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Fisher Elementary Newsletter for August & September 2009



Welcome to An Exciting New School Year

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 24 - First day of school.

Aug 26 - Parent Orientation
- 5:30 - PK, K, 4th
- 6:30 - 1st, 3rd
- 7:30 - 2nd, 5th

Sep 7 - Holiday

Sep 8 - PTA Mtng - 6:30

Sep 18 - Early Release

Sep 22 - Parent Coffee

Sep 22 - Precious Minds

Sep 25 - Progress Reports
sent home

Sep 29 - Precious Minds

Sep 30 - Oct. 7 - Music
Dept. Fundraiser



Welcome!

Welcome to another exciting school year at Fisher Elementary. We have some exciting new things to share with you. Please be in attendance for our Parent Orientation on August 26th according to the following schedule.

5:30 pm - PreK, K, 4th
6:30 pm - 1st, 3rd
7:30 pm - 2nd, 5th

We will introduce the grade level teachers at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 sharp. I have about 10 minutes of information to share with Fisher families and then I will release parents to the classrooms. See you then!

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 Fisher SAT consists of the Principal, Vice Principal, one community person, one business person, five teachers and six parents. The PTA president serves a one year term. The SAT meetings are usually held on the following Wednesdays (9/9,

11/18, 2/17, 4/14). 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 other than the PTA president serve a two year term.

Attendance and Tardies

Students are expected to be at school on time every day. When your child is absent please call school before 9:00 a.m. and send a note explaining the reason for the absence. The tardy bell rings at 7:45 a.m. and students are expected to be in class ready for the day. Please make sure your child is at school on time. This does make a difference in their day. Please limit the number of times that you pick up your child early. It is extremely important that we protect the integrity of the entire instructional day. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this situation.

Raptor System

For the safety and security of your child, Northside ISD 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 who would like to enter the building during normal hours of operation to 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.

Holiday & Early Release

September 7th is a Student/Staff Holiday. Also, September 18 is an early release day. Students will be dismissed at 11:45.

Fisher Elementary School School Advisory Team – Parent Membership Application

I am interested in serving on the School Advisory Team. I understand that a public lottery will be held in the library on Sept 3, 2009 at 3:10p.m. to select parent members.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Children Attending Fisher Grade Level Teacher

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____