

# SSE THURSDAY FOLDER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

10/5 .....	Student Lighthouse, 3pm
10/6 .....	Parent Lighthouse, 8:15am
10/9 .....	Student & Staff Holiday
10/12 .....	PTA General Meeting
10/13 .....	Kinder Digging with Dads Last Day: 1st Grading Period
10/25 .....	First Day: 2nd Grading Period
10/17 .....	UIL Local Meet
10/18 .....	3rd Grade to Science Mill
10/23-27 .....	Book Fair Healthy Habits/Red Ribbon Week
10/23 .....	Fire Safety Day
10/25 .....	50th Day of School
10/26 .....	Kinder to Sweet Berry Farm 2nd Grade to Thinkery PTA Block Party, 6-8pm, Front of SSE
10/27 .....	Vocab Parade, 8am 1st Grade Pumpkin Palooza
10/30 - 1 .....	Student Holiday / Staff Development

**CLICK HERE** to pay for SSES Activity Fees -- these are used to pay for field trip entry fees, buses, and special events held on and off campus.



# COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER  
2023



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Our mission is to partner with ALL to provide a comprehensive school counseling program that is focused on addressing the unique needs and personal growth of all students including academic, career, and social-emotional development.

Every child will see the school counselors through monthly CARE classes throughout the school year.

Mrs. Carrell will focus on meeting with Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd grade classes, while Mrs. Smart will meet with 3rd through 5th grade classes.



## PreK-2nd News - Mrs. Carrell

During October CARE class, students will learn self-management strategies such as "waiting and cooling off" and "not taking the hook" as we continue to learn about using Kelso's Choices for solving small problems. Some students are also being invited to attend lunch bunch groups to help them connect with peers and SSES.

## 3rd-5th News - Mrs. Smart

During October CARE classes, students will discuss positive and negative effects of healthy and unhealthy choices and make goals for a healthy life and future. We will go over Red Ribbon Week/Healthy Habits Week Themes that our Better Together Counseling Crew came up with for our school.



Be kind  
to your  
**MIND...**  
make healthy  
choices!

## Upcoming Events - Red Ribbon week/Healthy Habits - Be Kind to Your Mind

Red Ribbon Week - Let's Celebrate Making Healthy Habits!

October 23rd-October 27th

Monday - Wear Fancy Clothes because "Look and feel your best and make healthy choices"

Tuesday - Tie Dye "Don't Get Tied up in Unhealthy Choices"

Wednesday - Wear Red and Make a Red Ribbon because "We Wear Red to Show We Make Healthy Choices"

Thursday - PJ & Stuffed Animal Day to show "Follow Your Dreams, Make Healthy Choices"

Friday - Wear Vocab Parade Costume and "Say BOO to Unhealthy Choices"



## Home Connections & Parent Connect: Lighthouse Leaders

Click on each topic to find links to family activities and fun family read-alouds

[Begin with the End in Mind](#)

Our first Parent Connect: Lighthouse Leaders will be Friday, October 6th from 8:00-8:30 in the Learning Lounge across from the front office in the main hallway. All are welcome. You will need to check in to the office with your ID first. Hope to see you there! We will have these meetings the first Friday of every month this school year. We will discuss what is going on in Student Lighthouse along with discussing counseling events and activities. Here is a [link](#) to the Parent Lighthouse flyer!



Do you want to learn more about the 7 Habits of Happy Kids / Leader In Me from our Student Lighthouse kids & our counselors?

**Come to the SSE Parent Lighthouse Meetings**  
**for our monthly student and counseling updates!!**

**2023-2024 Meeting Dates**  
**October 6                      November 3**  
**December 8                  January 12**  
**February 9                  March 8**  
**April 5**

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Feel free to come to any of the dates listed above!

You can also reach out to your school counselors for more information

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# SUPPORT SYCAMORE SPRINGS ELEMENTARY PTA BY SPONSORING US FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!

