



FRANCES M. RHODES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT BULLETIN #2
September 29, 2008

Accountability Ratings: We are proud to announce that **Frances M. Rhodes Elementary** received a **Recognized School Rating** from the Texas Education Agency for the 2007-2008 school year. As a campus, we were at or above the State average in all areas. **WAY TO GO RAPTORS!!!**

Early Release: Friday, **October 10, 2008** is an **Early Release Day**. Kindergarten through Fifth grade students will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m. The morning and the afternoon PPCD and Pre-Kindergarten students will follow a different schedule. Please contact Mrs. Hayes (PPCD) or Mrs. Hernandez and Ms. Haegstrom (Pre-K) for more information.

The abbreviated school day will be a full academic day for the students. We will not have our usual rotation schedule. Therefore, students will not attend art, music, computer, or physical education classes. The breakfast schedule will not be changed. We will offer a brown bag lunch in the cafeteria and the students will eat in their classrooms. All of the local daycare facilities have been notified and will pick up their students at 11:45 a.m. The After School Kare program will be set up in the cafeteria at 11:45 a.m.

We understand that "Early Release" at 11:45 a.m. may create a problem for some parents. If you are unable to pick up your child from school at 11:45 a.m. or have difficulty with child care, the school will provide a supervised study hall for those children in the art room from 11:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. It will be the parents' responsibility to pick their children up at 2:45 p.m. Please notify your child's teacher if you want the school to provide a study hall for them in the art room from 11:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. **All children must be picked up by 2:45 p.m.** Teachers and Instructional Assistants will be attending Staff Development sessions from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Early Release Day.

Student Holiday: **Monday, October 13, 2008** is a student holiday. We hope you have a wonderful three day weekend.

Papa John's Night: **October 23, 2008** Help our school make some **DOUGH!** On Thursday, October 23, 2008 Papa John's will donate 20% of our schools net order to Frances M. Rhodes Elementary School. If you plan to order out this night please consider ordering Papa John's!

End of Nine Weeks: The first nine weeks of school ends on **October 24, 2008**. Report cards will be sent home with students on **Friday, October 31, 2008**.

Lifetouch Picture Retakes: **Tuesday, October 28, 2008** We will be having picture retakes for anyone who was absent, new to our school or if you would just like to have your picture retaken!

Bike Rodeo: We will hold our campus Bike Rodeo on **Wednesday, October 29, 2008**. More detailed information will come home in the near future. Please mark your calendars.

Parent Pick Up After School: We are asking all parents to wait until they drive beyond the first crosswalk to pick up their children. For safety reasons, we do not want children going down the sidewalk area. Your support and understanding in the matter is greatly appreciated. Just a reminder, the bus loop is not to be used for parent drop off.