



Thoughts of a Superintendent...

From the desk of Vicki Adams

It is hard to fathom, but the time for another school year is just around the corner. It seems the older I get, the more quickly time seems to slip by. Philosophers throughout the ages have spoken and written about time. Time has been given credit for everything from healing to killing. Time has been likened to gold, an arrow, a counselor, doctor, preacher and the father of truth. A very famous proverb is "Time waits for no man." One never knows when his/her time on this earth will be over and things he/she didn't take the time to do will be permanently left undone.

This is one of the reasons why we should never devalue or waste our time. Time is the original equal opportunity employer. We are all given the same amount of time each day to spend as we like; however, since time is intangible, we often take it for granted. If you were given a bank account one day, valued at \$86,400 that would carry no balance over to the next day, you would probably try your best to spend every penny in the account. It is similar each day with time. We are blessed with 86,400 seconds, none of which can be carried over to the next day. Each day our account is filled for us to spend as we wish. No one receives either more or less than the next person, and no two people will use their time in exactly the same manner. It is one of our greatest responsibilities to use our time wisely. The next time you think you may want to "kill some time", remember killing time is not murder, it is suicide.

As we begin the new school year, I would like to thank you in advance for the time you spend supporting your children and their schools. It will be time well spent and time that will only be a memory as very soon your son or daughter will graduate and move away from home. Tell our teachers and staff thank you for not wasting precious time in the classrooms. As superintendent, I vow to attempt to make sure during the time your child spends with us, he/she will receive the best education possible. Please feel free to visit our buildings or contact us by phone or email if you have items you need to discuss with me or another staff member. Your time and input is valued. Let us work together to make this year the most successful ever!

(Portions credited to Fred Helmink)

Teachers and staff have time before school begins to receive training and prepare for the upcoming school year. On Wednesday and Thursday, August 12-13, new Palacios ISD staff will meet for orientation.

All PISD employees will gather on August 18 at 8:00 a.m., at the secondary school cafeteria to enjoy a district-wide continental breakfast provided by Palacios ISD cafeteria staff. Superintendent Adams will welcome the staff and principals will introduce their new personnel. The remainder of the week will be spent doing staff training.

AUGUST 24 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

FREE BREAKFAST

Palacios ISD will continue to provide a free nutritious breakfast to every student enrolled. Central Elementary will continue its breakfast program in the classroom for students in grades 1-3 and in the cafeteria for Pre-K and Kindergarten students. East Side Intermediate, Palacios Junior High and Palacios High School will be served breakfast upon arriving at school. Students will swipe ID cards before going through the line. All students then have a choice of a hot entrée or may choose cereal and toast. With each breakfast, fruit or juice and milk is served.

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Principal's Corner

Central Elementary School

Lynne Mumme

Summer is almost over and we'll soon be ready to start the 2009-2010 school year. We are looking forward to another great year with our pre-k – third grade students.

School will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 24, 2009. Class rosters will be posted on the front doors of Central Elementary by 1:00 on Thursday, August 20th. If you have not registered your child by Tuesday the 18th his/her name will not be listed on the class roster. We will have our annual *Meet Your Child's Teacher Night* on Thursday, August 20th, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Please come to Central during this time so that you and your child will be able to meet his/her new teacher.

If you have not already done so, please register any new children entering Central for the first time as soon as possible. We will have a special registration day on Tuesday, August 11th for anyone who has not had a chance to register his/her child and for those who need to have their child tested. We will register students until noon on Tuesday, August 18th. We will not register students the 1st day of school on Monday, August 24th until after 10:00. Please try to have your child registered before Monday, August 18th.

The Pre-Kindergarten class is for students who will be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1st. Students will have to be tested prior to registration being completed for the Pre-Kindergarten program. Students who are 4 years old on or before September 1st are eligible for the open 4 year old program. This program is limited as to the number of students we can accept. When the classes are full, you will be placed on a waiting list. Students registering for the 4 year old program will need to bring the same requirements as the 3 year old students.

Kindergarten students will start their day in the cafeteria at 7:45 for breakfast and all others will be served at 7:45 in the classrooms. School supply lists are available at the business office and at Central Elementary.

