Mustang Minute

Greens Prairie Elementary Parent Monthly News & Updates

September 2026

Principal's Perspective

We are off to a great start! It has been so much fun having our Mustangs back on campus and seeing the excitement and energy that comes with a new school year! During our August professional development, our staff had the opportunity to learn, grow, and reflect together. We were reminded of the impact that **possibilities, perseverance, and purpose** can have on the lives of others. We are carrying that inspiration into this school year as we focus on seeing the possibilities in every student, encouraging them to persevere through challenges, and creating meaningful learning experiences that help them grow. We invite you to join us on this journey! Together, as a Mustang school family, we can make this a year filled with possibilities, perseverance, and purpose for every child.

With Mustang Pride,
Donna Bairrington, Principal

Greens Prairie News & Information

GP Parent Hub

Parent Orientation Information & School Information: Please check out the following website for each grade level's parent information along with school information. These are great links to keep handy for reference throughout the year.
GP Parent Hub for School & Grade Level Information & GP Administration Parent Orientation Information

GP Parent Information Hub - Link

Safety Drills

We are required to conduct safety drills throughout the year. These drills are designed to help our staff practice effective safety procedures to ensure the safety of our school family. Drills that we conduct include monthly fire drills, secure the building (Outside: Lock Doors; Inside: Business as Usual), evacuate the building, shelter in place, and a lockdown drill. We will have our lockdown drill Monday, September 21st. As we talk with our students about the lockdown drill, we liken this drill to practicing locking our doors just like we do each night at home. But, we have lots of classrooms so we need to practice. We all know the importance of this drill. We want to reinforce that we have to practice drills to keep us safe. Please talk with your child so they are prepared for this particular drill.

Cafeteria Updates

Beginning September 1st, 3rd and 4th grade students may purchase a second helping in the cafeteria after eating their main entrée.

Also, beginning this week, ice cream will be available for purchase on Fridays for students in 1st–4th grade.

Website for Breakfast & Lunch Menus:
https://csisd.nutrislice.com/menu/greens-prairie-elementary

Kindergarten Color Days

GP Mustangs help our kindergarteners learn their colors by wearing the designated color of the day. Want to help? Wear the daily color shared below.

GP Watch D.O.G.S.

We're excited to kick off another great year of our Watch DOGS program, and we'd love for YOU to be part of it! Watch DOGS is a fun and meaningful way for dads, grandfathers, uncles, and other positive male role models to spend time on campus, connect with students, support our staff, and help make our school a safe and welcoming place. Most importantly, your presence makes a difference—and our students LOVE seeing their Watch DOGS on campus! See the flyers below for more information. **The spring 2027 sign up will be sent out Tuesday, December 1st.**

Every day you spend on campus makes an impact. We hope you'll consider joining us and creating some special memories with your child and their classmates! If you have questions about the Watch DOGS program or need help with the sign-up process, please reach out to our school counselor, Amanda Simmons (jsimmons@csisd.org).

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WATCH D.O.G.S.

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The WATCH D.O.G.S. Program is back—and we want YOU to be part of it!

Spend a full day making a difference in the lives of our students through your presence, encouragement, and positive involvement. As a WATCH D.O.G.S. volunteer, you'll have the opportunity to:

- ⭐ **Help with arrival and dismissal**
- ⭐ **Join students at recess and lunch**
- ⭐ **Assist during PE**
- ⭐ **Spend time supporting your child's classroom**
- ⭐ **Build connections and create lasting memories with students**

Sponsor:
Amanda Simmons
jsimmons@csisd.org

Sign up. Show up. Make a difference.

