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HUMBLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Back to School:
Make 2008-2009
your year to shine!*



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Superintendent's View



by Dr. Guy Sconzo

It is indeed back-to-school time! And, we are eager to welcome all of our students, families and staff to our campuses.

This school year is an opportunity for significant student achievement gains. In addition, the school district's enrollment is growing at a rapid rate. Fall Creek Elementary will open in August 2008. Humble ISD's 25th elementary school is under construction in the Lakeshore area and will open in 2009. Summer Creek High, under construction near Lake Houston Parkway and Beltway 8, will open in 2009.

Students at Humble and Kingwood high schools will be glad to know that the Extreme Makeovers at their schools are nearing completion. Substantial completion is expected at HHS in October of this year, and by February 2009 for KHS. I truly believe that students at both schools will be amazed at the changes in their "new" schools.

In addition, the district's financial challenge—the same crisis facing a growing number of school districts across the state—is looming and our community will decide a tax election late this year. Called "rollback election," this is a misnomer. It is actually a time when our community can vote to allow Humble ISD to increase its operating tax rate from \$1.04 to the maximum allowed by law – \$1.17. It is the *only* way to raise needed operating revenue under the current state funding system.

School districts across Texas are in a financial crisis brought on by a seriously flawed state system of funding schools. Legislation originally understood to hold school districts harmless at 2005-06 funding levels actually froze funding at 2005-06 levels as costs for fuel, utilities, employee compensation, insurance, etc., continue to increase. A better legislative solution is needed to save our schools from the funding crisis put in motion by the last legislative "fix." Visit www.humble.k12.tx.us for updates.

One major positive that Humble ISD has in its favor – and the biggest benefit for our community's children – is our faculty and staff's commitment to student learning. Our parents have high expectations for their children and it is up to us to meet those expectations and provide the personalized educational experience each one deserves.

Welcome Back to School!

School supply sales offer one-stop shopping

Humble ISD and Educational Products Incorporated are offering parents an opportunity for "one-stop" school supply shopping.

Parents may purchase pre-packaged school supply kits for students in pre-kindergarten through the fifth grade. The kits, designed according to each school's specification, will be on sale Aug. 14-16 at Park Lakes Elementary for schools in Humble and Atascocita and at Woodland Hills Elementary for schools in Kingwood. Hours of the sale will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 14, noon to 9 p.m. on Aug. 15 and 9 a.m. to noon on Aug. 16.

Park Lakes Elementary is located at 2440 Wilson Road, Humble, 77396. Packets sold here will be for Eagle Springs, Fall Creek, Fields, Humble, Lakeland, Maplebrook, North Belt, Oak Forest, Oaks, Park Lakes, Pine Forest, River Pines, Summerwood, Timbers, and Whispering Pines elementary schools.

Woodland Hills Elementary is located at 2222 Tree Lane, Kingwood, 77339. Packets sold here will be for Bear Branch, Deerwood, Elm Grove, Foster, Greentree, Hidden Hollow, Shadow Forest, Willow Creek and Woodland Hills elementary schools.

Prices are: Pre-K, \$23; kindergarten, \$28.50; first and second grades, \$32.50; third and fourth grades, \$35; and fifth grade, \$36.



Checks should be made payable to EPI.

Parents who wish to purchase supplies on their own may obtain a list from their child's school, from the district's web site at www.humble.k12.tx.us or from the Humble ISD Public Information Office at 281-641-8200.

Sixth-grade supply packets are sold at some middle schools during orientation. However, most middle and high school students receive supply lists from their teachers during the first week of classes. Students should bring paper, pencils and pens on the first day of school.

Our Mission

The mission of the Humble Independent School District is to provide a safe, student-centered, supportive environment that utilizes all resources for the education of our children. Essential to this process is a district, parent, and community partnership that fosters mutual respect and willingness to work together. Our students will develop personal dignity, self-worth, and skills to prepare them to meet the challenges of the future.