We encourage parents to be involved in their children's education as we prepare to begin a new school year at Central. We hope to see all of our students and their parents at our *Meet Your Child's Teacher Night* on Thursday, August 20th!

East Side Intermediate

Carolyn Kubecka

It is hard to believe school will begin in just a few more weeks. It is with great excitement that I welcome students and parents to East Side Intermediate for the 2009-2010 school year. I have met with each of the grade level teams of teachers and together we have planned a year filled with many exciting activities. Our theme this year is "Get in the game – Team East Side". We feel the teamwork between the students, parents, and school will insure the success of our children.

Please refer to the East Side Dress Code as you are making school clothes selections for your children. Belts must be worn at all times. Students should consider keeping an extra belt in their locker for emergencies. Shorts and skirts must be finger-tip length. Keep in mind outfits that are finger length when you purchase them may shrink when they are washed. All shirts must have sleeves and no flip flops may be worn. Holes in jeans and shoes with wheels will not be allowed.

All sixth grade students in band, art, or choir need to be sure of their elective choices before school starts and notify the office if a change needs to be made. Students will have until September 8th to make schedule changes.

I know the students are anxious to know who their teachers will be. Class rosters will be posted on the windows outside the office on Thursday August 20th at 1:00 p.m. Our "Meet the Teacher Night" will be held Thursday August 20th from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. I encourage all parents to meet the staff at East Side and visit their child's classroom. The first day of school is Monday, August 24th.

I am very excited about the upcoming school year. We look forward to seeing you at the "Family Nights" we have scheduled throughout the year and encourage all parents to be actively involved in their child's education.

Palacios Junior High School

Joe Adams

The start of school is not far off. The administration and staff of Palacios Junior High are eagerly awaiting the return of students to our campus. We are looking forward to a tremendous school year and would like to extend a warm welcome to our incoming and veteran students and parents. Preparations are under way to ensure each student receives the best possible foundation for future success. We invite you to be involved in your child's education.

I hope you are finding this summer peaceful and relaxing. I am very excited and proud for the opportunity to again work with the great staff I have at Palacios Junior High School because they care about your students. We will be working very hard to have a tremendously successful school year and infuse a "stimulus" into their education. Difficult economic times only accentuates the importance of a solid education.

Classes will start on Monday August 24th. Our school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:40 p.m. We will have homeroom on the 1st day of school and schedules will be handed out during that class. Students initially report to their homeroom. As soon as homeroom is over, students will report to their 1st period classes.

We will be hosting a "Meet the Teachers Night" on Tuesday September 8th. I encourage parents to attend this as it will give them the opportunity to meet teachers and visit their child's classrooms. This will also be a chance for administration to get to know you. Your support of PJHS is greatly appreciated.

The thought of new experiences, new opportunities and new challenges has me very excited about PJHS for the 2009-2010 school year, especially when I consider the excellent team of teachers and staff I work beside every day. Together we will accomplish great things for the Sandsharks. I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Palacios High School

Welcome to an exciting new school year. We will be back at school before you know it and students will once again accomplish great things with hard work and determination. The 2008-2009 year was our most successful academic year. PHS was recognized by U.S News and World Reports as an "outstanding school" and our TAKS scores have never been higher! Each staff member, student, parent, and community member is challenged to strive to work harder, dream bigger, and support everyone involved to make this year even more successful! We can do all things with faith, hope, and love.

Here at PHS, we start each year with expressing our belief in the potential our students possess. We are "Creating a Culture of Excellence Through High Expectations. We maintain high expectations for students and ourselves to live the belief that all is possible if the desire and effort is made. The PHS staff welcomes and encourages the opportunity to work with parents and community members. We are planning innovative activities to ensure that all students will be successful and be inspired to have the kind of "school spirit" that is seen and felt in all outstanding schools with outstanding programs.

On Monday, August 24, all PHS students will need to report to their assigned homeroom (as posted at school) by 8:00 a.m. to receive their class schedules. At 8:15, students will be released from their homerooms to go to the auditorium for the "Welcome Pep Rally". Students and parents are also invited to Palacios High School's "Meet the Teacher Night" on September 8th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

It is the policy of Palacios ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. District Contact: Larry Williams at 972-5491.

