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From Castleberry ISD

CISD Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration

Parents should pre-register both Pre-K and Kindergarten students who are new to CISD for the 2021-2022 school year. This pre-registration is very important for new students and is the beginning of the registration process. Registrations will be finalized in July 2021, before the school year begins.

Pre-Kindergarten Students

The CISD Pre-K program is free and there is a place for every student. New this year, CISD Pre-K has open enrollment and is accepting all students who are 4 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2021, whether they live in CISD or reside outside the district. Even if your child does not meet the federal qualifying guidelines for a Pre-K program, he or she can still attend Pre-K in Castleberry ISD.

To qualify for Pre-K under federal guidelines, a child must be educationally disadvantaged (eligible for free or reduced lunch), unable to speak and comprehend the English language, homeless, the child of an active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States or a member of the armed forces who was injured or killed while serving on active duty, is or ever has been in foster care, or the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award program. For more information on Pre-K registration and to begin the registration process, [click here](#).

Kindergarten Students

Children enrolling in Kindergarten

must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2021. The pre-registration process for students who will be in Kindergarten and are new to Castleberry ISD will be finalized in July 2021. Students who qualify to attend CISD Kindergarten but live outside the district may apply for an Out-of-District Transfer to be considered for this program.

For more information on Kindergarten registration and to begin the registration process, [click here](#).

Required Documents for Pre-Registration

The following items are needed to register students for both Pre-K and Kindergarten: Parent ID, certified copy of student's birth certificate, student's social security card, valid immunization record, current utility bill or copy of a current lease agreement dated within the last three months, and Proof of income, military status, foster care, or statement of homeless living status, if applicable.

The Castleberry Independent School District strives to provide the finest education for their students as they prepare them to be lifelong learners.

From the City of River Oaks

New Cases Of COVID-19 Continue To Rise

The Tarrant County public health department has raised the community spread level from moderate to substantial due to increases in the positivity rating (which is now over 10 percent in Tarrant County for consecutive days) and increases in the cases per 100,000 people.

Health officials continue to encourage those who remain unvaccinated against COVID-19 to get a vaccine.

From the River Oaks Police Department

Internet Purchase Exchange Site

We wanted to remind everyone that the Police Department located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. is a safe meet-up spot for internet purchase exchanges.

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Mammograms, Well Woman Exams Offered Aug. 17

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Screenings are by appointment only, and can be made Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by calling 1-855-318-7696. Patients are requested to bring an insurance card and drivers license or state issued ID to the appointment. Fully funded screenings are available to qualifying women without insurance.

Redeemer Lutheran Church is located at 4513 Williams Road, Fort Worth, 76116.

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From the Tarrant Area Food Bank

Tarrant Area Food Bank Mega Mobile Market July 30

The Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) has extended their agreement with Fort Worth ISD to hold Mega Mobile Markets at Herman Clark Stadium through the month of August. This will allow Tarrant area families to continually receive food assistance from this location, one of TAFB's most consistent distribution locations of the past year.

Mega Mobile Markets are designed to serve all residents of the Tarrant area who are in need of food assistance, as well as anyone whose access to nutritious food has been affected by hardships.

TAFB will hold the Mega Mobile Markets

on the following Fridays, from 9 a.m. to noon at Herman Clark Stadium- 5201 CA Roberson Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76119 on the following dates: **July 30, Aug. 6, Aug. 13, Aug. 20 and Aug. 27.**

Food insecurity is still an issue that many families in the Tarrant area are facing. During the pandemic, TAFB saw a 60 percent increase in the number of families who relied on food bank services for the first time.

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From Castleberry ISD

CISD to Offer Free Meals for 2021-2022 School Year

Castleberry ISD announced its policy today that this school year, healthy meals will be offered every school day to all students at no cost.

Typically, a student's household must meet income eligibility requirements to qualify for free or reduced-price meals. However, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued guidance that allows schools to offer meals to all students at no cost for the 2021-2022 school year.

Each school/site or central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed upon request.

For further information, please contact the Child Nutrition Department at 817-252-2040

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From the Tarrant County Veterans Council

Veterans Day Parade

“Bells of Peace” will ring, “Taps” sound, and a 21-gun salute will signal the start of this year’s 102nd Veterans Day salute in Fort Worth on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021 at 11 a.m. in the Panther Island Pavilion parking lot.