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WATCH DOGS

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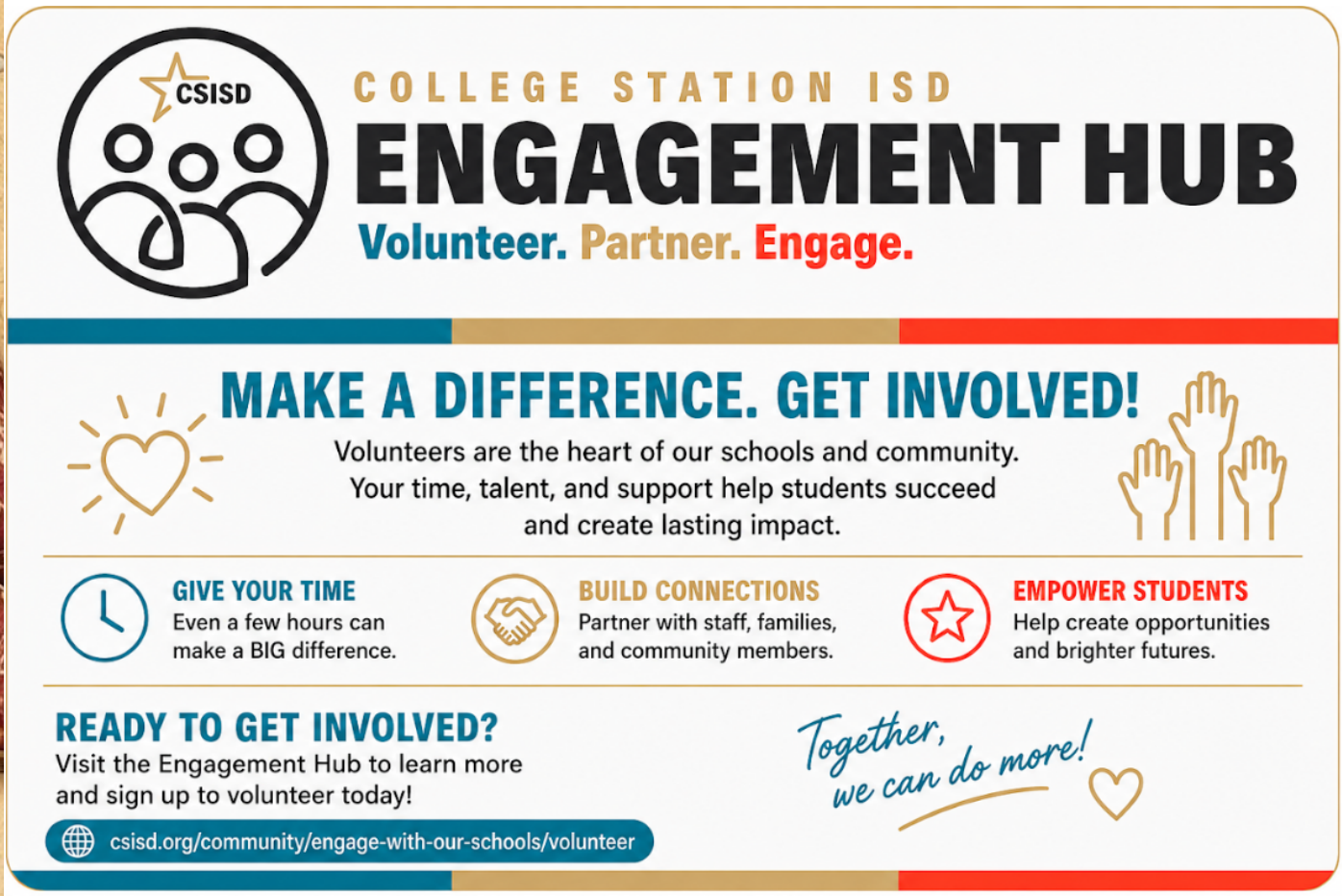
CSISD Engagement Hub - Volunteer Sign-Up



We love our volunteers, and we want to make it easier than ever for you to connect with and serve our schools. This school year, CSISD is launching a brand-new volunteer system: the CSISD Engagement Hub. With the Engagement Hub, you can:

- View and sign up for volunteer opportunities at your selected campuses.
- Choose to receive notifications when new opportunities are posted.
- Receive an automatic reminder when it is time to renew your background check each year.
- Get email updates throughout the background check process, so you always know your status. Most background checks are approved within minutes.

Learn more and register at www.csisd.org/volunteer.

Mustang Time Bell to Bell

Traffic Procedures

Our number one priority is safety especially during the busy time of morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. We need your help! It takes all of us to keep our students safe! Please take note of the following procedures:

Morning Arrival:

- Staff can park in the front or back of the school.
- Basketball Court Area: School & Daycare Buses only.
- **Front of the School:** Cars - Early Childhood and students with medical needs; Buses for special programs
- **Back of the School:** Students riding in cars exit using the passenger side of the vehicle. Remember no cell phones in a school zone. The line does move quickly plus you get to hear some great music to start your morning!
- **Walkers & Bike Riders:** Enter through the front doors of the school
- Parents that would like to walk their child into the building or would like to attend Morning Assembly, please park in the front of the building to escort your child into the building.
- Parents, please do not park in either front or back lot and let your child walk through the lot unescorted. Signs are posted to indicate not a student drop-off. Students are to be dropped off in a safe, designated location which is in the back of the school if a car rider.