NEW FACES IN THE DISTRICT

TECHNOLOGY

James Post is PISD's new Technology Integration Specialist. He comes to us from Bay City ISD where he taught Physics. James is a graduate of the University of Houston where he received his Bachelor's of Business Administration.

MAINTENANCE

Fraustino Rojas . . . A former graduate of Palacios ISD, Tino is PISD's new maintenance personnel. He worked construction for many years and comes to us from Zachary Industrial Inc. in Victoria, Texas.

PALACIOS HIGH SCHOOL

Perry Dean . . . Although Perry Dean is not so new to PISD, this will be his first full year with Palacios ISD. All ready having great success, Perry Dean is PISD's new Choir Director. He comes to us from Comal ISD. He graduated from Southwest Texas State University where he majored in music and received a Bachelor's in Music Education degree.

Leslie Gerberman . . . Leslie is beginning her teaching career as a high school English teacher for PISD. She graduated from Sam Houston University, Huntsville, Texas with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in English.

Sam Zimmerle . . . Sam will be the high school's new TAKS science teacher. He is a graduate from Houston Baptist University and received his Bachelor's of Science degree in History. A former employee of Palacios ISD, Sam returns to PISD from La Porte ISD.

April Reck . . . Beginning her career in education, April Reck will be the high school's new theatre/speech/yearbook teacher. She graduated from Texas State University with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Theatre Education.

Koby Gerberman . . . Koby is a graduate of Sam Houston University in Huntsville, Texas. While attending Sam Houston University, he majored in kinesiology. Koby received his Bachelor's of Science degree in Kinesiology. He will begin his career here at PISD as a high school history teacher.

Marie Ramirez . . . Marie comes to Palacios ISD from Northside ISD, San Antonio. She is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas and Texas A&M-Kingsville, Texas. Marie Ramirez will be PISD's new family and consumer science teacher.

Esther Ganta . . . Esther will begin her teaching career at Palacios ISD instructing our high school students in math. She is from Nagarjuna Nagar, Tarnaka, India. Esther attended Texas A&M, Kingsville, Texas where she received her Master's of Science in Computer Science. She also completed her Bachelor's of Science in Electronic Communication while attending JNTU in India.

PALACIOS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Ashley Ortiz . . . A former graduate of Palacios ISD, Ashley Ortiz will rejoin PISD as an instructional assistant. She is continuing her education by pursuing a degree in education in Early Childhood Development and Special Education at Wharton Junior College.

EAST SIDE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Maria Hernandez . . . After substituting for PISD for several years, Maria will begin the school year as a new instructional assistant.

Susan Kopacz . . . Although Susan Kopacz began in the middle of the year and was once a former teacher of Palacios ISD, this will mark her first full year back as a 5th grade science teacher. She graduated from the University of Texas with a Masters in Education. She also graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas with a Bachelor's of Science in Education and Math. Susan Kopacz is a former graduate of PISD.

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kristin Couey . . . Teaching 1st grade this year, Kristin comes to PISD from Bay City ISD. She is a graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. There she received her Bachelor's of Science degree in Business and Marketing.

Connie Koop . . . Coming to Palacios ISD from Edna ISD, Connie Koop will be teaching Kindergarten. She graduated from the University of Houston-Victoria campus with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Elementary Education.

Christine Lucio . . . Christine Lucio is coming to Palacios ISD as a graduate from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. She graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Psychology. She will begin her teaching career at PISD as a third grade teacher.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS

Mary Flores . . . Last year Mary was a third grade bilingual teacher at Central and will be the second grade bilingual teacher this new school year.

Ninfa Hernandez . . . Last year Ninfa was a first grade bilingual teacher at Central and will be teaching third grade bilingual this coming school year.

Laura Hebel . . . Last year Laura was a special education teacher at Central and this year she will be teaching first grade.

Terri Adams . . . Moving into a new position from teaching first grade last year, to second grade for the new school year.

