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Press from the Pack

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Campus website: <http://warner.cfisd.net/en/>

From the Principal

Welcome Back, Warner Wolves! We are very excited as we begin another year at Warner Elementary. We currently have 1334 students enrolled at Warner. Our goal this year is to help your child reach and exceed his/her academic potential while focusing on those qualities that are related to excellent citizenship. We will be a PBIS campus again this year.



The PBIS philosophy is to create and maintain an effective learning environment. PBIS also establishes behavioral support and a social culture needed for ALL students in a school to achieve social, emotional, and academic success. Our PBIS motto is **PRIDE: Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dependable, Effort**. We want to assure you that we have the highest of expectations for our students academically, socially, and behaviorally. In addition, we would like our parents to make sure they are staying connected by reading newsletters, monitoring "take-home" folders," and communicating with your child's teachers as needed. As always, we thank you for your partnership and look forward to an amazing year!

Curriculum Night

This is an opportunity for you to receive information about your child's grade level curriculum. You will also receive information regarding schedules, policies, procedures and expectations. Conferences will be scheduled at the beginning of October to discuss individual students.

Please remember Curriculum Night is for parents only. We ask that you please make other arrangements for your children.

KG/1 st /2 nd /LS	September 18 th	6:00 p.m.
3 rd /4 th /5 th	September 25 th	6:00 p.m.

Transportation Changes

Our school-wide goal is to get each child to their correct destination each afternoon in a safe and efficient manner. We encourage you to make any transportation changes by sending a note with your child in the morning. However, if your child's mode of transportation must change during the day, please remember that all changes must be made in writing prior to 3:15 p.m. This can be accomplished by coming up to the school prior to 3:15 p.m. or by calling the front desk to let them know you will be sending a faxed request (remember that a photocopy of your driver's license must



be included with this request). Thank you so much for helping us keep our students safe and secure.

Also, students must ride the bus to their home address. Students will not be allowed to get off at different bus stops, unless it is to a licensed daycare or family emergency. This is per the student handbook and guidelines set by our transportation department.

PTO General Meeting

The first General PTO meeting will be held in the Warner Cafeteria on Friday, September 7th at 9:00 a.m. We will have a breakfast treat and coffee. This gathering will be very informal. Come meet new Warner families and mingle with Warner friends! Siblings are always welcome. Can't be there right at 9? No worries, feel free to come when you can (we will wrap up about 10am). If you have questions, contact Brooke Priest at thepriestcrew@comcast.net



Spring Creek BBQ Spirit Night



Come support Warner at Spring Creek BBQ Wednesday Night **September 19th from 5:00-9:00**. Teachers and Warner Staff will there serving bread with their very own Spring Creek BBQ Aprons. The top 3 classes with the most students attending will get a prize package with a t-shirt, cup, a free kids meal and much more! This is sure to be a very fun event and 20% of ALL proceeds on Wednesday night go back to Warner to support our kiddos and their wonderful teachers!

ZPass Plus

Warner Elementary or CFISD Transportation will be able to promptly provide you with this real-time, accurate information of when and where your child got on or off the school bus, or you may elect to automatically receive this information via text-messaging, email, or both. The ZPass is an innovative student ridership system that provides school staff with the time, date, and location that a student enters and exits the school bus. The program software is widely used and trusted by school districts across the nation. Each school bus is equipped with a ZPass card reader. As students enter and exit the bus, they



simply swipe their ZPass Multipurpose Card in front of the card reader. The system then records the time, date, and **location** service accounts for breakfast, lunch, and for checking out books from our library.

All students at Warner Elementary will be issued a ZPass Multipurpose Card. All transportation-eligible students are required to have their ZPass Card at all times to board and while riding the school bus. Students will receive their initial ZPass Multipurpose Card free of charge. If your student loses their card, they will not be denied transportation, however they will need to obtain a replacement from the registrar's office. Please contact Loida Rodriguez 281-213-1652 for more information.

Parents can sign up for instant notifications via push or cell phone text messaging and/or email at [https:// www.ZPassPlus.com](https://www.ZPassPlus.com)

Lunch Delivery Drop/Off Process



We no longer allow food to be dropped off in the front office. Parents/Guardians will present their drivers' license and sign in at the front office to personally deliver the lunch to their child in the cafeteria during their assigned lunch time. Parents/Guardians are welcome to stay and enjoy lunch with their child.