After School Dismissal:

- The bell rings at 3:15.
- Car riders, bus riders, and special program buses are in the same locations as morning arrival. Please have your car tag visible for the coach to see in order to call for your child. Proceed to the next available square. Students will be assisted into their cars on the passenger side of the vehicle. Please have your child practice buckling into their seat. If you are waiting for your child to be called or your child needs assistance buckling in, please proceed past the red square.
- Walkers and bike riders will exit by the bike lanes and cafeteria doors. A walker is considered a student that walks home. A car rider is a student who rides in a vehicle to go home.
- Kids Klub students will be escorted to the cafeteria.
- Special Note: To ensure the safety of Pecan Trail and Wellborn Middle School students, both parking lots are closed for any student pick up during dismissal. Both schools have student dismissal procedures for car riders.

One last bit of information. We want to be good neighbors with nearby neighborhood communities. Please do not utilize neighborhoods close by for after school dismissal. The car lane goes quickly and efficiently. Please follow the designated procedures that are designed for all parents to follow to ensure the safety of our students.

September & October School Events

September			October		
1	Tuesday		1	Thursday	PTO Meeting @ 12:00 in Science Lab
2	Wednesday		2	Friday	
3	Thursday	PTO Meeting @ 12:00 in Science Lab	3/4	Saturday/Sunday	
4	Friday		5	Monday	
5/6	Saturday/Sunday		6	Tuesday	
7	Monday	Labor Day - Student & Staff Holiday	7	Wednesday	
8	Tuesday	PTO Spirit Night @ Blue Baker; Kinder Color Day - Red	8	Thursday	End of 1st Nine Weeks of School
9	Wednesday	Kinder Color Day - Orange; CSHS Homecoming Court Visit	9	Friday	Student Holiday/Parent Conference Day
10	Thursday	Kinder Color Day - Yellow	10/11	Saturday/Sunday	
11	Friday	Kinder Color Day - Red, White & Blue	12	Monday	Student & Staff Fall Holiday
12/13	Saturday/Sunday		13	Tuesday	Student & Staff Fall Holiday
14	Monday	Kinder Color Day - Green	14	Wednesday	1st Nine Weeks Awards Assemblies
15	Tuesday	Kinder Color Day - Blue	15	Thursday	Individual Picture Day
16	Wednesday	Kinder Color Day - Purple	16	Friday	
17	Thursday	Kinder Color Day - Favorite Color	17/18	Saturday/Sunday	
18	Friday	Kinder Color Day - College Color	19	Monday	PTO Spirit NIght @ Mod Pizza
19/20	Saturday/Sunday		20	Tuesday	
21	Monday	PTO Spirit NIght @ Gringos	21	Wednesday	
22	Tuesday	Possible Date: 2nd Grade to OPAS	22	Thursday	
23	Wednesday	Possible Date: 2nd Grade to OPAS; Wear College, Career or Military Shirt Day	23	Friday	
24	Thursday		24/25	Saturday/Sunday	
25	Friday	Student Holiday/Staff Work Day	26	Monday	Book Fair Week
26/27	Saturday/Sunday		27	Tuesday	Book Fair Week; Book Fair & STEM Night 6:00-8:00
28	Monday		28	Wednesday	Book Fair Week, Wear College, Career or Military Shirt Day
29	Tuesday	Possible Date: 4th Grade OPAS	29	Thursday	Book Fair Week
30	Wednesday	Possible Date: 4th Grade OPAS	30	Friday	Book Fair Week, Book Character & Vocabulary Parade, Sing-A-Long
			31	Saturday	

GP PTO Corner

Mustang PTO: Making a Difference

We are excited for the 2026–2027 Greens Prairie PTO! If you're passionate about supporting our school and making a difference, we would love to hear from you. Interested? Email **pto.greensprairie@gmail.com**

PTO Fall Spirit NIghts

Enjoy a night out with your family while supporting GP! Watch for upcoming dates on our website and Facebook page. Stay Plugged In: Check out our website and follow us on Facebook to stay in the loop!!