Amy Marroquin . . . Moving from third grade math to RTI Math.

Stacy Garcia . . . Last year Stacy was a kindergarten teacher at Central and this year she will teach second grade math.

Donna Eikenberg . . . Last year Donna taught second grade and this year she will be teaching special education.



THIS ISSUE IS PROUDLY DEDICATED TO CAROLYN LAQUE

We lost one of our own, Carolyn LaQue, the morning of Sunday, June 21st. On May

28th, she said her good-byes to her beloved students and friends as the school year ended, locking her door as she had done for the past 41 years. She was loved by all who knew her, worked with her and especially the students she taught.

She was best known for her love of working with special needs students. She had a real passion for teaching and was very dedicated to making sure her students were successful. She was a huge supporter of the Special Olympics and loved working as a coach and cheerleader for her Special Olympic kids. She always had a huge grin on her face as her students excitedly told everyone about their experiences at the Olympics.

Carolyn took great pride in being a member of the Palacios ISD family. She never missed the annual Employee Appreciation Banquet and she was very proud of the eight service pins she received. Teaching was her life and you could tell that she enjoyed every minute of it and had no plans to retire. Carolyn touched so many lives and will truly be missed by all.



REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS



A student must be fully immunized against certain diseases or must present a certificate or statement that, for medical reasons or reasons of conscience, including a religious belief, the student will not be immunized. For exemptions based on reasons of conscience, only official forms issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Immunization Branch,

can be honored by the district. This form may be obtained by writing the DSHS Immunization Branch (MC 1946), P.O. Box 149347, Austin, Texas 78714-9347; or online at <http://webds.dshs.state.tx.us/immco/affidavit.shtm>. The form must be notarized and submitted to the principal or school nurse within 90 days of notarization. If the parent is seeking an exemption for more than one student in the family, a separate form must be provided for each student.

The district must maintain a personal immunization record on each student showing the dates (month, day, year) and kinds of immunizations received, as follows:

1. Diphtheria/ Pertussis/ Tetanus (DTaP): Kindergarten entry, students required to have five doses- one of which must have been received on or after the fourth birthday. However, four doses meet the requirement if the fourth dose was administered on or after the fourth birthday. For students seven years of age or older are required to have at least three doses, provided at least one received on or after the fourth birthday.
2. Tetanus (Tdap) Booster: For students in seventh grade, one dose if at least five years have passed since the last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine. If the last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine was given less than five years previous, this dose will be due when five years has passed. For students in grades 8-12, one dose received 10 years after the last DTP/DTaP/Tdap dose.
3. Polio (IPV): Kindergarten entry, students are required to have four doses, one of which must have been received on or after the fourth birthday. However, three doses meet the requirement if the third dose was administered on or after the fourth birthday.
4. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR): Kindergarten entry, students are required to have two doses with the first dose received on or after the first birthday; second dose required upon entry into kindergarten.
5. Hepatitis B (Hep B): Students are required to have three doses no later than entry into kindergarten.
6. Varicella (chicken pox): All students entering kindergarten and 7th grade will be required to have two doses of varicella vaccine. For all other grades, one dose of the varicella vaccine given on or after the first birthday is required. A written statement from a parent/guardian or physician attesting to a child's positive history of varicella disease (chickenpox) is acceptable in lieu of either dose of varicella vaccine.

7. Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV): Students in seventh grade are required to have one dose of the meningococcal vaccine.
8. Hepatitis A (Hep A): Kindergarten students are required to have two doses with the first dose received on or after the first birthday.
9. TB skin test with documented results (District requirement) – must be given after 2nd birthday and repeated if moving here from another state or country.

Exemptions

The law allows (a) physicians to write a statement stating that the vaccine(s) required is medically contraindicated or poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of the child or any member of the child's household, and (b) parents/guardian to choose an exemption from immunization requirements for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. Schools and child-care facilities should maintain an up-to-date list of students with exemptions, so they can be excluded from attending school if an outbreak occurs.

Instructions for the affidavit to be signed by parents/guardians choosing the exemption for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief can be found at www.immunizeTexas.com.

