

# Cardinal News

September 2019

## Cardinals SOAR!

### *Success, Optimistic, Accountable, Respect*

The Maybelline Carpenter Center is now a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) campus! What that means is that we are taking a proactive step to promote positive, appropriate behavior amongst our students.

To ensure that campus expectations are clear and well defined, we have developed a common language at the Carpenter Center: **Cardinals SOAR!**

	<u>Word</u>	<u>Definition</u>
S	Success	Try your best
O	Optimistic	Focus on the positive
A	Accountable	Take ownership for your thoughts and actions
R	Respect	Be considerate and thoughtful towards others

The students we're taught these expectations the first week of school during their Advisory period. You can also find our PBIS matrices posted throughout our building to remind our students of these expectations, their definitions and how to exhibit the behavior in certain settings.

To reinforce positive behavior, our teachers and staff members give out Cardinal Cash to students that display appropriate behaviors. Cardinal Cash can be used for a number of things including, making purchases from the Cardinal Store on Fridays at lunch, or buying snacks during Advisory. Our teachers also have classroom specific incentives that students may choose from in exchange for Cardinal Cash. We have also created a Positive Office Referral for when a student goes above and beyond so that students may be recognized and celebrated for meeting expectations.

Our goal and the purpose for becoming a PBIS campus is to shine a light on and to promote positive behaviors, which will inadvertently address negative behaviors. By doing this, we are cultivating a positive culture on our campus and instilling certain values in our students they will carry with them throughout their lives.

If you would like to learn more about PBIS, what it means to be a PBIS campus or how to implement similar strategies at home, please visit: [www.pbis.org](http://www.pbis.org)

#### **Dates to Remember:**

- September 26 – Open House  
- 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch will be provided



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School Hours  
7:20 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.

## Librarian's Corner

### *Check It Out!*

Your student has been given the opportunity to borrow a district provided Chromebook and/or Kajeet hotspot. The Kajeet hotspot will allow your student to connect to the Internet from either a district provided Chromebook or a personally owned device. These items can be checked out to students as needed to complete assignments or work on projects. The items are for overnight checkout only and must be returned each morning. Students must have a permission form on file to participate.

The library has been a busy place! Our students have been involved with many activities including book checkout, book talks, technology applications, BINGO Reading Incentive, and much more!

# Parent Talk

## *A Note from Ms. Singh, Director*

Welcome parents to the 2019-2020 school year. As the new Director of the Maybelline Forbes Carpenter Center, I am excited and honored to work with your child(ren), the staff, community partners, and you, the parent. Educating our youth is a community effort and we must work together. Our students come from many walks of life and carry with them many challenges. We know that for many of our students, attending the Carpenter Center is not necessarily their school of choice. We understand that and are working diligently to make this a school that families seek out, instead of a school that is viewed in a negative light. Yes, it is a structured campus that focuses on teaching and guiding our students on managing their social, emotional, mental and behavior issues that prevent them and others from learning.

However, it is also a campus full of compassion, understanding and love. It is a campus of professionals that give from the heart and truly desire to what is best for kids. It is my goal to guide my team to be more proactive, more positive, more collaborative as we implement the strategies of PBIS so we can all SOAR to success. We would love to have you on our team as a parent volunteer. We will also start adding parent articles to this newsletter so that the skills being taught at school are transferred to home and the community. If you have ideas or have a particular topic you'd like to explore, please let us know. Again, I am excited to be a part of The Carpenter Center family and look forward to serving your student, you, the staff, and the CFISD community.



## Meet the Cardinal Staff

Above, you will see the friendly faces of our amazing Cardinal staff.

From bottom left: Ms. Trejo, Ms. Singh, Ms. Hanna, Ms. Robbins, Ms. Mims, Ms. King

Second row: Ms. Auger, Ms. Salinas, Ms. Perez, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Mathis, Ms. Sudduth, Mr. Gipson, Mr. Patterson

Third row: Mr. Harty, Ms. Potter, Ms. Vest, Ms. Tostado, Mr. Henson, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Helton, Mr. Wassom.

# Please Welcome

*Our Newest Staff Members*



**Ms. Palmer**  
English Teacher



**Mr. Simon**  
In-Class Support Paraeducator

A promotional graphic for CFISD's pre-K program. It features a purple background with white text. On the left, a young girl in a white dress holds a blue sign with a '#1' and 'CFISD' logo. On the right, a young boy in a light blue shirt holds a blue and yellow pom-pom. In the center, a young boy in a light blue shirt holds a sign that says '#CFISDspirit'. The text 'HOORAY FOR PRE-K!' is written in large white letters. Below this, an orange banner reads 'CFISD is launching full-day pre-K in 2019-2020!'. At the bottom left, it says 'NOW HIRING Pre-K Teachers and Paras'. At the bottom right, it lists 'Starting teacher salary \$55,500' and 'Apply today! www.cfisd.net/cfisdjobs'.

## Something to Shout About

Beginning January 2020, Cypress Fairbanks ISD will offer a full-day pre-k program! The district will hire 80 teachers and 80 paraeducators to fill pre-k positions.