

# SSE THURSDAY FOLDER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

8/18 .....	New Family Welcome Breakfast
8/24.....	3rd Grade Parent Orientation UIL Registration Opens
9/4 .....	Student & Staff Holiday
9/14 .....	Parent Orientation: 1st-2nd & 4th-5th UIL Registration Closes PTA General Meeting Subs-R-Us Training
9/20-21 .....	Fall Individual Pictures (Lifetouch)
9/27-29 .....	5th Grade to Camp Champions

**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.





## **SUBS-R-US TRAININGS 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

Parents may attend any session that fits your schedule and Assistant Principals will share contact information with the appropriate school.

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### **CYPRESS SPRINGS ELEMENTARY**

September 19th @ 9am

### **DRIPPING SPRINGS ELEMENTARY**

September 19th after PTA meeting

### **ROOSTER SPRINGS ELEMENTARY**

September 7th after Principal's Coffee

### **SYCAMORE SPRINGS ELEMENTARY**

September 14th after PTA meeting

### **WALNUT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY**

August 25th at 9:30am

# PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

*Classroom teachers will  
share their class' date  
prior to picture day.*

**Wednesday, September 20, 2023  
and Thursday, September 21, 2023  
Sycamore Springs Elementary**



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## Challenge Yourself with

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) offers a variety of academic contests that provide challenges and opportunities for students to reach greater levels of achievement. The initials, UIL, have come to represent quality educational competition!

UIL is open to any 2nd-5th grade student who is willing to commit to weekly coaching and possibly some outside study time. You can learn more about our program on the [DSISD UIL website](#). Best of all, it's FREE! Click here to [REGISTER](#) now!

### PRACTICE AND EVENTS DATES FOR ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TUESDAYS from 3:15 - 4:00

<i>All students will practice on:</i>	<u>Qualifying</u> students will continue to practice for the District Contest on:
September 19	October 24
September 26	November 7
October 3	November 14
October 10	November 28
<b><u>Campus Contest</u></b> October 17	<b><u>District Contest</u></b> Saturday, December 2

### 2023 EVENTS

#### **Creative Writing** Grade 2

Students are given several pictures from which to choose. They then create an original story based on their selections. Students have 30 minutes to complete their writing. This event encourages writing skills and creativity in an academic format.

#### **Storytelling** Grades 2-3

Students are read a brief story and have to retell it in their own words before a panel of judges. The students are coached to use facial expressions, vocal variety, originality, gestures, articulation, and enthusiasm.

#### **Chess Puzzles** Grades 2-5

Chess puzzles is very different from tournament chess play. Contestants receive a paper/pencil test that includes a series of chess boards with pieces in particular positions. The contestant must then determine the fewest moves to checkmate given that particular layout.

**Students should already know how to play chess before choosing this event.**

## UIL EVENTS Continued

### Music Memory Grades 2-5

Music Memory is an in-depth study of fine music taken from a wide spectrum of genres. In the course of preparing for the contest, students will be given the opportunity to describe and analyze the music, relate the music to history, society, and culture, and to evaluate musical performance. During the event, students will listen to short clips of music and have to identify the name of the work, selection, and composer. Memorization and spelling are key to success in this event.

### Spelling Grades 3-5

This contest is designed to give students exposure to a wide variety of vocabulary words. Students will study a list of pre-selected words and learn to spell proficiently, write clearly, and capitalize words properly. Preparation will include instruction in the rules of the English language, meanings, definitions, and root words.

### Ready Writing Grades 3-5

This event helps students to learn to write clearly and correctly. Contestants are given a choice between two prompts, which define the audience, and provide the purpose for writing. Students will be encouraged to analyze the prompts for the purpose of writing, the format, the audience, and the point of view.

### Number Sense Grades 4-5

Students will be coached to make quick mental calculations using various strategies. Concepts covered include but are not limited to addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, proportions, and the use of mathematical notation. For the contest, students will be given a 10-minute, fill-in-the-blank test which they must complete without doing any calculations on paper or on a calculator.

### Oral Reading Grades 4-5

Reading literature out loud provides opportunities for students to analyze texts, to grow and to develop as a performer, communicate a message to an audience, and to perform. Students will read a selection of poetry. Each selection may be one poem, a cutting of a poem, or a combination of poems, from published poets.

### Maps, Graphs, and Charts Grade 5

The maps, graphs, & charts contest is designed to help students learn to get information from a variety of maps, graphs, and charts including world maps, pie charts, bar graphs, and local area maps. The objective test will measure skills such as using a reference book

to locate information, make comparisons, estimate, and approximate, using a scale, and interpreting grid systems, legends, and keys.

Students will participate in UIL based on their current instructional level. For example, a 3rd grader who takes math acceleration in a 4th-grade class will compete on a 4th-grade level in Number Sense.

Questions? Contact a campus coordinator:	CSES: Caitlan Crofts or Alyssa Schroeder	DSES: Britney Hamilton or Ashley Graham
RSES: Sarah Apple	SSES: Natalie Lyle	WSES: Gay Klassen

Registration is open from August 24th - September 14th  
[CLICK HERE](#) to Register for UIL

The background of the entire poster is a solid orange color. Several stylized hands are reaching towards the center. A pink hand is at the top left, and a blue hand is at the top right. On the left side, a blue hand reaches up, and a pink hand reaches down. On the right side, a blue hand reaches up, and a pink hand reaches down. In the center, there is a black rectangular frame containing a blue hand reaching up and a pink hand reaching down, as if they are about to meet.

# Calling All Volunteers!

Looking for workroom volunteers to help with teacher packets. Check-in at the front office and ask for the PTA Workroom.

**Tuesday, September 12**

*Stop-in anytime after drop-off until noon!*

**Thursday, September 14**

*Immediately after the 8 AM PTA Meeting!*



# **MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL PALS ARE STARTING SOON!**

PALS are student mentors who help younger students with unfinished work, play games, make connections, boost self-esteem, etc.

We need SSE students to participate, so please send referrals our way and we can probably make it happen! If there are too many PALees (elementary students) to match up with our PALS, we will match based on first come, first served basis, then start a wait list from there!

Please fill out this [form](#) if you are interested in your child having a PAL this year! We will accept nominations until 9/22

The background is a light blue grid with various school supplies scattered around. At the top left is a yellow ruler. At the top right is a blue tablet with a red play button icon. On the left side is a red spiral-bound notebook. At the bottom left is a blue calculator. At the bottom center is a blue pencil. At the bottom right is a magnifying glass. There are also some dashed white lines and small white 'x' marks scattered throughout.

# Gifted & Talented

## Fall 2023 Referral Link

The Fall 2023 GT Assessment window is currently open. If you are interested in your K-12th grade student completing the testing, please fill out the above referral!



# CAMP DRIP



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**WHERE FUN COMES TO PLAY!**

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**TUESDAYS**  
**WITH COACH DIEZ**

**2ND - 5TH GRADE**

**SEPT 26TH - NOV 7TH**

**3:15 - 4:30PM**

**SSES GYM**

**\$85**

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