



**SUMMITT**  
**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**AUSTIN** Independent School District

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### **AISD and Important Links**

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Code of Conduct: <https://www.austinisd.org/family-support/conduct-code>

Dress Code: <https://www.austinisd.org/family-support/dress-code>

Parent Cloud: <https://www.austinisd.org/technology/parent-cloud>

Religion in Schools: <https://www.austinisd.org/family-support/religion-in-schools>

Summitt Elementary: [www.summitteagles.org](http://www.summitteagles.org)

System Wide Testing: <https://www.austinisd.org/accountability/systemwide-testing>

### **Area Daycare Options**

- Extend-A-Care for Kids at Summitt Elementary
- Children's Network
- Children's Courtyard (Mopac)
- Club Z

- iKids
- Stepping Stone School
- Cadance Academy

### **Attendance**

Arrival Students may arrive as early as 7:15 am. Please do not drop your student off prior to that time as there will be no supervision. Students must go to the cafeteria for Morning Assembly. Assembly starts in the cafeteria at 7:30 am. They may purchase breakfast at this time. After the Assembly, students are escorted to their classrooms. The school day begins at 7:40am so students need to be in their classrooms at that time or they will be counted as tardy.

Dismissal Please pick-up your child using the plan that you have provided to your child's teacher. If something needs to change with that plan please notify the front office and your child's teacher. There is a bell that rings at 3:10pm to dismiss students. All students must be picked up by 3:15 pm as teachers cannot be responsible for them after that time. For their safety, any students not picked up by 3:15 pm will wait in the office. Students will only be released to parents/guardians listed on the emergency care card. You will be asked to sign the late pick up book. Please remember that students are released at the following times at the end of the school day:

- 3:10 pm – PreK- thru 5th pickup

Please make sure to communicate your plan with your child and teacher. Every child should know the plan of how to get home.

Car Pick Up A teacher will escort students to the side hall exit (parallel to Mosley Lane) and monitor until your child is picked up. Students will wait inside, and they will be called to come outside to meet you at your car. Please place a car line card (available from your child's teacher or the front office) with your child's name and family number clearly written in the front dashboard of your car.

Bus Pick Up A teacher will escort students to the front driveway and monitor students. Teachers will help ensure students board the buses appropriately.

Daycare A teacher will escort students to the Annex building and monitor students. The daycare teachers will pick up the students and escort them to the daycare buses.

Extend A Care A teacher will escort students to the cafeteria to be monitored by the Extend A Care teachers.

Parents Pick Up PreKINDER ONLY Parents should come to the front courtyard area to meet their child.

Parents Pick Up KINDER ONLY Parents should come to the fire lane outside Pearson/ Cao's door.

Parents Pick Up 1ST GRADE ONLY Parents should come to the door outside Byrd/ Garcia's rooms.

Parents Pick Up 2ND GRADE ONLY Parents should come to the art patio outside Banovic/ Oliver's door.

Parents Pick Up 3RD PORTABLES ONLY Parents should come to the fire lane outside the 3rd grade portables.

Parents Pick Up 3RD VNDL ANNEX ONLY Parents should come to the base of the stairs outside the annex.

Parents Pick Up 4TH ONLY Parents should come to the fire lane outside the 4th grade portables.

Parents Pick Up 5th ONLY Parents should come to the base of the stairs outside the annex.

INDEPENDENT Walkers and Bike Riders ONLY If your child INDEPENDENTLY rides his or her bike or walks home, then he/she will take the nearest exit from the classroom and vacate the campus.

VDLP After School Program These students will remain in their respective classrooms for the after school program.

## **Behavior**

Behavior Expectations AISD has a discipline policy in the Code of Conduct: <https://www.austinisd.org/family-support/conduct-code>. Summitt Elementary's discipline plan encourages students to live out our Summitt traits. Each classroom has a discipline management plan which will be explained to you during Back-to-School Night.

Cell Phones Cell phones must be turned off and left in backpacks during school hours.

Counselor Summitt Counselors are available to assist both students and parents on a consistent basis. Children are supported through classroom guidance activities, small groups on various topics as needs arise. Parents may benefit from consultation with the counselor related to specific issues that impact their child. You may call one of the counselors directly at 512-414-4248.

## **Breakfast/Lunch**

- Breakfast: 7:15-7:40 am
- Lunch: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Visit [schoolcafe.com](http://schoolcafe.com) or download the School Cafe app to prepay with a debit or credit card and view menus. AISD menus are subject to change due to nationwide supply chain issues and food service worker shortages. Prices for children's meals are:

- Breakfast: \$1.75
- Lunch: \$3.25
- Milk only: \$1.00

SunButter sandwiches and milk will be provided for students if they forget their lunch money. No money is available for loans. Parents may enter specific requests concerning student lunches into the computer in the cafeteria.

- Menus, allergens and nutritional information can be viewed online at <https://www.schoolcafe.com/austinisd> or by downloading the mobile app on Apple or Android devices.
- Create an account or sign in as a guest and select campus to view menus.
- Menus can be printed by accessing <https://www.schoolcafe.com/austinisd>.
- Users can select their campus, choose to view a daily, weekly or monthly menu and then choose the print-friendly option to print at home.
- Elementary and Pre-K campuses will continue to receive monthly printed menus that are delivered for distribution at each campus.
- AISD encourages families to complete a meal benefits application to determine eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals online in their schoolcafe.com account under “Eligibility Benefits.”