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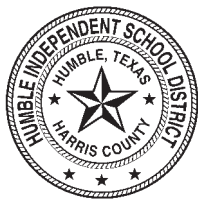
On the Cover

Kelsey Dusing of Kingwood High School and Rachel Small of Shadow Forest Elementary School are among the 33,900 students enrolled in Humble ISD for 2008-2009.

Humble ISD

Some homes not served by Humble ISD receive this newsletter as a result of postal routes crossing over district lines. To save money, we must mail to an entire postal carrier route.

Humble Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex or disability in providing education services. Janet Orth (281-641-8000) has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements of Title IX and compliance with the non-discrimination requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.



Humble ISD 2008-09 Calendar

First Semester

82 School Days
7 Professional Growth/Workdays

Aug. 18-22..... Prof. Growth/Workdays
 Aug. 25.....Begin First Semester
 Sept. 1.....School Holiday
 Labor Day
 Oct. 13.....Student Holiday
 Prof. Growth/Workday
 Oct. 21-24.....TAKS exit level retests
 Nov. 26-28.....Thanksgiving Holiday
 Dec. 19.....End First Semester
 Dec. 22-Jan. 2..... Winter Holidays
 Jan. 5.....Student Holiday
 Prof. Growth/Workday

Second Semester

95 School Days
3 Professional Growth/Workdays

Jan. 6.....Begin Second Semester
 Jan. 19.....MLK Holiday
 Feb. 16.....Student Holiday
 Prof. Growth/Workday
 March 3-6.....TAKS testing:
 gr. 3-5, 7-10 & exit level retests
 March 16-20..... Spring Vacation
 April 7.....TAKS testing: gr. 5 & 8
 April 10.....Good Friday Holiday
 April 13.....Student Holiday
 Prof. Growth/Workday
 April 28-May 1.....TAKS:
 gr. 3-10 & exit level
 May 19.....TAKS: gr. 5 test, gr. 8 retest
 May 25.....Memorial Day Holiday
 June 3.....Last Day of School
 June 4.....Prof. Growth/Workday
 July 1.....TAKS: gr. 3, 5 & 8 retests

TOTAL FOR SCHOOL YEAR
 177 Days of Instruction
 10 Professional Growth/Workdays



Early release dates

Elementary Schools

**Sept. 25, Oct. 16, Oct. 30-31, Nov. 20, Jan 29,
 March 26, May 14 and June 3**

Classes are dismissed at the following times:
 Pre-K morning session, 10 a.m.

Pre-K afternoon session and Grades K-5, 11:30 a.m.

Middle Schools

Dec. 18-19, June 2-3

Students will be taking final exams. Classes will dismiss at noon.

High Schools

Dates are listed below. Early release times will be announced by the schools.

Atascocita, Humble, Kingwood and Kingwood Park high schools:
 Dec. 17-19, June 1-3

Quest High School: Nov.6-7, Dec. 18-19 and June 2-3

School hours

Elementary

Pre-K, 8 to 11 a.m. or 12:20 to 3:20 p.m.

Kindergarten, 8 a.m. to 1:50 p.m.

Grades 1-5, 8 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

Middle schools

8:35 a.m. to 3:55 p.m.

Atascocita and Creekwood middle schools will have late arrival on Thursdays. Humble and Sterling middle schools will have early release on Fridays. Principals will share information about times and beginning dates regarding late arrival/early release at parent orientations and through written communication.

High schools

7:25 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. (exceptions noted below)

All high school students start at 9:25 a.m. on Thursday.

Kingwood Park students will be dismissed at 2:40 p.m. daily and begin at 9:20 a.m. on Thursday.



Sales tax holiday August 15-17, 2008

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 15, 16, and 17 - the state's annual tax holiday. The law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. Backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students are also exempt.

