

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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DEAR PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

It's October and it's hard to believe that the first nine weeks is almost here.

We want to thank you for attending parent conferences. The communication between teachers and parents is very important for the success of every student. I would also like to thank you for helping PTA by joining and by helping with the fundraiser.

Our instructional focus this year is on learning and memorizing basic math facts in our classes. After developing an understanding of the operations, it is essential that our students memorize the math facts.

Northside ISD has set the following standards for promotion to the next grade level:

2nd grade (to 3rd) Addition and Subtraction Facts

3rd grade (to 4th) Multiplication Facts

4th grade (to 5th) Division Facts

5th grade (to 6th) Mixed Facts

The NISD requirement for promotion is 80% mastery of these facts on a timed test. However, we encourage all students to try and exceed these standards and achieve 90% or higher.

We ask that you spend a few minutes each night practicing facts with your child. You can also do an oral drill of facts while riding in the car or during commercials on T.V.

I know that this is going to be a great year as we work together to help every child be successful.

Sincerely,

Gilbert Rios

2009 Public School Rankings

Knowlton Elementary was ranked 20th in San Antonio by *Children at Risk*, a Houston-based non profit organization that researched and ranked all San Antonio area public schools. We are very happy and honored to receive this ranking.

The report serves as a guide to parents and educators alike to understand what works in public education, highlighting which schools serve as models and which schools need improvement.

For more information about the report and to see how other schools fared, please visit the *San Antonio Express-News* web site.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- October 7 Math CDB's 3rd-5th
- October 9 Early Release 11:45 a.m.
- October 12 Student Holiday
- October 13 Science CBD 5th
- October 12-16 National School Lunch Week
- October 20 Reading CDB's 3rd-5th
- October 23 End of 9 Weeks
- October 27 Family Academic Night
- October 29 Papa John's Night
- October 26-30 Red Ribbon Week
- October 30

Fall Picture Retakes

Favorite Storybook Character Dress-up Day

Report Cards Go Home

PTA Cookie Dough Delivery



Safety First!

Please remember that students must bring a note to school if any changes are made from their regular daily dismissal.

Parents are encouraged to drive up for parent pick-up. If you have not received a name card for your dashboard please come by the office for one.

Use our crosswalk when dropping off or picking students up.

Drive 20 mph during school zone times.

Please be prepared to show an ID when visiting or picking up students.

Thank you for your cooperation and support!