If you would like to eat lunch with your child, you must get a badge from the front office upon your arrival. You may bring a lunch with you. Out of concern for food safety and food allergies, please do not bring additional food items to share with other children. Do **not** invite other children to join you. Parents are invited to eat lunch with their children on our outdoor picnic tables.

For additional information contact:

<https://www.austinisd.org/nutrition-food-services/meal-programs>

### **Celebrations and Field Trips**

Birthday Celebrations Private birthday parties will not be held at school. Invitations to private birthday parties should not be distributed at school unless the entire class is invited. Food items may be distributed at school pending teacher approval to celebrate birthdays. (Food items must be store-bought, no homemade items are allowed.)

Class Parties All school-connected social activities shall be approved by and planned with the teacher and children involved, in consultation with the principal. Each class may have no more than three official parties per year.

Field Trips Parents will be notified in advance whenever children will leave campus on field trips. A permission form is sent home for parent signature when students are riding in private or commercial transportation.

### **Communication and Visits**



Conferences AISD determines the date for the required fall parent-teacher conferences, and your child's teacher will offer a sign up of various times on that day for you to meet and discuss how your child is doing at school. You and the teacher will decide whether to have a conference in the spring.

Permanent Records In accordance with the Open Records Law, parents who wish to review their child's permanent records may do so by contacting the school office.

Report Cards Report Cards are sent via email, you will get a copy through your parent cloud at the end of each nine weeks. Mid nine weeks reports are sent home when students are having academic difficulty. Schedule conferences as needed.

Daily Folders School/Home Communications Your child will bring home a Folder each day. This folder will contain a monthly calendar and any homework. Please use this folder to send notes to the teacher or lunch money. Please check your child's folder every day and remember to send it back to school in the morning. Generally, these are papers that you will need to return to the school. Your child will bring a folder containing papers about classroom and school happenings. The folder should be sent back to school with your child along with any permission slips, surveys or other papers that should be returned. Generally, you can keep any homework that was sent home in the folder.

### **Dress Code**

Austin ISD's student dress code supports equitable educational access and is written in a manner that does not reinforce stereotypes.

<https://www.austinisd.org/family-support/dress-code>

To ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code, school staff shall enforce the dress code consistently and in a manner that does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, age, immigration status, or any other basis prohibited by law, that adversely affects the student.

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others.

### **Emergency Contacts**

Change of Address or Phone Numbers For the safety and protection of your child, please notify the office in writing of any changes of address or phone number(s). We must have a phone number where the parent(s) can be reached during the school day, especially in case of illness or accident. We also need to know who has permission to pick up your child from school. Copies of court papers will be kept in the office and referred to as necessary. You can also send an email with updated information to: [summitt@austinisd.org](mailto:summitt@austinisd.org) (this email is checked regularly).

Emergency Care Forms Please complete and update information on the Emergency Forms so that we have current phone numbers and names of persons who may pick up your child(ren). See also heading titled “Change of Address or Phone Number.”

## Health

Immunizations AISD implements Texas Department of Health rules and regulations regarding immunizations for student enrollment and attendance. All students must have all age-appropriate immunizations required by the state of Texas.

Insurance Student accident insurance is available to all students. A packet will be available for each student in September of each year. Purchase of these benefits is optional.

Medication According to AISD Policy, prescription and non-prescription medicine will be given by school personnel during school hours only as necessary. Parent/guardian must complete a signed medication form prior to medication being given. The medication must be in the original container with the child’s name, current date, and specific instructions for administration. Medication given three times a day should be given before school, after school, and in the evening by the parent. Empty medicine containers will be sent home with the child as a reminder to send refills, if necessary. All medications must be kept in the office. Children are not allowed to self-medicate.

Nurse Children can receive a pass from the classroom teacher to see the nurse or a secretary (when the nurse or her assistant is not on campus). In most cases, the student’s temperature is taken, and the child may be given the opportunity to rest in the nurse’s office. First aid will be administered as needed. Parents will be contacted if the child is ill or injured. Students with a 100.0 fever must be sent home and CANNOT return to school until the temperature returns to normal for 24 hours without the use of fever medication.

Vision and Hearing Each year students in early childhood (EC), pre-kindergarten (Pre-K), kindergarten (K), second and fifth grade are screened for vision and hearing problems. Students in other grade levels may be referred for screening by the teachers or parents.

## Lost and Found

Remember to: **label all your student’s items (lunchboxes, water bottles, backpacks, jackets, etc.)**. Lost and found items will be located in the Hallway close to the front entrance. All clothing and items that can be removed from the student at school should be clearly marked with the child’s name. All items not claimed are donated to charity. Small items like glasses and billfolds are kept in the school office. Ask for them there.

## Mission Statement

The mission statement of Summitt Elementary is to create a diverse, equitable, inclusive and supportive learning community where everyone can SOAR TO EXCELLENCE!

### **Registration**

In the spring, families may begin registering new or returning students online for the upcoming school year. To register, log into the Parent Cloud at <https://my.austinisd.org/> and find the Student Registration tile through Parent Self-Serve.

### **School Hours, Holidays, and the Days of Innovation**

- 7:15 am – 4 pm Office open
- 7:15 am – Drop off begins, students supervised in the cafeteria
- 7:30 am – Assembly begins in the cafeteria
- 7:40 am – Tardy bell, school day begins
- 3:10 pm – Dismissal bell, students are brought to various pick-up points
- 3:15 pm – Students who are not picked up by 3:15 pm may be picked up at the office
- 4 pm – Office closes

Holidays Please visit <https://www.austinisd.org/calendar> for AISD holiday schedule.