Bus transportation



Humble ISD provides transportation for students who live more than two miles from their home campus and for those who must cross a hazardous

thoroughfare to get to school. Bus schedules will be posted at each school one to two weeks prior to the start of school. They also will be available on the district's web site at www.humble.k12.tx.us. If you have questions, contact your school or the district's transportation department at 281-641-8720.

Services for students with disabilities

Humble ISD is responsible for identifying, locating and evaluating all children with disabilities who are in need of special education and related services who live within the school district's boundaries. Children who have a disability, or are suspected of having a disability, may be referred to Humble ISD.

For children ages 3-21, contact the elementary, middle or high school in your neighborhood. For children from birth through age 2, call Humble ISD special education at 281-641-8326 or Early Childhood Intervention Keep Pace Program at 281-397-4000 (all areas except zip code 77044) or Early Childhood Intervention Bay Area Program at 281-838-4477 (zip code 77044).

If you are unsure about which schools serve your neighborhood or location, or if you are making the referral during the summer, call the special education department at 281-641-8326. All referrals are confidential and the parent, legal guardian or surrogate parent has the right to refuse services.

Students need at least nine hours of sleep per night

For kids to do their best in school, they need at least nine hours of sleep per night. That even includes teenagers, whose busy schedules often result in them becoming more and more sleep deprived unless parents provide guidance.

Nine is the minimum. School-age students, in general, need 9 to 11 hours. Adults need 7 to 8.

The modern American family – with after-school activities, mom and dad working away from home, and tv, computers and text-messages tempting us all to stay up – faces a tough time getting to bed on time.

But sleep deprivation comes at real cost.

Young drivers are responsible for more than half of accidents caused by drowsiness or fatigue, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

A lack of sleep can also lead to real problems in school. Students who are tired have difficulty concentrating and remembering, may act moody or irritable, or exhibit discipline problems. Over-tired children sometimes act hyperactive.



“Back-to-school is a great time to establish routines that promote health and happiness,” Susan Luethold, Humble ISD coordinator of health services, said. “A well-rested student performs so much better academically, socially and in activities.”

Here are tips to help your family be well rested in 2008-2009: Establish a bedtime and stick to it.

Help students develop time management skills. Homework may be done before or after dinner, but waiting until just before bedtime brings problems. Students

may underestimate the amount of time needed to do the job right, so talk in advance about how long a task might take.

Students will need a well lit, comfortable place for homework. Supplies should be kept there so that study time is not wasted getting ready. Have pencils, pens, erasers, paper, a calculator, a dictionary, and any other supplies teachers suggest.

Limit after-school activities.

A good question to ask: Does your student usually have at least 12 hours, free of activities, before he or she returns to school? Twelve hours or more allows time for rest and rejuvenation.

Avoid anything with caffeine less than six hours before bedtime. Also, heavy meals or vigorous exercise too close to bedtime can interfere with sleep.




The bedroom should be dark and free of distractions. TV, video games, computers and cell phones stimulate kids and delay sleep.

Everyone needs a routine for winding down – a bath and reading works for many people. Students may like listening to audio books to ease into sleep.

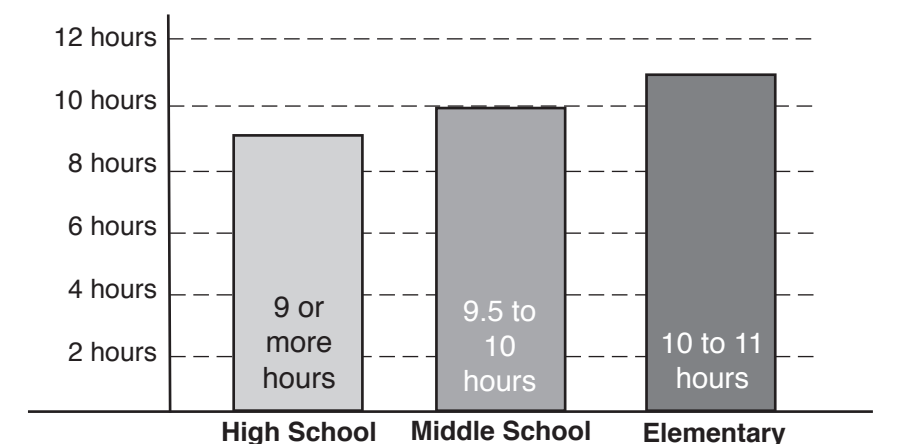
Sleep in on the weekend if you want, but not too late. Teens often use the weekend to catch up on sleep. But sleeping more than two hours past their usual wake up time makes it hard to go to bed on Sunday night – setting them up for another week of exhaustion.

