

## PARENT★SCHOOL★COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Student-Led Conferences

Parent Conferencing

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

PAL Program

Family Academic Nights

Mentors

School Advisory Team (SAT)

Parent Involvement Committee

## TOOLS OF COMMUNICATION

Eagle Eye Monthly Newsletter

Myers Webpage <http://www.nisd.net/myers>

Myers Outreach Pages

Event Flyers

Grade Level Newsletters

Marquee Postings

## EARLY RELEASE DATES

September 12, 2008

October 10, 2008

November 7, 2008

February 13, 2009

March 27, 2009

May 8, 2009

### About Mrs. Virginia A. Myers:

Mrs. Virginia A. Myers served on the NISD Board for 14 years. Not only was she elected President of the NISD Board of Trustees, but she was the first woman to serve in this position. Because of Mrs. Myers dedication to the children, parents, and teachers of Northside, we are proud to attend a school named after her.

### Our Mission Statement:

Virginia A. Myers Elementary, a state of the art facility with advanced communication capabilities is a nurturing, flexible, diverse, and resourceful community of leaders, who, through collaboration, encouragement, unique talents, and the use of various resources-including parental support and business partnerships-will challenge all children to reach their potential to be literate, socially adept, and productive citizens in the technologically advanced society of the future.

### Our School Pledge:

I pledge to take responsibility for my own education and behavior, and to keep my school safe and happy by:

- ★ Demonstrating honesty and compassion,
- ★ Making right choices and following school rules,
- ★ Respecting myself and my community, and
- ★ Persevering to achieve my goals.

I will soar high because...

I AM A VIRGINIA MYERS EAGLE!

# Virginia A. Myers Elementary Title I Campus



Our School Mascot: American Bald Eagle

Our School Colors: Red, White, and Blue



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**School Day:** The school day begins at 7:40 am and ends at 2:45 p.m. Students are officially tardy after 7:45 a.m. Staff is on duty beginning at 7:15 a.m. PK and Kinder students report to the cafeteria. First grade students sit in the hallway outside of their classrooms. All second thru fifth grade students report to the gym before school. Breakfast is served daily beginning at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 7:30 a.m.

**Visitors:** Our parents are always welcome to come and observe their children in the classroom after making arrangements with the classroom teacher and administration. Duration and frequency of visits should not interfere with the delivery of instruction or disrupt the normal school routine. Please limit classroom visits to 30-45 minutes. If you are coming to visit, please sign in at the office and pick up a visitor name tag. Anyone who visits must wear a name tag until they sign out and leave campus, this includes parents who are having lunch with their child. Once you have made arrangements with the classroom teacher, all visitors must have completed a criminal history background check and be cleared prior to visiting. This includes, but is not limited to, lunch visits, volunteering, and attending field trips. Please keep in mind that this is for the safety of all children on the campus. To find out more on how to complete this district requirement, please contact the Myers Office or visit the Northside website. <http://www.nisd.net/schools/volunteer/>

**Attendance:** If your child is absent from school, please call the school before 9:00 a.m. We ask that you do this for your child's safety. Excused absences are illness, medical appointments, or a death in the family. When your child is absent, please send a note to the teacher upon his/her return with the reason and date of the absence.

**Lunch:** Lunch times vary according to grade levels. All students are provided a 30 minute lunch. Parents are welcome to join their child for lunch. We ask that you sign in at the office and wear a visitor tag. Students may purchase a hot meal or they can bring their lunch and/or buy milk or juice. Meal tickets may be purchased in any quantity. Free and reduced meals are available for students who meet the criteria. Forms are available in the school office.

**Appointments:** Children who need to leave school for appointments will be called to the office upon your arrival. Parents will need to show proper identification any time they wish to sign their child out of school. **\*Children will not be released to parents at the classroom.**

**Medical Release and Emergency Information:** It is very important that we have current emergency information on every student. Please notify the school when you have a change of address or telephone number (at home or work) and if there is a change in the name or telephone number of the person to be contacted if you are not available.

**Transportation:** Transportation is made available to students who live two miles or more from the school or who live where they must walk in hazardous traffic areas. For more information regarding transportation, please contact the Culebra Station at 397-0275.

**Bike Riders:** Students who ride their bikes must park them, lock them in the rack, and immediately go to their designated areas. Bike riders must walk their bikes while on the school grounds.

**Dismissal:** Make sure your child's teacher receives a written note on how your child is to go home if there is a change in the regular routine. **Verbal notification from the child will not be accepted.** Changes in daily dismissal routines should be documented with a note to your child's teacher.

### Medications:

1. Medications should be brought to the clinic by an adult. Under no circumstances are medications permitted to be sent back home with children. This policy was developed with the safety of children in mind.
2. Long term medications (those with longer than a two week duration) will be given with the parent's permission and a physician's order. Long term forms are available in the clinic.
3. Short term medication (those with a two week duration or less) will be given with the parent's written permission.

**General Student Grooming Guidelines:** All clothing must be modest and reflect the importance of education. Shorts may be worn to school. In grades three through five, they should be mid-thigh length or longer. This also applies to skirts, dresses, and culottes. Clothes may not be significantly oversized. Tank tops, muscle shirts, halter tops, spaghetti straps, exposed backs or midriffs, and see through garments are not permitted. Tight fitting pants (tights, bicycle pants) are also prohibited. Clothing can not have written derogatory statements that put down self or others, contain curse or vulgar statements, curse or vulgar words, beer, drug or any slogans promoting violence. Headgear and makeup may not be worn in the building. Flip flops are not considered appropriate footwear due to safety and posture.

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Students in grades PK-5 have four grading periods consisting of 9 weeks. Work samples are routinely sent home throughout the year to keep parents informed of their child's academic progress.

- ★ Progress Reports...are utilized to inform parents of satisfactory or unsatisfactory student performance. These reports are routinely issued after the third and sixth weeks of each nine-week grading period.
- ★ Honor Roll...Students in grades 3-5 are recognized for outstanding academic performance if they meet district guidelines. Students in grades 1 and 2 receive academic recognition for outstanding performance.
- ★ Homework...Homework is an important part of the learning process. It extends learning beyond the classroom and gives parents an opportunity to observe their child in the learning process.

### Support Programs

Our school offers the following programs to support regular education classes:

Counseling	Morning Tutoring
Reading	Early Morning Reading
Math	Language Support
Full Time Nurse	Gifted & Talented Program

For students who qualify for additional educational support, our school offers a variety of programs such as:

- ✍ The Learning Center (TLC)
- ✍ Academic Mastery (AMC)
- ✍ Behavior Management Center (BMC)
- ✍ Applied Learning Environment (ALE)
- ✍ Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD)
- ✍ Pre-Kindergarten
- ✍ Speech Therapy

### Student Programs

Strings	Choir
Garden Club	KVAM
Computer Clean Team	Patrols
Student Council	Library Club