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June Shanahan: State Finalist



Texas Finalist as Teacher of the Year

June Shanahan, 5th Grade Teacher
Texas State Finalist

Mrs. Shanahan has been preparing for the interview of her life. After being honored by being recognized as the NISD teacher of the year, Region 20 recognized her as their elementary representative in the state competition. Six teachers, three elementary teachers and three high school –middle school teachers, are selected to interview with a state committee. This interview, on September 10th, will determine who will represent the Texas elementary teacher of the year and the Middle-High School teacher of the year. A final winner will be chosen from these two candidates to represent Texas. In many ways this is so amazing, as the honor is one of the largest recognitions a teacher can receive. But in other ways, it is not surprising, as June Shanahan is absolutely amazing. Let us all wish Mrs. Shanahan the best of luck and encouragement. No matter who is chosen at the state level, June Shanahan is our Teacher of the Year!

Partial Day Absences

Partial Day Absences are when a student either arrives late (tardy) or are checked out from school before 2:45. It is very important that your child attend school the entire

day. The state mandates tracking of all time that a child is not in school. Start the school year right! Your child needs to be in their seat by 7:45 and should not be released before 2:45.

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Important Dates

<i>Labor Day Student Holiday</i>	9/5
<i>Grandparents' Breakfast</i>	9/12
<i>Early Release</i>	9/16
<i>3rd Grade Cogat Testing</i>	9/19-9/21
<i>Kinder Parent Night</i>	9/21
<i>Progress Reports Go Home</i>	9/23

State Rates Scobee Exemplary for the Fourth Year in a Row

Scobee rated by state as	Reading	Math	Writing	Science
EXEMPLARY, for the fourth year in a row. All of our sub-population groups scored 90% or higher, and our commended rates were above state expectations.	98	98	N/A	N/A
3rd	98	99	99	N/A
4th	98	99	99	N/A
5th	100	100	N/A	100



Scobee Elementary
Home of the
Challengers

Changes for 2011-2012

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A child can ask questions that a
wise man cannot answer.-

Author Unknown

Approximately 600 students entered Scobee's doors on the first day of school. That is about 50 students less than the 2010-2011 school year. Due to the sluggishness of registrations, two classroom teachers were cut. We have only 4 teachers now in kindergarten instead of five, and five fourth grade teachers. Last year we had 6 4th grade teachers. We did have an extra Pre-K class open a week after school started due to our high numbers at that grade level.

Due to budget cuts at the state level, we now share a CIT with another campus. Her name is Nancy Smothers, and she is at Scobee Monday, Tuesday, and every other Wednesday. Christine Bonilla, our CIT for the past four years, is now one of our fourth grade teachers. We still have a full and part-time counselor, but due to cuts at the district level, Mary Sink, last year's part-time counselor has returned to the classroom at Leon Springs. Our new part-time counselor is Marla Byrd, and she comes to us from Taft High School.

Several instructional assistants have shifted in their positions including Linda Escamilla, who was Scobee's long-time librarian assistant. Mrs. Escamilla is now in ALE.

Despite all the changes and insecurity which occurred due to the state budget crisis, Scobee has maintained an optimism and a willingness to do whatever it takes. The one thing that will never change at Scobee is our desire to do what is best for OUR kids.

What is a TPRI?

First and Second graders will be given the first TPRI of the year in the next few weeks. The screening may be administered anytime between September 6th and September 16th.

The TPRI is an early reading assessment given to identify students who may be at risk for reading difficulty. Parts of the test are administered in a one on one setting in second grade, and all of the test is administered one on one in first grade. Although, this is very time-consuming the information is valuable for planning further instruction. Your child's teacher will be explaining the results to you during your first conference or earlier.

Learning Tree by Kristin Pumphrey

Learning Tree is really excited to be at Scobee this year. Meet our staff.

Kristin Pumphrey: Site leader

Previously worked at Adams Hill Elementary and has five years experience working with after school programs. Is currently attending Texas A&M University and majoring in Education (Kinder- 6th grade).

Brittney Petrusas: Kinder/1st grade

Previously worked at Knowlton Elementary. Is currently attending UTSA and is majoring in Chemistry

Melina Rios: 2nd grade

Currently attending Northwest Vista College and majoring in Business

Betty Cardenas: 3rd grade

Has 24 years of child care experience. Previously worked at Galm Elementary

Nathan Escobar: 4th grade

Previously worked as an assistant teacher at Passmore and Valley Hi. Is currently attending San Antonio College and is majoring in Education. (Kinder- 12th grade)

Kaitlyn Martinez: 5th grade

Previously worked at Ross Middle School. Is Currently attending St. Mary's University and is majoring in History.