February 12 th Staff Work Day / Student Holiday 15 th Professional Learning Day March 15 th - 19 th Spring Break / No School 26 th Holiday / No School 29 th Staff Work Day / Student Holiday April 6 th - 29 th STAAR Testing Window Days May 26 th Early Release Day / Last Day of Classes 27 th Staff Work Day / Bad Weather Make-up Day 28 th Staff Work Day / Bad Weather Make-up Day / Graduation Day	January 2027 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 February 2027 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 March 2027 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 April 2027 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 May 2027 Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
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1st Six Weeks Days = 25

2nd Six Weeks Days = 28

3rd Six Weeks Days = 25

1st Nine Weeks Days = 35

2nd Nine Weeks Days = 43

4th Six Weeks Days = 31

5th Six Weeks Days = 28

6th Six Weeks Days = 32

3rd Nine Weeks Days = 46

4th Nine Weeks Days = 45

Holiday / School Closed

Not an Instructional Calendar Day

Early Release Day

First & Last Day of School

District PD / Student Holiday

Teacher Workday / Student Holiday

Campus PD / Student Holiday

School Closure Make-Up Days

[] Begin / End Six Weeks

{ } Begin / End Nine Weeks

STAAR Testing Window

Graduation Day

CSISD Engagement Hub - Volunteer Sign-Up



COLLEGE STATION ISD

ENGAGEMENT HUB

Volunteer. Partner. Engage.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE. GET INVOLVED!

Volunteers are the heart of our schools and community.
Your time, talent, and support help students succeed
and create lasting impact.



GIVE YOUR TIME

Even a few hours can
make a BIG difference.



BUILD CONNECTIONS

Partner with staff, families,
and community members.



EMPOWER STUDENTS

Help create opportunities
and brighter futures.

READY TO GET INVOLVED?

Visit the Engagement Hub to learn more
and sign up to volunteer today!



csisd.org/community/engage-with-our-schools/volunteer

*Together,
we can do more!*





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CSISD Helpful Links

Quick links to keep you in the loop and make school life a little easier.

- [CSISD Homepage](#)
- [Campus Websites & School Hours](#)
- [CSISD Volunteer Application](#)
- [Schoology](#)
- [Parent User Guides for Digital Learning](#)
- [Home Access Center \(HAC\)](#)
- [Transportation](#) (download the app - [StopFinder](#) for bus updates)
- [Lunch Menus & Prices](#)
- [Add Lunch Money](#) (or download the app - MySchoolBucks)
- [District Advisory Committees](#)
- [Give to the CSISD Education Foundation](#)
- Kids Klub for 2026-2027" <https://sites.google.com/a/csisd.org/the-kids-klub/>



Community News & Family Opportunities



Tuesday, October 6, 2026

6:00 PM

Wellborn Baptist Church

14575 FM 2154 Road, College Station, TX 77845



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Bring the whole family for a friendly evening
with neighbors, local partners,
fellowship, safety tips, and community fun.



The Gardens at Texas A&M University Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 24
9:00-11:30 a.m.**

Celebrate the season at The Gardens Fall Festival!

- Enjoy family-friendly activities.
- Visit our various educational demonstrations and activity tables.
- Make fall-inspired crafts.
- Learn about fall crops and vegetables.

This free event is open to the community! Attendees can park for free in unnumbered spaces in lots 97 or 100c. More information about our parking options is available at [Parking and Transportation](#).

For more information about this event, visit tx.ag/FallFestival2026.





City of College Station Family Activities

Want to find activities for your family to do in College Station? Check out the link for ideas. <https://visit.cstx.gov/things-to-do/>



College Station Nature Center Youth Programs

Explore the great outdoors with your family! Check out the link to find out more about College Station's nature programs. <https://blog.cstx.gov/2023/08/30/kids-can-learn-about-the-wonders-of-the-great-outdoors-this-fall-at-the-halter-nature-center/>



Greens Prairie Elementary

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<https://www.facebook.com/GreensPrairie/>

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<https://www.instagram.com/greenspraiiemustangs/>

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