For children needing medical exemptions, a written statement by the physician should be submitted to the school or child-care facility.

Provisional Enrollment

All immunizations should be completed by the first date of attendance. The law requires that students be fully vaccinated against the specified diseases. A student may be enrolled provisionally if the student has an immunization record that indicates the student has received at least one dose of each specified age-appropriate vaccine required by this rule. To remain enrolled, the student must complete the required subsequent doses in each vaccine series on schedule and as rapidly as is medically feasible and provide acceptable evidence of vaccination to the school. A school nurse or school administrator shall review the immunization status of a provisionally enrolled student every 30 days to ensure continued compliance in completing the required doses of vaccination. If, at the end of the 30-day period, a student has not received a subsequent dose of vaccine, the student is not in compliance and the school shall exclude the student from school attendance until the required dose is administered.

Documentation

Since many types of personal immunization records are in use, any document will be acceptable, provided it has been validated by a physician or public health personnel. The month, day, and year that the vaccination was received must be recorded on all school immunization records created or updated after September 1, 1991.

2009-10 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Pre-Kindergarten

- 1 100 Ct. Facial Tissue
- 8 small Elmer's Glue Stick
- 2 9x12 50 ct. Asst. Construction Paper
- 2 16 ct. Crayola Crayons
- 4 color pack of playdough
- 1 12ct. Crayola Colored pencils
- 2 Spiral notebooks
- 2 plastic folders w/brads & pockets
- 1 Clorox wipes and a bottle of hand sanitizer

Please do not put student's name on supplies

Kindergarten

- 1 blunt 5" Fiskar scissors
- 1 4 oz. Elmer's school glue
- 4 large pink bevel erasers
- 1 plastic school box—small 5 x 8
- 1 Mead learn to letter with raised ruling tablet
- 4 8 or 16 count Crayola crayons-small
- 4 No. 2 pencils
- 2 120 ct Kleenex tissue
- 10 large Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 12 ct Crayola Twistables
- 1 colored pencils
- 1 8 count washable water colors
- 1 construction paper assorted colors
- 1 small hand sanitizer such as Germ-X or Purell
- 1 Clorox wipes
- 1 simple back pack—no wheels please
- 1 Girls only - Play Dough brand play dough
- 1 Girls only - cotton balls
- 1 Girls only - gallon size zip-loc bags
- 1 Boys only - cheap white paper plates
- 1 Boys only - package dry erase markers
- 1 Boys only -quart size zip-loc bags

First Grade

- 24 #2 wood pencils
- 4 pink bevel erasers
- 1 pencil sharpener w/receptacle
- 1 plastic school box
- 2 120 ct. Kleenex tissue
- 4 4 oz. Elmer's glue
- 4 small (6 gram) Elmer's glue stick
- 2 blunt 5" Fiskar scissors
- 2 16 count Crayola crayons
- 6 70 count spiral comp book - wide rule
- 6 7" 12 count Crayola colored pencils
- 2 Crayola washable 16 ct. watercolors
- 1 green pocket & brad folder
- 1 red pocket & brad folder
- 1 blue pocket & brad folder
- 1 purple pocket & brad folder
- 1 small Clorox wipes
- 1 bottle hand sanitizer

Second Grade

- 1 200 count wide rule filler paper
- 24 no. 2 wood pencils
- 1 nylon pencil bag, clear top with grommet 7 1/4 x 10 1/4 "
- 4 pink bevel erasers
- 1 plastic school box
- 2 200 count kleenex tissues
- 1 Clorox wipe
- 1 hand sanitizer
- 1 7 5/8 oz. Elmer's glue stick
- 4 0.77 oz (22 gram) Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 2 16 count Crayola crayons
- 4 red medium stick pen
- 1 70 count spiral composition book - wide rule
- 2 fluorescent yellow highlighters
- 1 green pocket & brad folder
- 1 red pocket & brad folder
- 1 blue pocket & brad folder
- 1 purple pocket & brad folder

