

Raul B. Fernandez Elementary Newsletter for August & September 2009



Welcome Back Bulldogs!

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,
Fernandez Elementary is very proud to announce that we have been named a Texas Exemplary School by the Texas Education Agency! We are so proud of the achievements of our teachers and students! They worked so hard last year and deserve the recognition. Fernandez students scored above 90% pass rate in every major category. You can view our scores on the school website. Teachers will be stressing the rating as a message to all children, that "you can achieve anything when you put your mind to it."

School Advisory Team (SAT)

A supportive process in the public school system is the School Advisory Team (SAT). SAT is a process to improve the educational outcomes at every school campus through a collaborative effort. The SAT collaborates with the principal in formulating campus performance objectives and reviews progress toward their attainment. The Fernandez SAT consists of the Principal, Vice Principal, teachers, and several parents. The PTA president serves a one year term on the SAT. Parents other than the PTA president serve a two year term. If you are interested in serving on the SAT, please fill out the attached application and return it with your child to school before Sept. 3rd. A lottery will be held to select parent members needed to complete this year's team. Parents selected will be notified by school Administration.



Morning Drop-Off & Afternoon Pick-Up

To provide convenience and safety for all, we ask that families please review the following points:

- Please do not get out of your vehicle to load your own child while using the front pick-up loop in the afternoon. This will only slow down the flow of traffic. Teachers are there to assist students into the vehicles.
- Please pull forward and be aware of traffic patrols to guide you through the loop.
- To avoid heavier traffic congestion on Ridgebrook we ask families to avoid parking on the street. Please do not drop off your child in the bottom parking lot. This is not a designated student drop-off area. Please park and walk your child into the school.
- Walkers will be able to enter in the morning by using the side doors or the front of the school. Due to safety concerns the side doors will be locked after 7:50. Walking students can exit the side doors in the afternoon. This is a good spot for parents, if they wait to walk children home.
- Leaving students at school before 7:00 a.m. is not encouraged. If you **MUST** drop-off before 7:00 a.m. please do so in the front of the school, but remember that there is limited supervision there. School doors open at 7:00 a.m.
- Please note that we are

working very hard to accommodate your needs. Safety for students, parents, and pedestrians is our priority.



Raptor System

For the safety and security of your child, Northside TSD has implemented a new visitor tracking system at many of our elementary schools. The purpose of this system is to ensure that adult visitors on campus do not pose a threat to any students. The Raptor system will require that all parents/guardians, visitors, or volunteers entering the building during normal hours of operation present one of the following at the front desk:

- Valid Drivers License
- State- Issued ID Card
- Work Visa
- Permanent Resident Card (Green Card)

The ID will then be scanned and a badge with the visitor's picture, date, time, and campus location will be printed. All visitors will then wear the badge while on campus and return it at the end of the visit. Individuals who may be affected by the implementation of the visitor management system are encouraged to visit with campus administration regarding campus visitations.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 2 - Orientation Night
6:00 & 7:00 K/1/2

Sept. 3 - Orientation Night
6:00 & 7:00
3/4/5/M.A./AMC

Sept. 7 - Holiday

Sept. 8 - Grandparent's
Breakfast @ 6:50 Last
Name A-L



Sept. 8 - PTA Mtg. @ 7:00

Sept. 10 - Grandparent's
Breakfast @ 6:50 Last
Name M-Z



Sept. 23 - Wendy's Night
5:00-8:00



Fernandez
Elementary School
School Advisory Team – Parent Membership Application
I am interested in being a member of the S.A.T.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

<u>Children Attending Fernandez</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
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