### **School Supplies**

We are excited to announce a continued partnership with 1st Day School Supplies! We have collaborated with 1st Day School Supplies to help parents and teachers get the exact supplies needed for next school year without the hassle and aggravation of shopping at WalMart, Target or Staples. School supplies will be delivered directly to your doorstep.

School Supply Lists will be announced through newsletter, email, etc. notifications. You can also find a list and pictures here: <https://www.1stdayschoolsupplies.com>.

You can drop off school supplies during Meet the Teacher or bring them on the first day of school.

### **Staff**

Principal Ariel Greco - ariel.greco@austinisd.org

Assistant Principal David Foyt - david.foyt@austinisd.org

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Librarian Denise Richey - denise.richey@austinisd.org

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Front Office Shana Pokorny - [shana.pokorny@austinisd.org](mailto:shana.pokorny@austinisd.org)

Registrar Elizabeth Flores - [elizabeth.n.flores@austinisd.org](mailto:elizabeth.n.flores@austinisd.org)

**Summitt House System:**

Summitt Houses were created for all students and staff to feel a sense of connection, collaboration and care.

CONNECTION: At Summitt Elementary we have five houses. All students in grades Pre-K through 5th grade, are vertically assigned to a house at the beginning of the school year. Each school year begins with students learning the qualities and characteristics of each house's trait which then leads to a school wide house reveal.

COLLABORATION: Each Tuesday students participate in a House Meeting with their fellow house members. Students get to collaborate by participating in various activities and energizers. Students recite their motto and build connections during this time. Your child is encouraged to wear their house color on Tuesdays.

CARING: A house system helps to build a caring, supportive environment. Each student will be a valued member of a smaller group within the whole school. The purpose is to create an enjoyable atmosphere in which deep learning and effective teaching can flourish ... a school with rigor and relevance.

**Summitt Houses:**

The House of Kindness (red, heart)

The House of Courageous (gold, lion)

The House of Collaboration (blue, wolf)

The House of Innovation (purple, racoon)

The House of Tenacity (green, turtle)

**Summitt House System allows for:**

- Inclusive community of staff and students
- Buddy class pairings
- Reading buddies
- Multi age grouping opportunities
- Vertical teaming and alignment
- Student leadership/ownership

**Transportation**

Bus Safety Bus riders are expected to follow safety procedures while on the bus and while waiting at the bus stop. Students should remain seated when the bus is moving and follow other Summitt school rules while they are en route to and from school. Students may be removed from the bus if their behavior is inappropriate.

If your child rides the bus, Austin ISD has an app, *WheresTheBus*, which will let you know where your child’s bus is located. It’s available for download on your phone or tablet.

Learn more about School Bus Routes and transportation provided by AISD.

Bicycle Safety and Security Bicycles are to be chained at the bike rack. Bikes should be walked when on the sidewalk. No bicycles will be allowed in the building. Helmets should be worn when riding bikes. Skateboards, scooters, sneakers with wheels or roller blades should not be brought to school.

Traffic Safety General safety rules should be observed by students and parents when loading and unloading children from vehicles. Please encourage your child(ren) to cross the street at the cross-walks for safety reasons. Children should not exit from the driver’s side door because of the possibility of injury. Do not park in the fire zones or along the curb in the front driveway of the school. The right lane along the curb is for drop-off only. The left lane is for moving traffic. Pull forward as far as possible and then drop off your child at the curb.

**Visitors**

Report to the office with your driver’s license. A name tag will be created for you. Once you are in the system, the process will be faster **but you will need to show your driver’s license upon every visit so please have it on hand**. We ask visitors to sign out at the conclusion of your visit so please stop by the office and turn in your name tag.

Schedule a conference with the teacher if you would like to discuss a visit.

**CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**4th/5th Grade Newspaper**

Any inquiries on how students can get involved in future issues can be sent to the editors at [summittnewspaper@gmail.com](mailto:summittnewspaper@gmail.com).

### **Cub Scouts**

Is your child interested in becoming a Cub Scout? Learn about Summitt's Cub Scout Pack 90 for grades K thru 5th at Back to School Night. For more information, visit us at [pack90austin.org](http://pack90austin.org).

### **Girl Scouts**

Is your child interested in becoming a Girl Scout? For questions or more information, please contact the Summitt Elementary School Coordinator at [summitt@bluebonnetcircle.org](mailto:summitt@bluebonnetcircle.org).

### **Dragon and Lion Dance Team**

Extracurricular activities are also available to all students through our partnership with A.S.I.A Foundation. Extracurricular activities include the Dragon and Lion Dance teams, martial arts classes, and Taiko Drum club. Contact Thầy Thuận (Mr. T) at [summittliondance@gmail.com](mailto:summittliondance@gmail.com).

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### **Math Pentathlon**

Math Pentathlon is a volunteer-run after-school program that practices math skills and logical reasoning. We use engaging games to strengthen basic math skills, develop good sportsmanship, and foster creative thinking. We support our volunteers - you do not need to be a math wiz to help! Membership is open to all grades (K-5). Email [mpsummitt@gmail.com](mailto:mpsummitt@gmail.com).

### **5th Grade PALS**

PALS is an application-based organization for 5th grade Summitt students. Students are selected based on leadership skills. They assist Pre-K students during morning assembly.

