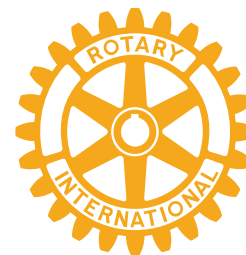


THE ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTHSIDE CORPUS CHRISTI



AT ROSE SHAW ELEMENTARY EAFK LEADERS MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!

In 2014, when it appeared that Societal and Communal Values were on the verge of declining; the Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi took the leap by indorsing and funding The Early Act First Knight Program, (EAFK), at Rose Shaw Elementary School.

EAFK is an educational character building program. EAFK teaches students leadership skills that are foundational in shaping **student's** humanitarian lifetime skills during their formative years. The EAFK Program educates students to become the **Leaders of Tomorrow** in their schools and their communities. The **EAFK** Curriculum also promotes leadership skills, community services and motivates elementary students to become more civil-minded. Students from Pre-K through 5th grade participate by learning character building leadership virtues through the **Early Act First Knight** curriculum made available by The Knights of the Guild.



EAFK THEME
EAFK, is themed after the **World of Galant Knights and Chivalry.**



EAFK LEADERSHIP VIRTUES TAUGHT:
Friendliness, Citizenship, Responsibility, Confidence, Perseverance, Respect, Discipline, Compassion, Honesty, Tolerance and Trustworthiness.



Every six (6) weeks, a student from each class that best exemplify the virtue taught during that six (6) week period, receives a medallion and a certificate at the school assembly ceremony. Fifth grade students are knighted by the Galant Knight during the ceremony assembly.



A KNIGHTING CEREMONY

Sir Cass Garcia, the Galant Knight of the Guild, knights a fifth grade student after receiving a Medallion. After

being knighted, the student becomes a member of the Guild.



A SET OF RULES TO LIVE BY

The EAFK Service Club students use the **ROTARY'S 4-WAY TEST** as a modern code of Chivalry. All students from Pre-K to 5th grade recite **THE ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST** daily, which states: "Of the things we **think, say** and **do, First, IS IT THE TRUTH? Second, IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED? Third, WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Fourth, WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?"**

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EAFK STUDENT SERVICE CLUB

Fourth (4) and fifth (5) grade students are selected by their teachers to participate in the **EAFK Student**

Service Club. EAFK student officers conduct their meetings to resembles a regular Rotary Club meeting. Meetings are held twice a month and are conducted under the guidance of the Rotarian advisors and the school counselor.

The Student Service Club plans one local and one international project per year that services the needs of both global and local communities.

Through the EAFK Student Service Club, the club members also learn to practice the **Rotary Motto, "SERVICE, ABOVE SELF."**



EAFK STUDENT SERVICE CLUB VISITS THE RONALD MAC DONALD HOUSE

For the past four (4) years the EAFK Student

Service Club has visited the Ronald Mac Donald House during the Christmas Holidays. The EAFK Service Club members wanted the children to know that although they are dealing with illnesses, the **EAFK Student Service Club** have not forgotten them. **EAFK Student Service Club members made large size Christmas Poster to decorate the doors where the children and their parents stay temporarily.**



THE CAST BEHIND EAFK

The Cast behind the EAFK Service Club, are as follows: Ms. Rebecca Casas, Shaw Elementary Principal and Ms. Patricia De Leon, School Counselor, Sir Cass the

Galant Knight of the Guild. Richard and Nina Espinosa and Nancy Ross are Rotarian Service Club advisors. Rotarian Paul Luehrs and his wife Linnae are frequent visitors and supporters of the EAFK Program.



The i - ACHIEVE AWARD

On March 29, 2018, CCISD recognized and awarded the Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi, with an, "**i - Achieve Partners in Education** Award" for the EAFK Program at Shaw Elementary.

HOW PROFITABLE IS THE EARLY ACT FIRST KNIGHT PROGRAM FOR ROSE SHAW ELEMENTARY?

The **Early Act First Knight Program** educates, builds and empowers elementary student with **A SET OF LEADERSHIP SKILLS and LIFETIME CHANGING VIRTUES.** These virtues help the students embrace the idea of becoming **COMMUNITY FRIENDLY** and leaders as they undertake school-wide Humanitarian service projects in their school and community.

The **Early Act First Knight Program** has impacted the Rose Shaw Elementary Students by:

- 1) Students embracing and modeling life-time virtues and leadership skills.
- 2) EAFK reducing student's behavioral office referrals.
- 3) EAFK improving student attendance.
- 4) EAFK increasing parent participation.

- 5) EAFK increasing student community involvement,
- 6) Students using the Rotary 4 Way Test as rules to live by, and learning to always tell the truth, and be fair to all concern.
- 7) Student becoming community friendly by promoting **SERVICE ABOVE SELF.**

Personally it is a joy to share the EAFK Program with the public, because **EAFK is a Life changing program for students.** As of now **EAFK is a HIDDEN TREASURE waiting to be discovered and implemented by other schools.**

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A FUTURE ROTARIAN