How much is enough?

Your child is getting the right amount of sleep if he or she:

-  Falls asleep with 15 to 30 minutes
-  Wakes up easily in the morning
-  Acts awake and alert all day

Hours of Sleep Most Kids Need



Sleep Well, Do Well

For kids to do their best in school or at play, they should get at least nine hours of sleep every night. **Kids can be Star Sleepers like Garfield.** Visit <http://starsleep.nhlbi.nih.gov> for sleep tips and fun activities.



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Voters cast ballots on district's tax rate this fall

Humble ISD's budget for the 2008-2009 school year is based upon a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$1.17. Voters will be asked to approve the tax rate, which would be 13 cents higher than last year's maintenance and operations tax rate, in an election to be held this fall. Our maintenance and operations tax rate in 2005 was \$1.50.

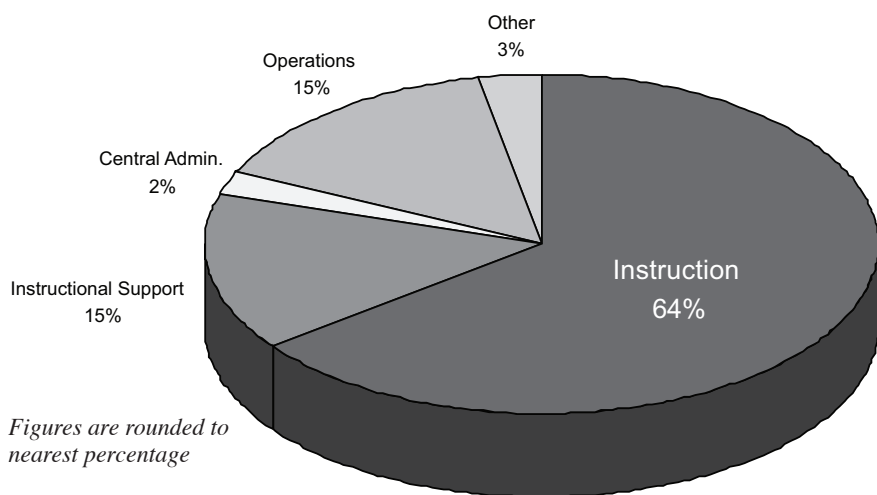
A school district's tax rate is made up of two parts: one part for day to day operations like teacher salaries (maintenance and operations), and another part for bond projects like school construction (debt service).

The election date was not available as of press time. Under state law, the election date is based on the date that certified property values are received from the County Appraisal District. The district had not received the certified appraisals as of press time.

Information about the election will be well publicized throughout the fall. You can check the district's web site, www.humble.k12.tx.us, for election updates and to stay informed.

Humble ISD's budget at a glance

2008-2009 Budget: \$242 million
 Projected enrollment: 33,900
 Total # of employees: 4,550



Some examples of what these budget categories include are listed below:

- Instruction:** teachers, librarians, curriculum development
- Instructional Support:** principals, counselors, nurses, extracurricular activities
- Central Administration:** superintendent, payroll staff, human resources staff, accounts payable staff
- District Operations:** student transportation, utilities, police, maintenance and grounds crew
- Other:** payments to other government entities, such as the county appraisal district

Humble ISD spends less per student than the state average. This makes it difficult to find areas for additional cuts.