### **4th Grade No Place for Hate**

PALS is an application-based organization for 4th grade Summitt students. Students are selected based on their application. They work with the Counselors to identify areas of improvement on the campus to make sure the campus is open and inviting to all students.

### **Taiko Drum Team**

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### **The Fitness School**

We are excited to bring The Fitness School to Summitt Elementary! The Fitness School is bringing it's After-School Enrichment Program to Summitt! The program converts time after school into productive, health-promoting activity. Based on the building blocks of fitness, we introduce all children regardless of age, competency level or current fitness level to a meaningful regime of fitness-building skills that will last a lifetime. Delivered on campus and after school with the assistance of interns from The University of Texas College of Education, Advanced Sciences, Kinesiology and Athletics Departments, The Fitness School provides our area kids a means to dissipate their restless energy and keep them active. This is our 4th year servicing Murchison Middle School and 3rd year at Hill Elementary and we couldn't be any more excited to finally be at Summitt for the upcoming year!

### **Young Rembrandts**

Make memories for your child this semester and sign them up for a Young Rembrandts drawing class. Your artist will learn about basic design and composition as they create a candy landscape and 'visit' the Far East by drawing the Great Wall of China. Our hockey player figure illustration will score points with sports enthusiasts. In our art history classes we feature master artist Leonardo Da Vinci.

## CURRICULUM

### **Foreign Language Experience Program (FLEX)**

Beginning in 2013, Summitt Elementary and the Anderson High School vertical team take part in a Foreign Language Experience Program (FLEX) called One World Schools. Along with the other elementary schools in Summitt's vertical team, Summitt provides foreign language instruction to first through fifth graders. Students receive lessons in a foreign language and culture, once a week, from a highly trained teacher who travels between the campuses. Summitt is home to the 3rd grade German teacher: Greg Rohde.

The five languages are:

- Spanish-1st grade
- French-2nd grade
- German-3rd grade
- Chinese-4th grade
- Latin-5th grade

### **Library**

Our amazing librarian, Mrs. Richey, plans many wonderful things and events for our students. Drop by and you may get to visit the library pet, enjoy a pancake breakfast, sign up for Birthday Book Club, and of course, check out the many great books. All classes come to the library once every week or two, depending on their grade level. Books can be checked out for two weeks.

### **Middle School Presentations**

Many of our 5th grade students are determining their next steps as a middle school student. If your child is interested in applying to attend Kealing, Lively, Lamar, Gus Garcia, Bertha Sadler Means, or Ann Richards, additional information is available in the front office. Additionally, there will be presentations given to our 5th graders in the fall. Parents are invited to join us in the 5th grade commons area to hear these presentations if they desire to do so.

Magnet schools seek to recruit and draw an ethnically diverse student body from throughout the city. Students who wish to attend a magnet school go through an



application process, and proof of residence in the Austin ISD attendance zone is required to apply to an AISD magnet school.

### **Social Emotional Learning**

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is a process for helping children and adults develop fundamental skills for life effectiveness. SEL teaches the skills we all need to handle ourselves, our relationships, and our work effectively and ethically. These skills include:

- recognizing and managing our emotions,
- developing caring and concern for others,
- establishing positive relationships,
- making responsible decisions, and
- handling challenging situations constructively and ethically.

Our campus has an assigned SEL (counselors) specialist who supports implementation on campus by providing professional development, observing lessons and giving feedback on explicit instruction, and integration of SEL skills and concepts into academic instruction. Specialists work closely with campus administration and facilitators to develop SEL goals and action plans with the steering committee.

### **Special Areas**

Art Art instruction is provided by a specialist in grades K-5. Student artwork is displayed on campus and in the community.

Music Music instruction is provided by a specialist in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. Students in 3rd through 5th grade participate in an annual city-wide Music Memory Contest. 4th and 5th graders can try out for choir and participate in the Recorder Festival held each year. Students should wear shoes that will stay on their feet during movement activities.

Physical Education (PE) PE class concentrates on 2 skill units and 2 health units every 9-week session. We also have many fun wellness events planned throughout the school year including Marathon Kids, Jingle Bell Jog, 5th Grade Volleyball Playday, CATCH Night and Olympic Field Day! Austin ISD PE and Health programs aim to inspire students to make healthy decisions, develop social skills and pursue lifelong physical fitness.

## **STAAR**

The State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) exams are taken by 3rd-12th grade students. Please note that parents are not allowed on campus during STAAR testing due to confidentiality and security. Please schedule lunch with your student on another day. The library will also be closed these days. For more information about STAAR visit [tea.texas.gov](http://tea.texas.gov).

## **EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING**

### **Appreciation Weeks (Counselor, Librarian, Teacher, etc.)**

Summitt's Appreciation Team helps thank our school's crossing guards, counselors, and academic specialists. Look for more details in the newsletter and the Amazon Wish List. Wide range of prices for all donation levels! Ship it to your home and drop it off in the Summitt front office. Contact [summittboard@gmail.com](mailto:summittboard@gmail.com) with questions or concerns.

### **Back-to-School Night**

Parents and guardians are invited up to the school to hear from their student's teacher(s), talk to Special Areas teachers, and purchase Birthday Book Club memberships available to their students. Back-to-School Night usually happens during the 2nd week of school so parents/guardians can learn all about their student's class but is subject to change. Watch for communications from the school and/or your student's teacher during the first week of school for more information. A typical schedule might look like this:

- 5:30-6:15 pm – PK-2nd grade teacher presentations
- 6:15-7:00 pm – 3rd-5th grade teacher presentations

### **BooHoo WooHoo Breakfast**

Summitt PTA invites all parents of Pre-K and Kinder students to the BooHoo WooHoo Breakfast in the library. After you drop off your child, join other parents for some breakfast treats. Summitt PTA members and some staff will be on hand to answer questions.