Your generous sponsorship will help fund exciting programs and necessary supplies throughout the year, and will get your business name out there in the wild! We humbly ask you to consider one of the options below:

## \$2500

### DIAMOND

- Your logo featured prominently on the PTA website
- Your logo in our newsletter all year
- Recognition on social media monthly (FB & IG)
- The opportunity to set up a vendor booth or participate in trunk-or-treating at our Fall Block Party on October 26th
- Your logo displayed at our Talent Show on Feb 1st
- Your logo displayed at our Family Movie Night in the Spring

## \$1000

### GOLD

- Your logo on the PTA website
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## \$500

### SILVER

- Your logo on the PTA website
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## \$250

### BRONZE

- Your logo on the PTA website
- Your logo in our newsletter once

## \$100

### TIGER FAN

- Your name on the PTA website

## IN-KIND

Do you have merch or gift cards you'd like to donate? Want to sponsor the teacher coffee cart? Let us know!

Plus, every single donation earns you our sincerest thanks, and a Proud Supporter sticker!

If you have any questions, or would like to get in touch with the PTA to set up an In-Kind donation, please contact us at: [fundraising@ssespta.org](mailto:fundraising@ssespta.org)

With Gratitude,  
SSES PTA



*Thank you!*



*Complete our Strategic Planning*

# COMMUNITY SURVEY



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**PLEASE  
COMPLETE  
BY FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 6!**

## PLANNING OUR FUTURE

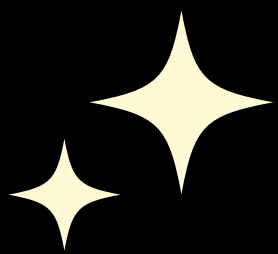
Dripping Springs ISD has launched an initiative to create a community-inspired strategic plan to chart the course for the district for the next five years. Parents and community members are encouraged to complete the short survey above on what their hopes are for DSISD students, what skills students should possess to be successful, and more. Responses are completely confidential.



***UIL Local Meet  
October 17th  
Donations Needed***

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054EAFAD2AA3F49-44625593-sses#/>**

# Talent Showcase



SYCAMORE  
SPRINGS  
**BLOCK  
PARTY**



**sign up  
by 10/16**

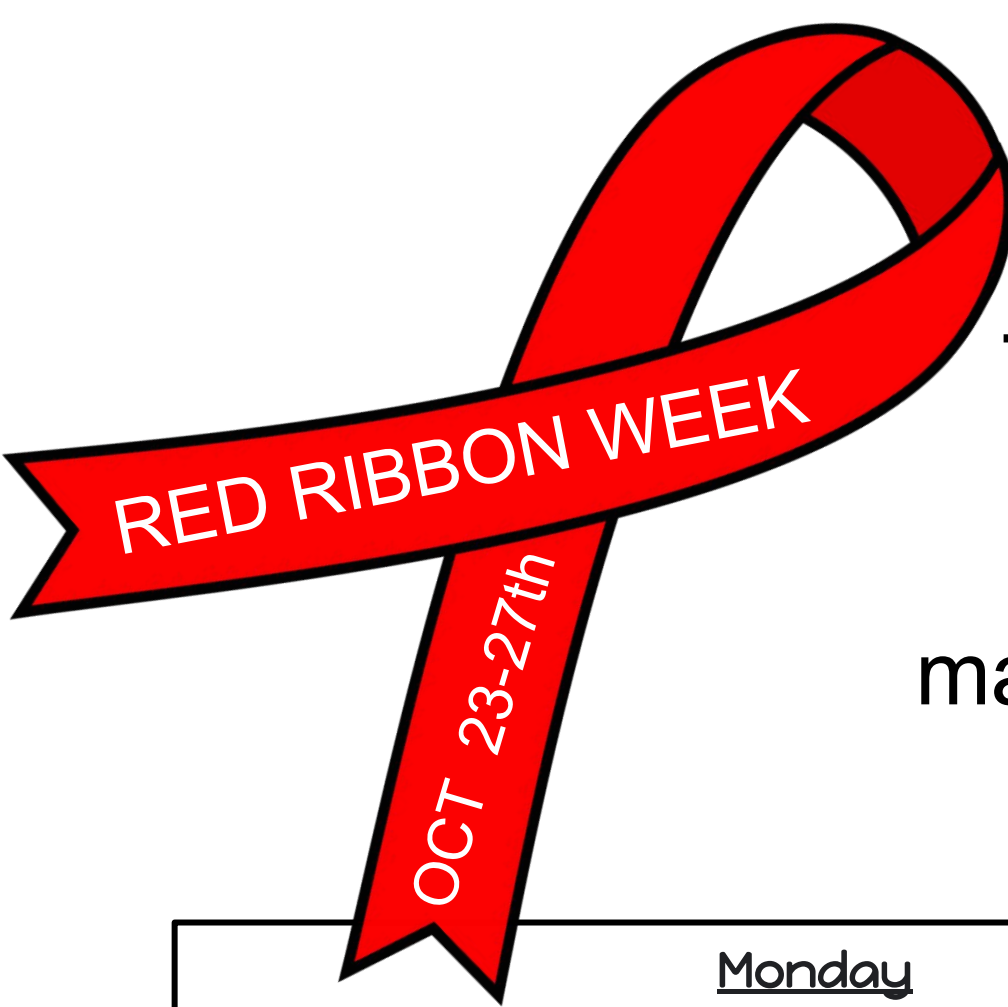
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**GOT  
TALENT?**