Please note, at times our campus will be closed to visitors due to testing or special events. These closures include lunch times and will be communicated via School Messenger. Due to safety issues regarding allergies, parents/guardians may only bring food for their own child. Food may not be shared with other students for any reason at any time.

Lunch Visitors

Parents may bring food and beverages for their child, but they **may not** bring food/drinks for other children. Many parents treat their children to special lunches from outside restaurants occasionally. While we encourage you to reward your children with these special celebrations, we ask that if you are bringing your child lunch that you arrive on time. To protect instructional time, any student waiting on a parent ten minutes after lunch has begun will be sent through the cafeteria line.

Visitors and Raptor 6

All visitors to the school will be checked into the building in two ways:

1. All visitors will be required to use the Raptor 6 (this requires a valid driver's license/photo identification).
2. All visitors' identification will be matched with our school information (as provided by the parent on the emergency contact card).

If individuals are not listed in our contact information and if we have not received a written note from the guardian, they will not be permitted to enter the building. Therefore, it is important to make sure that stepparents, grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, uncles, etc. are listed on the emergency contact information and if you know an individual is coming to have lunch at school or attend an activity, it is important that:

1. The parent accompany the visitor.
2. The parent provide written notification to the child's teacher/front office prior to the visit.

Attendance

Your child's success is directly related to excellent attendance.



Our overall school attendance rate is an indicator on our state accountability rating and effects Warner's overall success. Students arriving after 8:45 a.m. are tardy. **Attendance is marked daily at 10:00 a.m.** Students who are absent should submit a written excuse (parent note or doctor's excuse) upon returning to school. Excessive tardies/absences will be referred to the district's truancy officer.

Football/Cheerleaders



Students may wear their football jersey to school on game days with a t-shirt underneath. Cheerleaders may wear their uniforms with leggings underneath (leggings to the knee or the calf).



Warner SPIRIT Program



We have SPIRIT, how 'bout you?

This is the 4th year for the Warner Spirit Program and we are bringing back Warner Spirit Tickets!!

How it will work:

- Warner Spirit Day will be EVERY FRIDAY.
- Students will show their Warner Spirit by wearing a Warner shirt.
- The shirt can be one of the fantastic new shirts for the 2018-2019 school year or it can be one from the past. The only catch, it **MUST say WARNER** for the student to receive a ticket.
- Volunteers will only be coming in **one Friday a month** to hand out tickets.
- To make sure your child receives a ticket - wear a spirit shirt **EVERY FRIDAY!** You won't know which Friday volunteers will be here to give out tickets.
- ALL tickets will be collected and held for a school wide drawing in December. We will have 2 prizes that will be really nice and well worth it. In January, we will start over and have another drawing at the end of May with just one awesome prize! Prizes will be announced for each semester soon.

So, get ready to show your Warner Spirit this year! You can purchase a Warner Spirit Shirt at the first Spirit Cart on Friday, September 14th! Thank you for your support of the Warner Elementary PTO.

Individual Pictures

Individual pictures will take place on **Friday, October 5, 2018**. All money is due prior to your child's picture being taken. Please make your check payable to **Lifetouch**. If paying by cash, please send the exact amount. No change is available. Forms will be coming home soon!



Scoliosis/Kyphosis Screening for 5th Grade Students



The nurse will be conducting spinal screening on 5th grade students. The purpose of spinal screening is to detect the signs of abnormal curves of the spine at their earliest stages so that the need for treatment can be determined. Scoliosis, a common spinal abnormality found in adolescents, is a sideways twisting of the spine. It is usually detected in children between 10 and 14 years of age. Kyphosis, sometimes called round back, is an exaggerated rounding of the upper back and is often confused with poor posture. Many cases of curvature of the spine are mild and require only ongoing observation by a physician when they are first diagnosed. Others can worsen with time as the child grows and require active treatment such as bracing and surgery. Early treatment can prevent the development of a severe deformity, which can affect a person's appearance and health. The procedure for screening is simple. Screeners who have been specially trained will look at your child's back while he/she stands and then bends forward. For this examination, boys and girls will be seen separately and individually. Parents will be notified of the results of the screening only if professional follow-up is necessary. This screening procedure does not replace your child's need for regular health care and checkup. According to state law, all students in grades 6 and 9 (or grades 5 and 8) must receive the spinal screening. If, for religious reasons, you do not wish to have your child screened, you are to submit an affidavit of religious exemption to the school nurse, Stacy Hughes, no later than **Monday, September 10, 2018.**