Third Grade

- 1 200 count wide ruled notebook paper
- 3 pink pearl beveled erasers
- 3 100 count facial tissues
- 1 10 1/2 X 5 1/2 canvas with grommets pencil bag
- 6 small (6 gram) Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 70 count spiral composition book, wide ruled
- 24 no. 2 wood pencils (no mechanical pencils)
- 3 7" 12 count Crayola colored pencils
- 1 8 1/2 X 11 1/2 Third Grade Writing Tablet
- 2 plastic blue folders with pockets and brads
- 2 plastic red folders with pockets and brads
- 2 plastic green folders with pockets and brads
- 2 red checking pens/pencils
- 1 package of assorted color construction paper
- 1 4 fl. Oz. bottle of glue for art
- 1 small bottle of Germ-X

Fourth Grade

- 2 200 count wide rule filler paper
- 1 2" blue hardback vinyl binder
- 12 pink bevel erasers
- 12 No. 2 wood pencils, Oriole/American Brand
- 12 red pens or pencils
- 11 7" 12 count Crayola colored pencils
- 2 non-perforated, 100 count spiral composition
- 1 red pocket folder with brads
- 1 purple pocket folder with brads
- 1 blue pocket folder with brads
- 1 green pocket folder with brads
- 1 7 pkt, 6 tab asst. expand file with string closure
- 2 fluorescent yellow highlighters
- 1 card size Multiplication Flash Cards 0-10
- 2 120 count Kleenex tissue
- 1 8.25 x 10.25 see thru plastic pencil bag
- 1 backpack - non rolling

Fifth Grade

- 2 1 1/2" hardback vinyl binder
- 2 8-tab assorted index dividers
- 1 8.25 x 10.25 see thru plastic pencil bag
- 1 package wide ruled filler paper (200 count) replace as needed
- 1 orange vinyl pocket folders

- 3 red medium stick pens
- 1 12 count (7") Crayola colored pencils
- 3 highlighters
- 2 medium pens
- 12 #2 wood pencils
- 1 regular pencil sharpener with receptacle
- 1 sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 1 pink bevel erasers
- 2 boxes 120 count Kleenex tissues
- 4 70-80 count spiral composition books, wide rule
- 4 3 x 5 100 count ruled index cards

Sixth Grade

- 2 boxes 100 count facial tissues
- 1 1" red hardback vinyl binder
- 1" white hardback vinyl binder
- 1 1" black hardback vinyl binder
- 1 2" hardback vinyl binder (NO ZIPPER BINDER)
- 6 red medium stick pens
- 24 #2 wood pencils Oriole/American Brand (NO MECHANICAL PENCILS)
- 6 black medium stick pens
- 2 pink bevel erasers
- 1 highlighter
- 1 12 count 7" Crayola Colored Pencils
- 1 see thru plastic pencil bag
- 3 packages wide rule filler paper (200 count)
- 1 regular pencil sharpener with receptacle
- 6 pocket folders with brads (at least 1 blue, 1 red, 1 yellow, and 1 green)

Seventh Grade

- 5 pocket folders w/brads
- notebook paper
- 1 dividers
- #2 pencils
- pens - blue, black, red
- 2 Erasers
- map colors
- highlighters
- 1 10 count pack markers
- 3 glue sticks
- 1 scissors
- 1 shoe box
- 2 boxes tissues
- red shirt/khaki pants (band students)
- 3 one-subject spiral - wide ruled
- 1 five-subject spiral
- 2 poster boards

Eighth Grade

- 6 pocket folders w/brads
- notebook paper
- 1 spiral notebook - 70 page
- 2 poster boards
- 1 2" 3-ring binder
- pencils
- pens - black, blue, red
- 5 highlighters
- 3 glue sticks - not bottle
- 1 set of map colors
- 2 sets of markers
- 1 scissors
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 hand sanitizer
- red shirt/khaki pants (band students)

Campus Visitors

To ensure the safety of Palacios ISD students, parents and other visitors to district campuses will be required to sign in, provide a photo ID, and obtain visitors' badges at the schools' main offices.

We appreciate your cooperation!

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten

For the 2009-2010 school year, Central Elementary will make available the 4-year-old Pre-Kindergarten program to all 4-year-olds. 3 year olds will continue to have to qualify for the program.