WANT TO PERFORM  
AT THE BLOCK  
PARTY?



**THURSDAY  
october  
26** 6PM–8PM



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Vocabulary Parade - say B00 to unhealthy choices

SYCAMORE SPRINGS  
ELEMENTARY

# Scholastic Book Fair October 23-27



VISIT:

<https://bit.ly/bookfairsite>

\*Class Shopping Times

\*Book Fair Family Shopping Times

\*EWallet Sign Up: Easiest way for kiddos to  
pay!

\*Volunteer Sign-up



\*All Proceeds Benefit our CL&L/Library!



# CALLING THE

# CREATORS OF TOMORROW

## Sycamore Springs Elementary PTA Reflections Program

**"I am hopeful because...."**

**What is Reflections?** The Reflections program is designed to provide students an opportunity to be recognized for their creativity in the categories of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts.

**Who can participate in Reflections?** The Reflections program is open to all Texas students who are or have at least one person from their primary household as a current member of the SSES PTA.

**My student wants to participate in Reflections, what is the next step?** Scan the QR code to review the Participation Rules and Entry Form. Follow the theme "I am hopeful because...." and let the creativity begin! Submissions are due by November 1st.

SCAN  
ME



**ALL SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE TO THE FRONT OFFICE (please give to Mrs. Thornton)  
BY NOVEMBER 1, 2023.**

**Achievements will be announced on November 27, 2023.**



### ABOUT REFLECTIONS

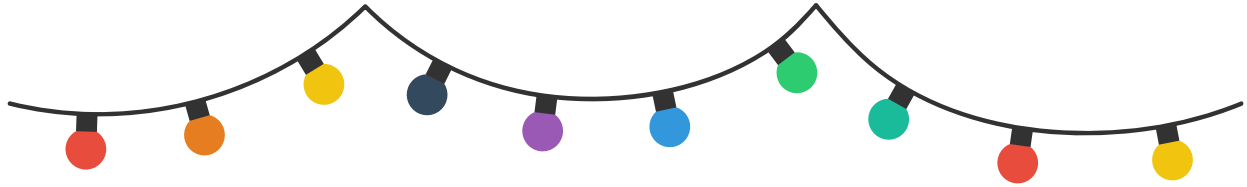
Reflections has been a staple arts program in many schools for 50 years. Through the efforts of our Local PTAs, millions of students have found a creative outlet in the areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts

PROUD SUPPORTER OF

# TOYS FOR TOTS

Collecting toys for Austin kids  
now through December 1





Happy Holidays,

My name is Staff Sergeant William Clark and I am the coordinator for the Austin Toys for Tots campaign. Last year the Dripping Springs community graciously donated a record number of toys to help many children in the greater Austin area.

Your support helped over **20,000 children** receive a gift last year on Christmas morning. I am asking for your support again this year. 2021 and COVID has affected many families. We have seen a significant increase in families requesting assistance and are fearful we may not be able to support all who request.

Please keep Toys for Tots in mind this holiday season. Every toy and every penny raised or donated here, stays here, and directly impacts a member of our community.

Thank you for your time and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to email or call/text me to discuss further details.

Semper Fidelis,

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