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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to a brand new school year! As of this moment, we are opening with 675 students. As a cluster school, I would like to reassure you that we will do everything possible to make your family welcome and your child successful and happy. So a special welcome to our Cluster parents. When my family first moved to Atlanta, Georgia I went to register my oldest son in first grade. We had actually bought our house in the neighborhood because of the school. I was told that there was no room, and that he would need to board a bus and attend a school 12 miles from our house. To say the least, I was flabbergasted and frustrated. But...by the end of the school year both my son and

I cried that we would not be returning to the school the following year. It had developed into a wonderful experience.

As many of you know, there has been a great deal of construction over the summer. Our kinder and main playground have been updated and improved. The only remaining project will be to keep the newly planted grass and sod watered. We also have a new roof!

Please know that both Karen Johnson's, our Vice Principal, and my door are always open. If you have an issue that needs to be addressed, we may not always be able to fix it, but we can certainly try to make it better. Thank you for your support!



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New Check-in System

On September 1st, we will begin implementing our new visitor tracking system. When you enter the office, instead of signing in and receiving a visitor's pass, a picture ID will be scanned into the "Raptor" System and a badge

with your picture, date, time, and campus location will be printed. This new system is being put into effect to ensure that adult visitors on campus do not pose a threat to any students. You may use a Driver's License, State-Issued ID

card, Work Visa, or Permanent Resident Card (Green Card). The visitor's badge will be worn while on campus and returned to the office as you leave.

Please contact me directly if you have any concerns.

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Special points of interest:

- Have a Family Plan
- Be Green: Have your newsletters and school information emailed to you
- August and September School Calendar
- Math Standards for Facts Changed in 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade
- \$5000 for Book Closet

H1N1 Virus

The Center for Disease Control and Bexar Metro Health Department are preparing for a possible outbreak of the H1N1 Virus in school-age children.

Unlike last spring, schools will not close unless there is a magnitude of faculty or student absenteeism interfering with the school's ability to function.

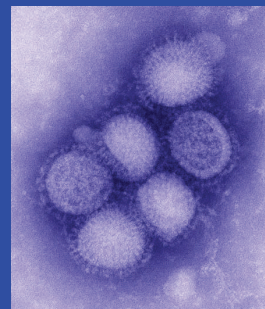
Students and faculty who

are experiencing flu-like symptoms should not come to school. Parents are encouraged to monitor their children for symptoms before sending them to school.

If the child becomes sick with flu-like symptoms after arrival, the child will be isolated promptly from other students so as not to spread the virus. Parents will be called and students may be sent home.

Preventative measures which include washing hands, covering mouth and nose with tissues when coughing and sneezing will be monitored by staff and revisited by our nurse.

Please have a back-up plan in place, if your child would need to stay home due to illness. I know how difficult it is to scramble for help when a child wakes up sick in the morning.



For more information connect to <http://www.cdc.gov>.

BE GREEN

In an effort to save paper, ink, and \$\$\$\$, we will be sending home paper copies of the monthly newsletter only to those families who would prefer not to access it by email.

We will be compiling a database of email addresses to send out classroom newsletters, principal newsletters, PTA newsletters, and any other pertinent informa-

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tion. A form will be included in First Day Packets, so that you can indicate your preference.

Christine Bonilla, our CIT, won a grant for \$5000 from Dollar General. She submitted the grant for monies to be spent on nonfiction books to be included in our 3rd-5th Reading Closet. Materials will be organized, so that classroom teachers can pull resources to teach both reading and content areas. This is the 3rd grant which Mrs. Bonilla has received.

“Education is not filling a pail but the lighting of a fire.” —
William Butler Yeats

Change in Math Promotional Standards

The promotional standards in 2nd through 5th grades concerning recall of math facts will be more stringent this year.

Although, there will be continuous practice and strategies taught in the classroom, practicing at home will greatly improve your child's success.

These changes including

levels of proficiency will be sent home with your child during the first week of school. A parent's signature acknowledging receipt of the information is requested.

Acquisition of math facts comes through steady and repetitive practice.

There are several practice programs on our

website which may be accessed at home.

We appreciate your support !