"Core Essentials"



This year Warner's character education program, designed for grades K-5 will be based upon the values created by The Core Essentials program at coreessentials.org. Each month, a different Core Essential will be emphasized school wide to encourage students to **1) Treat other's right, 2) Make smart decisions, and 3) Maximize their own potential or do their BEST.** The students will learn about these skills with their teachers in their classrooms and also within the guidance lessons presented by their counselors. They will hear and see a "quote of the week" that is related to the skill discussed that month. We will send home information from Core Essentials in the newsletter each month that describes the skill and how you can reinforce them at home. Please see the attached information at the end of the newsletter. The program is designed so that kids will truly know the skills and by the end of each month will be able to "SAY it, KNOW it, SEE it, and BE it". The Core Essential for the month of **September is Initiative – seeing what needs to be done and doing it.**

Tips from the Clinic



Head Lice: It is that time of year when we begin to see a number of cases of head lice. Please take a **few** moments to check your child's/children's hair.

1. Look for tiny white eggs (nits) on the hair shaft, especially near the nape of the neck and behind the ears. Head lice are small grayish-tan insects without wings.
2. Head lice cannot survive without a human host. They cannot survive on family pets. Choose an effective treatment and use as directed. These are available at any drugstore without a prescription.

3. Vacuum everywhere, soak combs, brushes, etc. in hot water. Bag all stuffed animals in plastic bags, seal and store for 4 weeks.
4. Check heads every day for 2-3 weeks. Regular checking is the best prevention.

Tell others when you find a case of lice. Call the school and all close friends.

Electronic Communication

Please refer to the following guidelines regarding communication:

- Newsletters and other communiqués will be distributed electronically. If you do not have access to e-mail, you may access weekly newsletters by going online to www.cfishd.net (click on "Schools and Facilities," "Elementary Schools," "Warner," "Website," "School News.")
- Parents will still need to check their child's backpack/binder daily for any graded papers or teacher communication.
- Additional flyers, etc. that cannot be sent electronically will be sent home on Tuesdays.

Follow Warner Elementary on Twitter - @WarnerCFISD



Coming Up!

September 3

Labor Day Holiday

September 4

Lunch Visitors Begin

Texas Roadhouse **SPiRiT** Night

September 7

PTO General Meeting 9:00 a.m.- Cafeteria

September 12

Vision/Hearing/Scoliosis Screening

September 13

Vision/Hearing/Scoliosis Screening

September 14

Spirit Cart during all lunches

September 18

Curriculum Night (KG/1st/2nd/LS) **6:00 p.m.**

September 19

Spring Creek BBQ **SPiRiT** Night

September 25

1st 9 Weeks Progress Reports Go Home

Curriculum Night (3rd/4th/5th) **6:00 p.m.**

September 28

PRIDE Store during all lunches

WARNER

Purpose

Respect

Integrity

Dependable

Effort

Initiative September 2018



SAY IT:

Seeing what needs to be done and doing it.

KNOW IT:

ASK A KID:

- Have you ever been the first person to decide to do something about a problem? How did that make you feel?
- Would you say that you are good at coming up with solutions to problems?
- Have you ever heard of the phrase “go getter”? Discuss this analogy with your teacher at school or your parents at home. Ask them what things you could do to earn this title.

ASK A GROWN UP:

- When is the last time that you showed initiative at work?
- How do you show initiative at home or in your relationships with others? What are some things that you do to show initiative?

SEE IT:

Many organizations and community groups show initiative on a consistent basis. One example is the FoodBank of Northeast Georgia. The growing need in the communities in Northeast Georgia was child hunger on the weekends and summers (really anytime school is not in session). The majority of school aged children are fed two meals a day at school but when they go home on the weekends there is no guarantee of available, consistent food. The FoodBank of Northeast Georgia recognized this community need and showed initiative by putting a program in to place to help. The program is called Food 2 Kids. This program has been implemented in 11 school districts in the Northeast Georgia region and serves approximately 2,000 children. These children are sent home with bags of food to ensure that they eat over the weekend before returning to school on Monday. Wow! What a great example of seeing what needs to be done and doing it.

BE IT:

As a family, sit down and discuss things that need to be done at home. What are some needs in the family? Examples might be home improvements, clothing adjustments, fixing car issues, resolving relationship issues, etc. Each family member will set a personal goal each week to identify a need and do something about it. At the end of the week, sit down once again as a family and discuss ways that each member showed initiative.