### **Book Fair (Fall and Spring)**

We have a fall and spring Book Fair! Our students will all have the opportunity to visit the Book Fairs during the week with their respective classes. Book Fair opens beginning at 7:15

each morning and until 3:30 each afternoon. We will close early at 12:00 on Friday afternoons. Please, no backpacks in the library during the Book Fair.

### **CATCH Night/STEM Night**

CATCH stands for a Coordinated Approach to Children's Health. Wear your favorite sports team jerseys and fill out your passport to enter a raffle for some cool prizes. We have fun events such as DrumFIT, Parent Pacer Challenge, Camp Gladiator Obstacle Course, Anderson HS Soccer Team, Art Make 'n' Take, Healthy Info Booths, and more. We will also host team jersey day during the school day.

STEM night coincides with CATCH night and offers stem-based activities for families, provided by PTA. Activities could include building a parachute, cookie bridge or submarine. Chat with STEM professionals to learn more about becoming a scientist, too.

### **Community/Family Dinner Nights**

Join us for spirit nights at various businesses and they will donate a portion of the proceeds to the Summitt PTA! This is a great way to spend some time together and earn a little extra spending money for our school! Be sure and tell your cashier you are with Summitt!

### **Eagle Fest**

Plan to bring your family, neighbors, and friends to enjoy the wonderful carnival atmosphere, play games, and raise money for our school! Eagle Fest is our largest-attended PTA fundraiser and 100% of the proceeds go directly to our Summitt students! This year, Eagle Fest is Saturday, October 21st, from 3-6pm.

### **Summitt Eagle Fun Run**

One of our big fundraisers is the Summitt Eagle Fun Run! It's a 9-day program that kicks off with a Pep Rally then families will have time to get pledges for every lap your student runs (30-35 laps), and we'll celebrate at the Fun Run. Thank you for your support!

### **Solar Eclipse (NEW)**

On Monday, April 8, 2024, Austin will be in the path of totality for a solar eclipse. Summitt PTA is providing every student with a pair of solar eclipse glasses for the event.

### **Events by Grade Level**

These are events that traditionally occur every year for each grade level. It's not a complete list but most major events are listed.

#### Kindergarten

- Winter Holidays Play (December) – Performed in the a.m.
- 100 Days of School (Spring)
- Kinder Rodeo (Spring) – fun activities, outside picnic
- Field Trip (Locations vary, past visits to the Thinkery)

#### First Grade

- Science Buddies – First graders are paired with fifth grade buddies for science activities
- Folk/Square Dance (Spring)
- Field Trip (Locations vary, past visits to Zach Scott Theater)

#### Second Grade

- Dress up for Fifties Day (Early November)
- Spring Musical (morning and evening performance)
- Field Trip (Locations vary)

#### Third Grade

- Winter musical (morning performance)
- Rocket Day (Spring)
- Field Trip (Nutcracker, Pioneer Farm)
- Water balloons and picnic at Balcones District Park (Spring)

#### Fourth Grade

- Talent Show (Spring)
- Parent Volunteers help at Fifth Grade Graduation
- Bowling and picnic on last day of school; parents drive
- Field Trip (varies, have been going to the Bob Bullock Museum)
- Jingle Bell Jog

#### Fifth Grade

- Colonial Day
- Jingle Bell Jog
- Host a haunted house at Eagle Fest
- Science Buddies –Mentor 1st grade students
- Field Trip to the creek at Balcones Park
- Pioneer Day

- Field Trip
- Science Fair (February)
- Graduation (May)
- Dance (hosted by Fifth Grade parents)
- Science Blowout (end of year)

### **Grandparent's Lunch**

All grandparents are invited to have lunch with their little Eagles for Grandparents Day. Please remind grandparents to arrive early in order to have time to get a Raptor badge from the school office.

### **Jingle Bell Jog**

The annual Jingle Bell Jog is for 4th and 5th graders! They will race a 1-mile course around our school grounds! We are currently building up endurance by running/jogging the Jingle Bell Jog route during PE class.

### **Meet the Teacher**

Before school begins, you will be able to find out your student's teacher and classroom, say "hi!", and drop off school supplies at the Meet the Teacher event. Bring your ID and stop by the office to get yourself set-up in the system for future visits to campus.

You will also be able to learn about many of the amazing programs at Summitt, including Watch D.O.G.S., Girl and Boy Scouts, Birthday Book Club, Math Pentathlon, the Koblenz program, and more!

If you and your child are unable to attend MTT, you can call the school anytime after 9:30am that day to ask who your student's teacher will be and you can drop off school supplies the first day of school.

### **Koblenz Holiday Market**

Summitt hosts an annual "Holiday Market" craft and vendor event. The Market will be located in the Summitt Great Hall. Shop for Holiday goods while supporting local businesses. We will also have a Silent Auction! All proceeds benefit the Summitt-Koblenz Exchange program.

