

Monthly Family Newsletter

April 2021

April is National Diversity Month!

As you notice around you, the world in which we live in is so diverse! We celebrate it this month to acknowledge various cultures and populations. Diversity means understanding that each individual is unique and recognizing our individual differences. It is so important to honor the diversity that makes up this world and appreciate the differences that separates us as well as the similarities that unite us. Let's be inclusive and all celebrate our unique backgrounds together!

"It is time for parents to teach young people early on the in diversity there is beauty and there is strength." - Maya Angelou



Meet The Cummings Family!

Gabryela Espinoza is a Lead Teacher and has worked at Cummings for 3 years. Her favorite colors are Black & Red, her favorite food is pizza and her favorite hobby is photography. If she had a superpower, it would be Invisibility because she would disappear and no one would know where she went for some self-care time. Her favorite book is I'm not your perfect Mexican daughter, her favorite season is fall.

"My favorite thing about working at Cummings is the children I teach and the team I work with. Having a great team in the classroom that supports you and is willing to learn and ask questions makes teaching more enjoyable. As well as giving their suggestion on various activities the children will enjoy. The children, I enjoy watching the engaging in materials we have in the classroom. The smile and laughs they bring to the classroom, and all the exciting things they share with us."

From Our Executive Director

J'A'NEL JAMERSON

April is Math Awareness Month!

Math starts early and is essential to learn at a young age, as it is such a vital life skill. It teaches logical and critical thinking which we need at all ages in every day life. Making math fun can help kids feel less anxious. Getting familiar with new ways of teaching math makes it easier to help your child. There are many ways you can help your children learn math at home. A few to try are:

- Read books that build math skills in young kids.
- Play boardgames that help you kids build math skills.
- Bake Something Together.
- Build Something.
- Mix math in your bedtime reading.
- Review math vocabulary to ensure your child can define the skills she's learning.
- Have your child teach you the math problem.
- Encourage your child to play some math games.

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Mark Your Calendars: Important Dates



- April 8, 09:30AM | April 14, 5:30PM - 6:30PM | April 30, 09:30AM : Topic: *Countdown to Kindergarten: What Every Parent Should Know*. 3 dates you can choose from!
- April 13, Great Expectations Market Curbside Pickup
- April 20, 9:30-11:30 GISD Head Start Parent Policy Committee Meeting
- April 21 9:30-11:30 FAME Real Talk
- April 22 10:30 OR 4:30 Virtual Cooking Hosted by the CRIM
- April 28 11:00-12:00 FAME Dad's Cafe

From Our School Director

MICHELLE TOWNSEND

Spring is here, it is time for Spring activities and enjoying outside play. You have done an awesome job this school year, thank you for your dedication and support!! We love our Cummings' families.

New enrollment has begun! All EHS (Early Head Start) students who turn 3-years-old by September 1st, please make sure you complete your enrollment package for Head Start. Please see Rob for more information.

From Our Family Engagement Coordinator

MIKE KILDEE

Attention Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, Stepfathers and All Men Raising Children!

This month, the GISD FAME Program (Fathers And Men Engaged) will be hosting our Dad's Café and "Real Talk" using ZOOM.

Both of these events give Fathers and Men the opportunity to talk about a variety of interesting topics about ourselves, our families and raising children.

We can all learn from each other's experiences as parents and caregivers plus, it's a great way to expand our social connections.

- Dad's Café will be held on **Wednesday, April 28th at 11:00 am.**
- Real Talk will begin on **Wednesday, April 21st at 9:30 am** and will be held every Wednesday for six (6) weeks.

If you are interested and would like to register, please contact **Rob Royce at 600-5462 or Mike Kildee at 591-4992**

FAME Hope to see you on ZOOM!
FATHERS AND MEN ENGAGED



April 12 Family fun week Celebrations of children and families! Please see your teacher for more information!

12th - Monday: Music Monday

13th - Tuesday: Tasty Tuesday

14th - Wednesday: Work Together Wednesday

15th - Thursday: Artsy Thursday

16th - Friday: Family Friday!

New Understandings Bring Us Together.



Scan this QR code to complete the health check survey each morning.



THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO BE A PART OF YOUR FAMILY!