The strong Pre-K program currently being used is successfully preparing children for school by providing an opportunity for them to develop school readiness skills in an environment that encourages them to have fun while learning.

Students enrolled in the Pre-Kindergarten program will have morning transportation and free breakfast available to all students. Students enrolled in the PM classes who are not eligible for free and reduced meals will be able to buy lunch just as other students are currently able to do.

In order to register your child for Pre-K he or she must be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1, 2009 and you must have the following documents with you before registration may begin. Please bring these documents to the office:

- Parents or legal guardians must supply their child's official birth certificate
- Social security card
- Proof of residence (such as a rent receipt, utility bill, or local tax statement)
- Current immunization records (including a TB test result)
- Verification of income (your last 4 pay check stubs), even if your child is applying for the open 4 year old program.
- Parent or legal guardian must present their Texas driver's license or other photo identification showing the parent or guardian's date of birth.

There will be a limit as to the number of 4 year old students eligible to attend. Please register early. If registration is full, you will be put on a waiting list. There will be one early registration on Tuesday, August 11th for Pre-K and Kindergarten students.

Registration will then be conducted on school days from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at Central Elementary School beginning August 24th at 10:00 a.m. No students will be registered before 10:00 a.m. on the first day of school. Please call Lynne Mumme at 972-2911 if you have any questions.

Palacios ISD
is a Recognized District

Football Season Tickets

Season tickets will cost \$25.00. You may renew your tickets in person at the administration building from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Pre-game adult tickets for nondistrict cost \$6.00 and district cost is \$6.00. Pre-game student tickets cost \$3.00. All tickets purchased at the gate cost \$6.00. Unclaimed season tickets will go on sale to the public August 26th. If you have any questions, please call 972-5491.

Senior Athletic Pass - If you are a resident of Palacios ISD and age 65 or older you are entitled to a Senior Athletic Pass. This pass will allow one general admission seat to attend home athletic events. To receive your pass you must bring proof of age and residency to the Administration Office at 1209 Twelfth Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

STUDENTS NEW TO PALACIOS ISD

Students enrolling in Palacios ISD for the first time must register at the school they will attend. Students new to the district are required to provide immunization records, the last report card, and other records from the previous school. We request that a copy of the student's social security card also be presented.

All students new to the district must provide evidence of having received a negative tuberculosis (TB) skin test since the second birthday. All students entering the district for the first time, including pre-kindergarten and kindergarten children, must have a hearing and vision screening test.

VISIT US ON THE WEB

at www.palaciosisd.org
For more information about Palacios ISD

Substitute Teacher Orientation

Who: New Substitutes for 2009-2010
When: August 5, 2009
Where: Administration Building Board Room
Time: 8:30 a.m.

Palacios Independent School District
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Come join us . . . Become a Mentor

The Mentor Program will continue its commitment to the youth of our school and community with high expectations for 2009-2010. Many thanks to all the mentors and the organizations who make this program possible.

Palacios ISD is looking for more people who want to make a difference in a child's life - one on one.

If you are interested in serving or would like more information about this program, please contact Kay Lawson at 972-2417.



CAFETERIA PRICES

STUDENT BREAKFAST	
All Campuses	FREE
LUNCH	
Elementary/Intermediate	\$ 1.25
Secondary	\$ 1.50
Reduced	\$ 0.40
Adult breakfast	\$ 1.00
Adult lunch	\$ 2.50



TRAFFIC CONTROL

Central Elementary:

Prekindergarten: Students in Rooms 402 and 404 should be picked up at the Sixth Street loading area. Students in Rooms 401 and 403 should be picked up in the loading zone in front of the school on Fifth Street.

Kindergarten: Students should be picked up in the loading zone in the north parking lot on Perryman Street.

First Grade: Students should be picked up in the loading zone in the north parking lot on Perryman Street.

Second Grade: Students should be picked up in the loading zone in front of the school on Fifth Street.

Third Grade: Students should be picked up in the loading zone in front of the school on Fifth Street.

Secondary Campuses - the following will be enforced:

Shark Drive - traffic flow one-way (north to south) between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days. During early release the times would be changed to 30 minutes before school and 30 minutes after school dismissal.