### **Koblenz Movie Night**

Come out, enjoy a movie with your friends and family and help raise money for the Koblenz Exchange Program. The week of Summitt Movie Night: Wednesday through Friday tickets will be on sale before school in the car line (for exact change or check) and after school in the Great Hall for \$5. Tickets at the door will be \$6. You may also purchase tickets by filling out the purchase tab at the bottom of the movie flyer and return it to your child's teacher along with your check or cash payment. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Proceeds will benefit the Koblenz Exchange Program.

**Mid-Autumn Festival (Tết Trung Thu)**

A fun event hosted by the Austin ISD Vietnamese Dual Language Program. Participate in the tradition! We will have raffles, games, arts & crafts, a lantern parade and lion-dragon dancing. Boba, snacks and lanterns will be available for purchase. This year, Mid-Autumn Festival is Friday, September 29th from 7:30-9pm.

**Multicultural Night**

Ever wonder what traditional clothing in Hungary looks like? Do you want to sample foods from different cultures represented at Summitt? Do you want to see our very own Lion Dancers and Taiko Team perform? Then come join us for fabulous entertainment at our Multicultural Night! Stamp your passports and leave with some great memories!

**National Bike to School Day**

We encourage physical fitness through walking or biking to school if you and your family are able. Please remember that when you arrive on school property (inside the fence), you should walk your bike or scooter for the safety of pedestrians. Also be considerate of our neighbors as you move through the neighborhood. We encourage the use of helmets when biking or scootering!

**Picture Day (Class and Student)**

Fall, spring, and classroom group pictures will be taken. Parents should receive flyers in the Monday Folder for more information. The pictures will need to have the form returned with the style selected. These packets will be printed and shipped in approximately 3-4 weeks after picture day. Parents will then have the opportunity to purchase from the package and customize their purchase to meet their needs. There is no obligation to purchase and any unselected prints can be returned to the school.

**Principal Coffee and Community Huddles**

Our principal looks forward to sharing her vision for the campus and how we can work together to build Summitt as THE destination school in AISD! Please join us for some coffee and conversation. Information on dates and times will be shared via the principal's monthly emails.

**Red Ribbon Week**

Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention campaign observed annually across the country in October. Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Lewis are working hard to engage students in various activities throughout the Red Ribbon Week. We encourage our Summitt Eagles to participate in our special spirit-themed days.

**Science Fair**

We want to see your experiments! Summitt Science Fair is open to all grades. Winners will be sent onto the District Science Fair.

**Skate Night**

Come join the Summitt Community and skate the night away at Playland Skate Center! A portion of your entry fee will be donated back to the Summitt PTA.

**Summitt Spirit Days, Every Friday**

Students, staff, faculty, and parents are encouraged to display their Summitt Pride by wearing the school t-shirt on Fridays. Designs on the shirts are proposed by 4th grade students at the end of each school year and voted on by the students and teachers. Show your Summitt spirit on Fridays by wearing your shirt!

**Teacher Talent Show**

Watch your favorite teachers sing, dance, and show off their amazing talents, usually held in late January or early February. This fundraiser helps support the Summitt - Koblenz Exchange Program. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

**Tết Shows (Day and Night)**

Tết Vietnamese New Year, Vietnamese Lunar New Year or Tet Holiday, is the most important celebration in Vietnamese culture. To celebrate this holiday, the Summitt Vietnamese Dual Language Program performs a day and evening show. All classes in the program participate (Pre-K to 5th Grade). In addition to class performances, the Lion Dragon Dance Team, Taiko Team, and the Martial Arts Team perform. All classes in the school attend the day performance. The night performance is for parents and families to attend. Night show tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Food and beverage is also sold at the evening event and scholarships from the A.S.I.A. Foundation are announced.

**UIL (University Interscholastic League) A+ Academics Tournament**

UIL A+ Academics is an academic competition designed to promote enrichment and a healthy competitive spirit. More than half a million students participate in UIL academic competitions each year in Texas.

In order to begin preparing for the UIL competition, teachers and students in grades 2-5 will build in some enrichment time to practice UIL skills during class. From there, students wishing to continue with the competition will participate in a small run off competition in early December to select the students who will compete at the actual event. We may only send a set number of students to participate in each event, but we want to ensure everyone has the opportunity to try out if they would like. In the spring semester, we will be looking for parent volunteers to help us coach our competitors.

Please look for more information to come home if your child is selected to participate.

**Vietnamese (VNDL) End of Year Picnic**

Annual end-of-the-year potluck picnic hosted by the Vietnamese Dual Language program. Everyone is invited to join! It's held in May in courtyard near the garden.

**Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza Night**

Attention all Fathers & Father-figures of Summitt students: Are you interested in spending a day at school, interacting with the students, being a positive role model, and providing an extra set of eyes & ears on campus? Sign up with the Watch D.O.G.S. Program & be your student's "Hallway Hero" for the day!



More information about the Watch D.O.G.S. will be shared at our annual Dads & Kids Pizza Night coming up on Tuesday, Sept. 12th at 5:30 p.m. in the Summitt cafeteria. For more information, email [summittwatchdogs@gmail.com](mailto:summittwatchdogs@gmail.com).

### **Yearbooks**

Summitt families can purchase a yearbook for the year. It's a collection of student photos and activities throughout the year. Information will be shared through the PTA newsletter and Monday folders.

## **GET INVOLVED**

### **Appreciation Team**

The Appreciation Team is looking for more team members! We need people to plan fun themes for appreciation weeks, create posters, decorate, put together goody bags/baskets, and streamline the "process of appreciation." Whether you're someone who loves any excuse to look at Pinterest, a person who has an eye for decorating, or someone who can make processes more efficient, we would love to have you! Please reach out: [summittboard@gmail.com](mailto:summittboard@gmail.com).