Why is Humble ISD in a budget crisis?

We are in this crisis because of the current way our state funds public education. The current school funding system, adopted by the state legislature in 2005, poses the following problems:

- ✓ Districts face higher costs— for fuel, insurance, supplies, employee compensation and more – and yet state funding is frozen at the level received in the 2005-2006 school year. The state funding formula does not account for inflation.
- ✓ There are huge discrepancies from one district to another in the amount of state funding that districts receive based on WADA (Weighted Average Daily Attendance). For example, Humble ISD receives \$4,937 per WADA while Katy ISD receives \$5,174 per WADA. It would mean an additional \$9.2 million in state aid if Humble ISD received the same WADA as Katy ISD. Comparing Humble ISD to neighboring Sheldon ISD, it would mean an additional \$46 million in state aid if Humble ISD received the same WADA as Sheldon.
- ✓ The state transportation allotment to school districts has not been increased since 1984 when gas was \$1.13 per gallon.
- ✓ There is a commonly held belief that districts benefit from increases in property values. This is incorrect. The state takes a dollar away in state aid for every tax dollar the district gains from increased property valuations and new properties on the tax roll.

How has Humble ISD worked to reduce its budget, given the constraints posed by state aid?

More than \$8.7 million in cuts were made to balance the budget for 2008-2009. From 2002 to 2008, the district made \$17.8 million in cuts while educating an additional 8,000 students.

How will the election help Humble ISD's budget crisis?

The tax rate, if approved by voters, would provide \$17.5 million in operating revenue. The 2008-2009 budget was based upon the district receiving this operating revenue. The Board of Trustees voted to offer the community an opportunity to approve the tax rate increase, rather than cut programs that taxpayers may value. "We view this vote as an opportunity for our community to have a direct voice in how we will manage the district," trustees wrote in an open letter to the community. "Indeed, it is an opportunity for our community to decide the scope of education provided by our district."

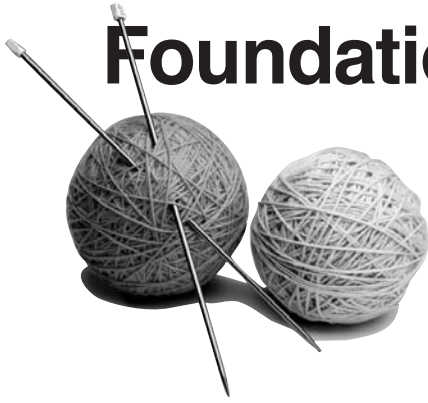
Is there anything else that would help the district's budget?

The Texas Legislature will convene for the 81st Regular Session on January 13, 2009. Lawmakers could choose to address school funding during this session.

Are other districts facing similar challenges?

Yes. Visit www.humble.k12.tx.us for a collection of articles from around the state about school district budget crises.

Foundation Spotlight: *Knitting Club teaches for life*



Since 2000, the Humble ISD Education Foundation has awarded more than \$2.7 million in grants to schools for projects that exceed the school district's regular budget. The money comes from private donors – parents, employees, businesses and organizations – dedicated to helping public school teachers provide children with innovative teaching and learning. Here is one example of a grant funded project:

Elementary school children have a lot of energy. They sometimes have a hard time sitting still, and most teachers and parents would agree they need some kind of activity to help release all that pent-up excitement. Some students at North Belt Elementary have found just the thing to help them focus during the rest of the day.

They sit in the library and knit.

“Knitting is a very calming activity,” said North Belt Elementary librarian Patricia Sveda. She started a knitting club that’s become a big hit at the school. Sveda said it’s a great way for children to relax, and reduce their anxiety levels.

When Sveda decided to start a school knitting club, she had no idea how popular it would become. When she began the club in October, she expected about 30 students. More than 60 expressed interest. She finally accepted 42 students into the program, thinking that was about as many as she could teach at one time.