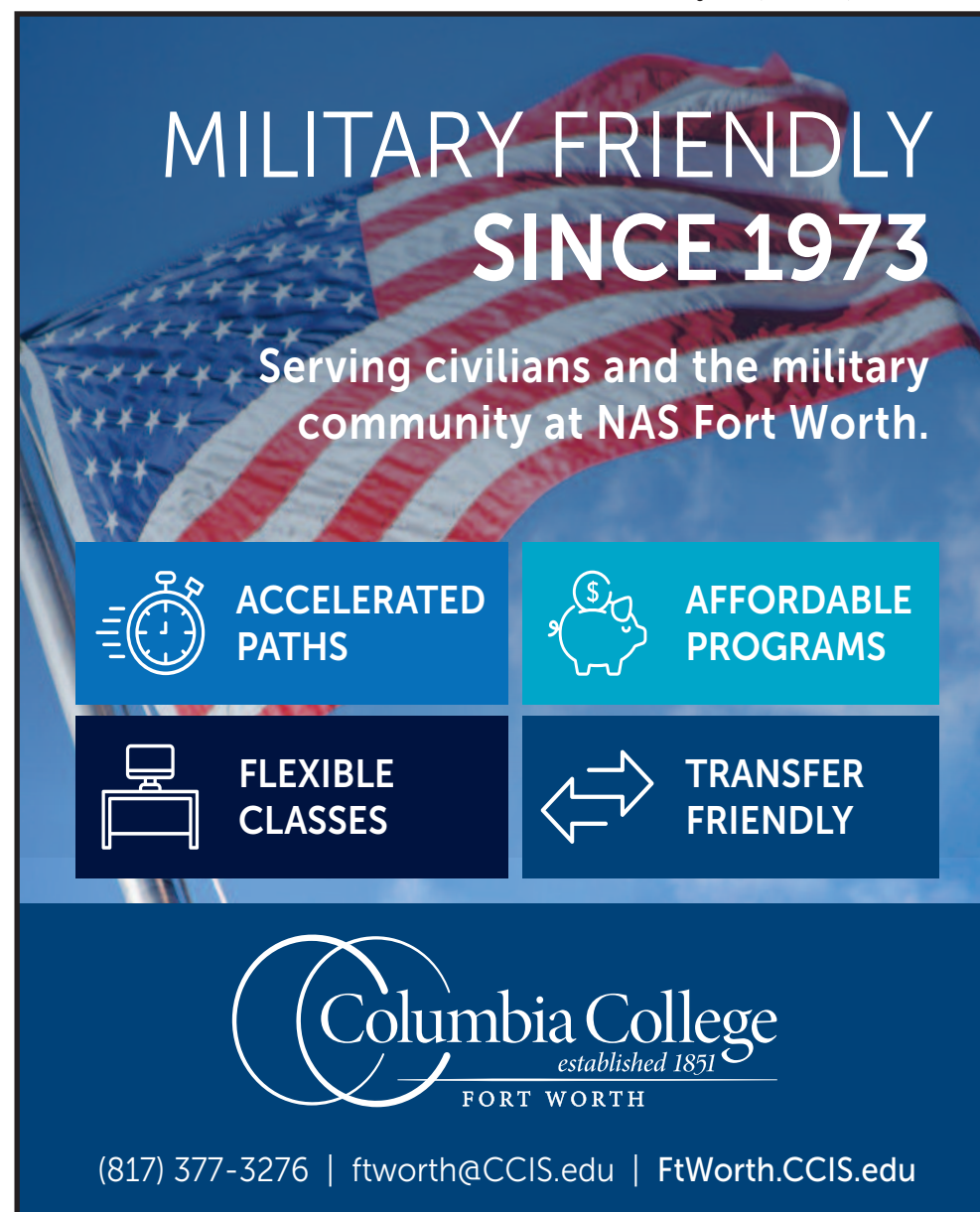
The Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade is a chance for participants and spectators alike to bring and ring bells in remembrance of the guns falling silent, and bells tolling on the Western Front to signal the end of World War I – “the war to end all wars.”

“Bells of Peace” was developed by the WWI Centennial Commission in concert with the Society of the Honor Guard (Tomb of the Unknown Soldier), the VFW, and American Legion to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the armistice in 2018.

The Doughboy Foundation then launched the initiative nationwide. It was successful and the foundation’s been promoting “Bells of Peace” as an annual moment of remembrance ever since.


Bells will toll in communities across the country, in places of worship, schools, town halls, public carillons, and cemeteries, to mark Veterans Day. Locally, bells will toll to launch the **Veterans Day parade** – hosted by the City of Fort Worth and organized by the Tarrant County Veterans Council.

A military flyover about 11 a.m. will kick off the celebration. The parade motorcade will then roll down North Forest Park Blvd. along the Clear Fork section of the Trinity Trails system to Rotary Plaza., then back to Panther Island. Spectators can picnic along the Clear Fork of the Trinity River on the west side of downtown Fort Worth.