### **Beautification Team**

Volunteer to make Summitt a beautiful place to go to school. We can use your input on beautification projects at Summitt. We also have two Beautification Days a year when everyone comes to work on areas of the school that need attention.

### **Campus Advisory Council (CAC)**

This is another great way to remain connected to Summitt and our campus progress. If you are interested in serving on CAC, please email the Principal directly at [ariel.greco@austinisd.org](mailto:ariel.greco@austinisd.org).

### **Committee Chair (Eagle Fest, Website, Yearbook, etc.)**

Volunteers are needed to head our events, programs, and fundraisers. Many have a team of volunteers to help, but need someone to lead and be the point person. Please email [summittpresident@gmail.com](mailto:summittpresident@gmail.com) if you are interested.

### **Homeroom Parents**

Please consider signing up to be homeroom parent for your child's classroom. You would organize class parties and coordinate class families' involvement in school fundraisers. You do not have to do all the work from scratch! A coordinator will provide you with a packet of tips and recommendations, as well as example emails and flyers that you can use. Sign up and speak to your child's teacher at this Friday's Meet the Teacher. For more information, email [homeroomcoordsummitteagles@gmail.com](mailto:homeroomcoordsummitteagles@gmail.com).

### **Parent Cloud**

Parents can view assignment grades, class averages, attendance information, email teachers, and even update their phone number and email addresses from within this new portal. It is recommended that each parent or guardian should have their own account and not share their login information with their child, as a new Student Self Serve (SSS) application is also available to allow students to look up their own information. In order to access the PSS, simply login to the AISD ParentCloud (or create a new account) at [portal.austinisd.org](http://portal.austinisd.org). To learn how to create an account, visit <https://www.austinisd.org/technology/parent-portal/parent-self-serve>.

### **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**

Join the PTA in helping Summitt & your child! Summitt has an active PTA. There are general meetings throughout the year. The Executive Board holds meetings monthly. Anyone interested is invited to attend and all are welcome to join. Flyers and the newsletter will have additional information about PTA activities and committees. Volunteer opportunities are always available. <https://summitteagles.org>

Did you know that an active and engaged family is directly related to student success? Please help Summitt by getting involved and getting connected to benefit your child.

### **Stay Informed**

Stay up-to-date with the latest events and information at Summitt!

*AISD Parent Cloud* Where you can see your student's grades, assignments, registration, records, etc. <https://my.austinisd.org/>

*ClassDojo* Download the Class Dojo app and get updates from your child's teacher. Learn more at Meet the Teacher.

*Calendar* Add Summitt's Google Calendar to your Calendar, visit [summitteagles.org](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/b/5?cid=c3VtbWl0dGVhZ2xlc0BnbWFpbC5jb20).  
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/b/5?cid=c3VtbWl0dGVhZ2xlc0BnbWFpbC5jb20>

Email Notifications Go to [rmd.at/eg464c](https://rmd.at/eg464c) and sign up online.

Facebook Page Visit our page at <https://www.facebook.com/summitteagles/> for updates, reminders, and pictures of events.

Instagram Follow us on Instagram at @summitt\_pta

Newsletter Sign up to get the PTA's emails by visiting [www.summitteagles.com](http://www.summitteagles.com). This will have the latest information on news and events at Summitt.

Remind App Download the Remind app, enter this link on your web browser to get the app: [rmd.at/eg464c](https://rmd.at/eg464c).

Text Notifications Text the message @eg464c to the number 81010 (standard text message rates apply).

Twitter All tweets are re-posts from our Facebook page. Visit <https://twitter.com/SummittEagles>.

SchoolCafe The place for school menus, student lunch money accounts, can download the app; connects through the Parent Cloud account. <https://www.schoolcafe.com/>

Where's the Bus App See the location of your student's bus, bus stop; can download the app; connects through the Parent Cloud account. <https://www.wheresthebus.com/>

### **Teacher Workroom**

If you have 10-15 minutes to spare, the Teacher Workroom could always use some help. Teachers need help with copying, die cutting, and laminating. Hours are 7:15am-3:30pm. Come when you can!

### **Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)**

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## **PROGRAMS**

### **Free and Reduced Lunch**

Families are encouraged to apply for SNAP benefits to receive free meals for their students at school, and their family at home. Families that receive SNAP benefits are eligible for free school meals without submitting a school meal benefits application. Submit at SNAP application at: [www.YourTexasBenefits.com](http://www.YourTexasBenefits.com).

A new meal benefits application must be submitted each school year for those interested in participating in the free or reduced-price meals program. Online meal applications can be submitted by creating an account at [www.SchoolCafe.com](http://www.SchoolCafe.com).

- Only one application is needed for an entire household.
- Students are permitted to receive meal benefits based on last year's meal status only until October 1 or until a new meal application has been processed.
- New applications are available from the school office.
- Online applications are available in English and Spanish. Paper applications are available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Arabic, Burmese and Korean.
- Please call AISD Nutrition and Food Services (512) 414-0251 or contact AISD Refugee Services to arrange for a paper application.
- To expedite the approval process of a new meal application, we highly recommend that families submit the information online.
- Income eligibility guidelines are used in determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.
- For meal application assistance, please contact an AISD Nutrition and Food Services Business Support Specialist: Tina Castillo (bilingual): 512-414-0257 or [tina.castillo@austinisd.org](mailto:tina.castillo@austinisd.org)

### **Gifted and Talented**

Each year parents and teachers are invited to nominate students who exhibit exceptional abilities in math, science, language arts, and/or social studies to be screened for the Gifted and Talented Program (GT). The nomination period, or window, is usually 2-3 weeks long at the beginning of each semester, but precedes a much longer testing window of 6 – 8 weeks.