The club was only supposed to last 12 weeks. After it was over, however, students kept coming in at recess to continue working on their projects. Then more students who weren’t in the original club wanted to learn. Now she’s working with children nearly every spare moment. “We’ll have quite a crowd in here during recess,” Sveda said. She hasn’t gone to lunch in months, she added.

By learning how to knit, Sveda said, students are also learning

said. “It’s like you put them on an equal footing.” She has instituted rules about what they talk about, such as no complaining and no talking about other students.

The students’ first project was to make a bookmark, which taught them a fairly simple stitch. They later progressed to coasters, and by the third project, a juggling ball, they had to learn how to follow a knitting pattern. Some club members have since moved on to making sweaters, along with scarf

charity. That’s been especially rewarding to the students, Sveda said, and something they continually talk about. They’re very excited to be able to contribute.

Opportunities like the knitting club also help students enjoy school more. “I think it gives them a sense of pride that they can finish a project they can see,” Sveda said.

Sveda began the club with a grant she received from the Humble ISD Education Foundation. The \$950 grant she received for 2007-2008 covered supplies, such as needles and yarn, along with bus service for the after-school program. Sveda also received donated supplies. The Kingwood Women’s Club donated a large amount of yarn, which she gave to students so they can work on projects at home. Sveda received an additional grant from the Humble ISD Education Foundation to help fund the project for the 2008-2009 school year.

The calming element to knitting seems to be having an impact in students’ personal lives, Sveda said. She’s seen kids who are upset with friends or some other problem at school come in and knit, and it helps them feel better. It’s even resolved some problems at home. Sveda recalled one parent who phoned her about a dispute between her two daughters. One of the girls learned how to knit this year, and after their fight, “she went to her room and knitted for a half hour, then came out and said she felt better.”

To learn more about supporting the Humble ISD Education Foundation, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit, please visit www.humbleisd.foundation.org or call the Humble ISD Office of Community Development at 281-641-8140.



North Belt Elementary School students (from left) Jackelin Tello, Elizabeth Guajardo and Jaszmun Thomas show off some of the blankets and caps made by the Knitting Club. Assisting the girls are (from left) North Belt nurse Lorraine Talmage and librarian Patricia Sveda.

a number of other skills you might not immediately think of. Knitting can be a very social activity, she said, and by sitting in groups and working on their projects, they’re working on their communication skills. It has even helped some shy students open up. “Kids that you could hardly get two words out of can come in and start talking,” she

and hat sets. Some students are making articles of clothing for either themselves or family members, even working at home to complete the project, she said. “They bring it in, and we fix the mistakes and help them read the pattern.”

Any clothing the students aren’t making for someone in particular will be donated to an area

Volunteer Spotlight: *Art encourages creative thinking*

Students benefit from volunteers in many ways. Last year, volunteers gave 393,760 hours serving in Humble ISD schools. It would have cost the district about \$7.6 million to have provided the services without volunteers, according to a non-profit organization that estimates the value of volunteers' time. This inspiring story tells of a parent volunteer who found a way to expand children's exposure to art.

Through the years, the Deerwood Elementary School PTA accumulated an impressive collection of art prints for its Art Masterpiece program. Kids loved the art appreciation presentations that PTA volunteers provided four times a year, but there just wasn't enough time for students to learn about all the art. In fact, students were seeing only a small fraction of prints from the collection.

Then parent volunteer Joey Kuhlman had an inspired idea: Why not create a school art gallery?

"Children really need opportunities to look at art and form their own opinions," Kuhlman said. "They need to understand that great art is not just for adults."

Kuhlman selected prints that typically are not taught about, due to time constraints, and began writing background information. She also developed thought-provoking questions aimed at getting students to look at and explore the artwork for answers.