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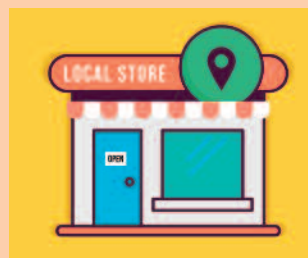
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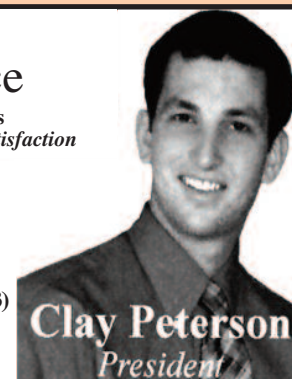
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Children's Rights Activist, Edna Gladney *by Dr. Ken Bridges*

"It is easier to build strong children than it is to repair broken men," is the famous quote from writer and abolitionist Frederick Douglass.

Countless men and women have dedicated their lives to helping children. Most successful people in the world will point to those special influences from their childhoods for their inspiration.

Texan **Edna Gladney** devoted her life to improving the lives of children, providing love and finding homes for children. Gladney began a movement that made life better for children across the state.

Gladney was born in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1886 to a young woman named Minnie Nell. Her mother was 17 at the time she gave birth and unmarried, considered scandalous at the time. Very little was known about her father. However, her mother later married a hard-working clerk. After her stepfather's death in 1904, her mother sent her to Fort Worth to live with relatives.

While living on Fort Worth, she met Sam Gladney. The two married in 1906. Already, she had an interest in helping children as she joined the board of directors for the Texas Children's Home and Aid Society by 1910. In 1913, she and her husband moved to Sherman where her husband opened the successful Gladney Milling Company. Gladney herself joined the Sherman Civic League and became deeply involved in local causes.

A visit to the Grayson County Poor Farm changed her life. Like many other southern counties, Grayson County had established a farm where the poor, mentally ill, homeless, orphans, and elderly could live and work to earn their rent. However, the facility had been neglected for years, and Gladney found children at the facility in appalling conditions. She began sending many of



the orphans at the facility to the Texas Children's Home in Fort Worth. Along with other women in Sherman, she organized a free day care and kindergarten facility to help working women, financed by the Gladneys and local businesses.

In 1927, she was named superintendent of the children's home and worked tirelessly for the education of the children and attempted to find them good homes.

She believed that children should not carry the stigmas of their parents' actions. By the 1930s, she expanded the home's reach by adding programs to help unmarried mothers.

Gladney also began a campaign to change the state law to remove the word "illegitimate" from the birth certificates of children whose parents were unmarried or who were being given up for adoption. Supporters went so far as to say that she knocked on every door in Texas to make the change, though an exaggeration. In 1936, Gov. Jimmy Allred signed legislation ending the practice of marking children as "illegitimate" on their birth certificates.

Her work began to change many attitudes about children, ensuring that in loving homes there would not be a difference in treatment for "illegitimate" or "adopted" and those born under other circumstances, that they would all just be seen as children and as worthy of love and a chance for a good life as anyone else. In 1941, a movie was made about Gladney's life and work, "*Blossoms in the Dust*", though portions of the story were fictionalized. It starred famed actress Greer Garson as Gladney and Walter Pidgeon as her husband. The movie was nominated for four Academy Awards in 1942, including Best Picture and Garson for Best Actress. The film won the award for Best Art Direction.

In 1950, the children's home bought the adjacent West Texas Maternity Hospital, and the board of directors changed the name of the entire facility to the Edna Gladney Home in honor of her work.

She continued to work with abandoned and orphaned children for the rest of her life. She died in Fort Worth in 1961, having placed thousands of children in safe and loving homes.

The Edna Gladney Home continued the mission she had started after her passing. Within a few years of her death, the facility had expanded to include an on-site middle school and on-site high school, coordinating with Fort Worth school officials.

By the 1980s, the organization included services for expectant mothers off-site, counseling services, parenting classes, and services to help adopted children find their biological parents through a voluntary registry system. In the 1990s, the home was renamed the Gladney Center for Adoption. It has now found homes for more than 20,000 children and celebrates a century-long tradition of providing hope and love for children.

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PM - Mostly clear; low around 79. S/SE wind 5-10mph.

Saturday, July 31:

AM - Sunny and hot; high near 101. S/SW wind 5-10mph.
PM - Mostly clear; low around 79.

Sunday, Aug. 1:

AM - Sunny and hot; high near 103.
PM - Mostly clear; low around 80.

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