Hornet Drive - traffic flow one-way (south to north) from the south gate at the field house to Henderson Street between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days. Traffic will flow two-way from Perryman Street to the south gate. During early release, the times would be changed to 30 minutes before school and 30 minutes after school dismissal.

Palacios ISD Campus Directory

Palacios High School	972-2571
Scott Norris, Principal	
Sherri Seaman, Assistant Principal	
Mayra Garcia, Counselor	
100 Shark Drive	
Palacios Junior High School	972-2417
Joe Adams, Principal	
Buddy Kelley, Assistant Principal	
Rhonda Huitt, Counselor	
200 Shark Drive	
East Side Intermediate School	972-2016
Carolyn Kubecka, Principal	
Rebecca Crowell, Assistant Principal	
Diva Vazquez, Counselor	
901 Second Street	
Central Elementary School	972-2911
Lynne Mumme, Principal	
Selina Garcia, Assistant Principal	
Rita Ard, Counselor	
1001 Fifth Street	

Compulsory Attendance - State law governs the age of compulsory school attendance. Students who are at least six years of age, or who have been previously enrolled in first grade, and who have not yet reached their eighteenth birthday shall attend school for the entire period the program is offered. Students enrolled in prekindergarten or kindergarten shall attend school.

School Hours

Central Elementary	
Pre-kindergarten (A.M.).....	7:45-10:45
Pre-kindergarten (P.M.).....	11:45-2:45
Kindergarten.....	8:00-2:45
First, Second, and Third Grade.....	8:00-3:30
<i>Buses will run at 3:40 p.m.</i>	
East Side Intermediate	8:00-3:30
Junior High	8:00-3:40
High School	8:00-3:40

No Smoking



Palacios ISD is Tobacco-Free

(The use of tobacco products is prohibited at all school facilities, including the seating area at athletic events.)

This publication focuses on information for parents and students, and will provide answers to many of your questions concerning the upcoming school year.

For other questions, please call the campus your child(ren) will be attending.

**First Day of School
August 24, 2009**

Palacios Athletic Booster Club's

5th Annual Kick-Off BBQ & Auction
 Saturday, August 29th
 Palacios Recreation Center
 6:00 p.m.

We will have a Bar-B-Que dinner and auction followed by performances from the Band, Drill Team, Cheerleaders, introduction of Volleyball, Cross Country, & Football Teams. Tickets will be \$7.00 at the door. Bar-B-Que brisket, sausage, beans, potato salad, tea, dessert and all the trimmings.

NO ADVANCED TICKET SALES
 Come early and plan on having fun!

2009 Football Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
August 15	Scrimmage-Hallettsville	Hallettsville
August 21	Scrimmage - Industrial	Palacios
August 28	East Bernard	East Bernard
September 4	Parent's Night - Tidehaven	Palacios
September 11	Brazos	Wallis
September 18	Van Vleck	Palacios
September 25	Shiner	Shiner
October 2	OPEN	
October 9	Goliad	Palacios
October 16	Cuero	Cuero
October 23	Homecoming - Edna	Palacios
October 30	Yoakum	Yoakum
November 6	Gonzales	Palacios

**PALACIOS HIGH SCHOOL
 Welcomes a New Administrator**

Palacios ISD would like to welcome Dr. Scott Norris to Palacios ISD as the new high school principal. During the summer, many changes took place throughout the district and one of the major changes was the leadership at the high school. After an intensive search and in-depth interviews, Dr. Norris was selected to lead the high school to a new level of excellence.



Dr. Norris comes to Palacios ISD from nearby Calhoun County ISD. With administration experience at all educational levels, Dr. Norris has six years of experience as an assistant principal and a principal at the secondary level. He attended Texas A&I-Kingsville where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Arts. He also received his Master of Education degree from Texas A&I-Kingsville and after the university changed its name to Texas A&M-Kingsville, Scott Norris completed his doctoral program in Educational Leadership and received his Doctorate in Education.

Palacios ISD is excited to welcome Dr. Scott Norris to its family and looks forward to great success in the future.

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