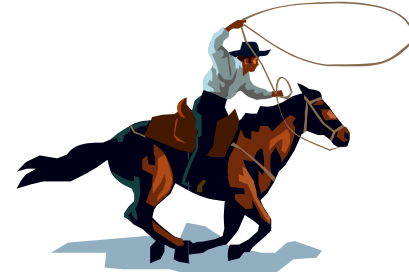
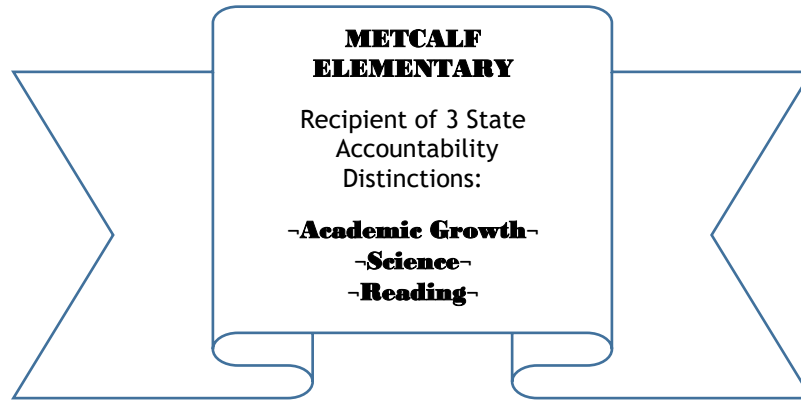


# METCALF MESSAGES

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## CREDIT BY EXAM NOTICE TO PARENTS

### Fall and Spring Testing

- Students may be tested at their campus **November 18-22, 2019** or **February 10-14, 2020** to accelerate for the upcoming school year. Grade placement will be made at the **beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.**
- Testing will begin with mathematics, followed by reading/language arts and science, if required. 80% mastery on each test is required for advanced placement to occur.
- Campus testing will be administered by campus personnel.

### To skip Kindergarten:

To be eligible for Credit-by-Exam, kindergarten students must be **5 on or before September 1** and registered in CFISD. Additional criteria to be considered are noted below.

- Completed kindergarten in a private school in Texas or public school out-of-state; or
- Parent request

### To skip Grade 1:

To be eligible for Credit-by-Exam, first grade students must be **6 on or before September 1** and enrolled in CFISD. Additional criteria to be considered are noted below.

- Demonstrate above-level achievement on the end-of-year kindergarten benchmarks given in May; or
- Be formally identified as Gifted/Talented [HORIZONS]; or
- Parent request

### To skip Grades 2-5:

Criteria to be considered are noted below.

- Work on grade level with A's in language arts/social studies, math, and science; or
- Be formally identified as Gifted/Talented [HORIZONS]; or
- Score at the 90%ile in both reading and math on any standardized test; or
- Parent request

## CAFETERIA VISIT

Cafeteria visitations are scheduled on **Tuesday** and **Friday** weekly. Visitations are limited to parents and guardians only, beginning on **Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**. Parents are welcomed to bring lunch and eat with your child only. Please provide your ID or driver's license with every visit.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Thursday, September 26, 2019

- Box Top Thursday
- Grandparents' Day Lunch (KG, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>)

### Friday, September 27, 2019

- Spirit Day!
- Grandparents' Day Lunch (PK, 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>)

### Monday, September 30, 2019

- HOWDY Store Opens!!

### Tuesday, October 1, 2019

- Nature Trails (3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Reading Night (PK, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>) – 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, October 2, 2019

- Nature Trails (3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)
- BOY DPM – Math (1<sup>st</sup>)

### Thursday, October 3, 2019

- Box Top Thursday
- BOY DPM – Math (1<sup>st</sup>)

### Friday, October 4, 2019

- Spirit Day!
- Hispanic Heritage Parade

### Monday, October 7, 2019

- College Week – “We are Wild About Colleges and Careers” (wear animal print or animal t-shirt)

### Tuesday, October 8, 2019

- College Week – **Career Day: Career Day Photos**
- CAFETERIA VISITS BEGIN!!

### Wednesday, October 9, 2019

- College Week – “College and Career Readiness Rocks!” (Dress like a rockstar)

### Thursday, October 10, 2019

- Box Top Thursday
- College Week – “**P.I.N.K**” (**Positive, Initiative, Need for Knowledge**): **WEAR PINK!!**

### Friday, October 11, 2019

- Spirit Day!
- College Week – **Elementary Day: Wear your Metcalf Spirit Shirt**

# METCALF MESSAGES



During National Hispanic Heritage Month (**September 15 to October 15**) we recognize the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate their heritage and culture.

Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community.

Hispanic Heritage Month, whose roots go back to 1968, begins each year on September 15, the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chile and Belize also celebrate their independence days during this period and Columbus Day (Día de la Raza) is October 12.

The term Hispanic or Latino refers to Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race. On the 2010 Census form, people of Spanish, Hispanic and/or Latino origin could identify themselves as Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or “another Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin.”

Today, nearly 58 million people, or 18% of Americans, are of Hispanic or Latino origin. This represents a significant increase from 2000, which registered the Hispanic population at 35.3 million or 13% of the total U.S. population.



Join Metcalf as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!! Staff and students are invited to dress up in Hispanic/Latino attire on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Parents are invited to view the parade from the Hard-Top area of the playground. The parade is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. Parents are encouraged to be positioned on the Hard Top at 8:15 a.m.

## GT HORIZONS REFERRAL PERIOD October 1, 2019 through November 29, 2019

The HORIZONS program serves all gifted and talented students that have been tested and qualified for the HORIZONS program. Parents and teachers that wish to refer a student for HORIZONS testing should do so starting, Tuesday, October 1, 2019 through Friday, November 29, 2019. Parents/guardians who wish to refer their child for HORIZONS testing must follow the process described below:

- Please access the parent information within the HORIZONS website at <http://www.cfsd.net/en/parents-students/academics/gifted-talented/> to review the PowerPoint presentation entitled, Who are the Gifted?: A Parent's Guide to Understanding the HORIZONS Program. If testing is appropriate, the form may also be accessed on the HORIZONS website and at the Front Desk.
- Return the HORIZONS Parent Survey and Permission to Test form to the Counseling Office **no later than Friday, November 29, 2019**. Students will not be screened unless the Parent Permission form is **returned by the November 29 deadline**.

All GT testing will be done with Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade students on campuses during the school day in January, 2020. These dates also include any makeup testing for students absent. Kindergarten students who qualify for HORIZONS will receive services beginning in March, 2020, with parent permission. Students in grades 1-5 who qualify for HORIZONS will receive services at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, with parent permission.

### Metcalf Celebrates Grandparents' Day During Lunch!!

#### Thursday, September 26, 2019

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>
Kindergarten	10:25 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:35 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

#### Friday, September 27, 2019

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>
Pre-Kinder (PM)/ and PPCD	12:10 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.
1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
4 <sup>th</sup>	12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
5 <sup>th</sup>	1:20 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.