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" 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** – As a PTO, we will be stocking the teacher lounge monthly. Parents can contribute through the PTO's Amazon wish list and items will ship directly to the school. PTO Amazon Wish List You're also welcome to purchase items locally anddrop items off at the front office (please label them "PTO").

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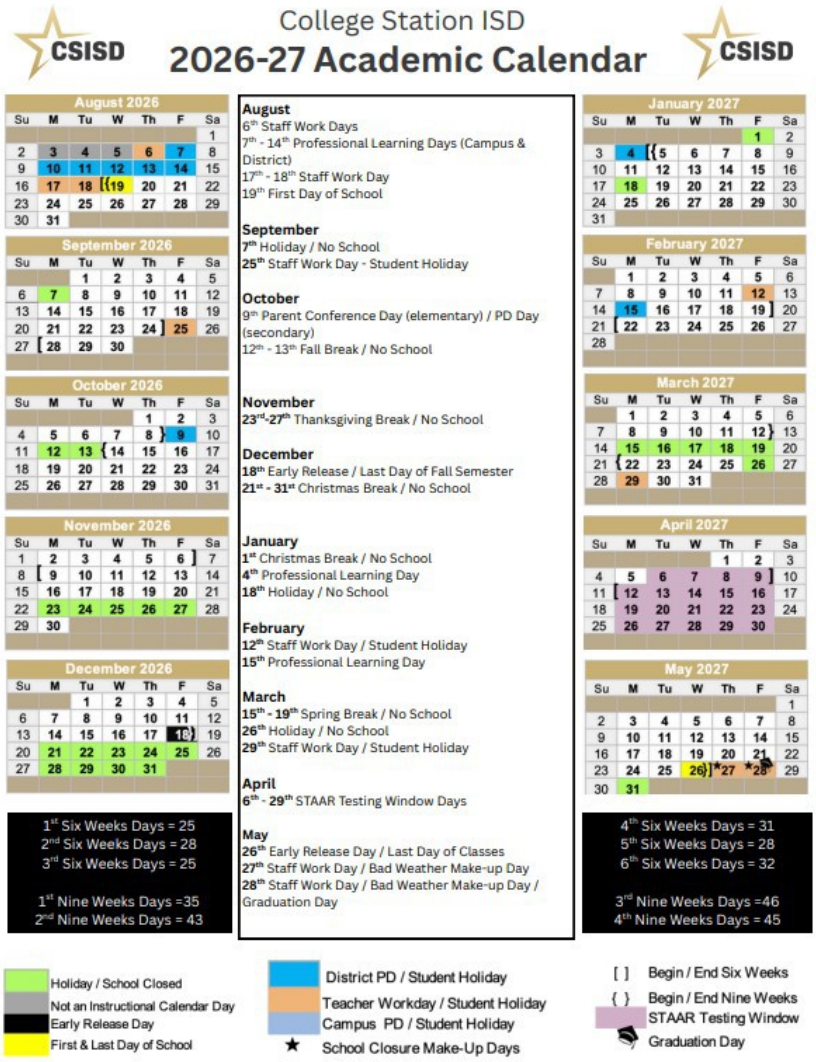
GP 2025-2026 Sponsors

Thank You Sponsors!

CSISD Helpful Information

2026-2027 Academic Calendar



CSISD Advisory Committees

Dear CSISD Families and Community,

We're looking for parents, community members and employees to serve on CSISD district advisory committees for the 2026-27 school year. These committees provide an important opportunity to share your perspective, ask questions and help guide conversations that impact our students, staff and schools. Your feedback helps us make informed decisions and better serve our community.

Committees currently accepting applications or interest forms include:

- Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee
- Budget Advisory Committee
- Emergent Bilingual Family Advisory Committee
- Community Advisory Committee
- District Education Improvement Council
- Gifted & Talented Parent Advisory Committee
- School Health Advisory Council

Each committee has a different purpose, membership structure and meeting schedule. You can find details about each committee, including its role and how to apply or express interest, on our website.

Learn more: CSISD District Advisory Committees

Thank you for considering this opportunity to be part of the conversation and help make a difference for CSISD students.

All In for All Kids,

College Station ISD

Chrissy's Closet

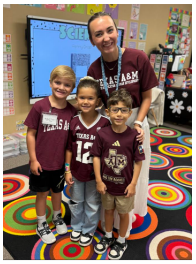
CSISD Hepful Links

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

Aggie Football - We are ready!



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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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