We test students in grades 3-5 in the Fall Semester and students in grades K-2 in the Spring Semester. This allows older students to test before the mandated testing season begins in the spring, and younger students to have an opportunity to adjust to the new school year before the students participate in the lengthy GT Screening Process. The GT Screening Process does include online testing, which is timed for 3rd-5th, and the completion of a common assessment done at school.

Parents are encouraged to talk with their child's teacher about possible GT testing, although that is not required. Parents must then complete and turn in a parent survey. These can be found online or in the main office.

### **P.A.L.S. Program**

PALS has trained high school students across the district to be peer mentors to younger students at feeder schools, serving as their role models and mentors. Today, the PALS

program has expanded to training elementary and middle school students to serve as peer mentors. PALS promotes service, the development of interpersonal skills and community-mindedness, which helps to create a more positive and productive school environment.

### **Summitt-Koblenz Student Exchange**

Are you interested in joining us on the next trip to Koblenz, Germany? Summitt 4th and 5th graders are invited to get involved in the Koblenz Exchange Program. Children who would like to attend write essays about why they want to participate in the program, and a committee chooses the participants. Parents must also be committed because there is fundraising activities, including the Teacher Talent Show, Movie Nights, and Holiday Bazaar, along with regular meetings for students and parents to prepare for the trip.

Visits to Germany are every other summer and in the alternating spring, children and families from Koblenz visit Summitt and Austin. If you would like more information, please contact one of Koblenz committee members: Heidi Meurer or Heather Brannies.

### **Vietnamese Dual Language**

Mission The program's mission is to help students develop high academic and linguistic proficiency in two languages by participating in a rigorous academic program that enhances the development of bilingualism, biculturalism, and biliteracy so that students will be well prepared for higher education, careers, and have the pride and self-confidence to be successful in the global community.

Vision The Austin Independent School District Vietnamese Dual language program serves to promote bilingualism, biculturalism and bi-literacy for all participating students. The program is committed to educate our students in a multicultural learning environment that accelerates learning and fosters life-long learners who celebrate diversity and become responsible citizens of the world.

Please contact Vietnamese Dual Language Coordinator, Thuy Nguyen, at [thuynguyen@austinisd.org](mailto:thuynguyen@austinisd.org) and our website <https://www.aisdvietdl.org/>.

## **SPONSORS**

### **Birthday Book Club and Marquee**

Book Club Sign your child up for the Birthday Book Club. Another great way to make your child's birthday special or even your favorite teacher! Students are recognized at our

weekly assembly on the Wednesday of their birthday week. A special bookplate is put inside the front cover of the book. Your child will be the first person to check it out!

Your donation is very special to your child and is very appreciated. Students feel that they have ownership in their school library. Your donation is a source of supplemental funding for our library program. Your donation will be used to continue the development of our library collection so that it is current and reflective of our students' interests. Cost: Only \$10. Please make checks payable to Summitt Library.

Marquee Does your student want to see their name in lights during their birthday week? Sign up online at the Summitt Store for the Birthday Marquee for only \$10 per student. <https://summitteagles.org/store/>

### **Eagle Family Sponsors**

Thank you to our Eagle Family Sponsors whose generous donations directly support our students at Summitt. 100% of your tax-deductible \$100+ donation goes directly to programs hosted by the Summitt PTA for Summitt students. Eagle Families will receive sponsorship recognition at Eagle Fest, in addition to receiving an exclusive Eagle Family Sponsor Thank You Gift! You may purchase a sponsorship at <https://summitteagles.org/store/>. For more information about Eagle Family Sponsors, please contact [summittpresident@gmail.com](mailto:summittpresident@gmail.com).

### **Eagle Business Partners in Education**

We invite you to become a Summitt Eagle Business Partners in Education, our business sponsorship program. 100% of the money raised through Summitt's Business Partner in Education goes directly to education programs that benefit our students. The Summitt PTA is a tax-exempt 501c3 organization, therefore your donations made to the PTA are tax deductible!

Summitt Elementary 2022-2023 Business Partners in Education will receive recognition throughout the school year AND at our major fundraising events – Eagle Fest in October. NEW this year, Diamond Eagle Sponsors will receive premier signage on the fence facing Amherst, a street traversed by thousands of cars a day.

Choose your level:

- Bronze - \$100
- Silver - \$250
- Gold - \$500
- Platinum - \$750
- Diamond - \$1,000

You may purchase a sponsorship at <https://summitteagles.org/store>. For more information about Sponsorships, please contact [summittsponsors@gmail.com](mailto:summittsponsors@gmail.com). Thank you for supporting our students and investing in our future!

**Office Depot**

Office Depot has put together a 5% fundraiser for qualifying schools to help raise funds. Every time you purchase items at Office Depot, just tell them this code: 70094597 and 5% of qualified purchases will go to Summitt! Don't have the ID number? That's OK, they can look it up by the school name. Anyone can use this code, so please spread the word. More info is at

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2U9EyoinyBNcG9pSnJ1NTJ0cXhWcGpuVjVOek5oM0JiVDNj/view>.