For example, the question posed for a Frederic Remington painting of cowboys is: "Why are cowboys considered national folk heroes? What is heroic about this painting?" The question for a prehistoric Lascaux Cave Painting from France asks: "The huge paintings on this cave wall tell the story of a prehistoric animal hunt. How might the artists have used them to teach children? Why do you think they used art instead of words?"

Kuhlman enlisted the help of another parent volunteer, graphic artist Sara Bleiberg, to design a template for a label that accompa-

Parent volunteer Joey Kuhlman, Lily Kuhlman and Eric Rodriguez discuss "Penguin" by American artist Leo Sewell at the Deerwood Art Gallery.



nies the print. The label includes the question and a museum attribution.

"This is the type of information you would see if you went to an art museum," Kuhlman said. Her professional background, as a former archivist for Johnson Space Center and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, was useful. The Deerwood PTA purchased inexpensive frames to house the prints.

Now, 22 prints are displayed on campus in what is called the Deerwood Art Gallery. Approximately every three months, the prints are changed out. This allows students and teachers to see a wide variety of art. They are exposed to art reflecting different periods of history, styles and world cultures.

"This was a way to get some

of the lesser-known pieces in front of the children," Kuhlman said. "It's really a low-cost project. My hope is that other PTAs will want to do something similar for their schools."

The Deerwood PTA is willing to share information about the project.

Volunteers play key roles in enriching students' education because teachers have so many responsibilities. "This is a wonderful school with wonderful faculty – but they're very busy," Kuhlman said.

Are you interested in volunteering this year? Contact your child's school, attend a PTA/PTO meeting, or call the Humble ISD Office of Community Development at 281-641-8140.



This artwork, from the medieval Book of Hours, is one of the prints displayed through the Deerwood Art Gallery. The original was created between 1415-1416 by Dutch artists, the Limbourg Brothers.

Dress code highlights

Students and parents should keep these points in mind when planning outfits for school:

- ✓ Students at all grade levels may wear shorts, but “short shorts” are forbidden. The length of shorts must be between the knee and mid-thigh.
- ✓ Skirts and dresses must also be mid-thigh length or longer. Girls are not allowed to wear skirts or dresses with slits extending above the mid-thigh area.
- ✓ Spaghetti straps, leotards and halters as an outer garment are not acceptable. Blouses covering tube tops must be buttoned.
- ✓ Earrings are permitted for female students only. No student, male or female, will be allowed to wear jewelry in other pierced areas of the body while at school.
- ✓ Visible tattoos are not permitted.
- ✓ Students must wear shoes. Steel-toe shoes, house slippers, cleats and roller or wheeled shoes are not permitted. In addition, elementary students may not wear flip-flops or heels above one-half inch.
- ✓ Sleepwear may not be worn at school.
- ✓ Excessively loose or tight garments are not acceptable. All clothing should be appropriately fitted.
- ✓ All shirts must be worn so as not to expose the bare chest. Tank tops or undershirts are not to be worn as outer garments. The midriff must not be exposed when a student goes through the normal activities of a school day, including bending, stretching or reaching.
- ✓ Male students are not allowed to wear shirts without sleeves.

- ✓ Elementary students are not allowed to wear makeup.
- ✓ Sunglasses are not allowed to be worn in the school building.
- ✓ Sideburns must be trimmed neatly and not extend below the ear. Mustaches and beards are not allowed.
- ✓ Hairstyles must be neat, clean and well groomed. Hair that is dyed an unnatural color, such as green or orange, is not permitted.

Any form of dress that attracts undue attention, disrupts school, is considered gang related or detracts from the learning process is not acceptable.

Administration and faculty have the right to consider any current fashion or fad and determine whether it is appropriate or inappropriate for school.



Required immunizations



All students must be immunized in accordance with state law before entering Texas schools. Vaccines are available from doctors' offices, the Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services Department, 281-446-4222, or the Houston Department of Health and Human Services, 713-794-9320.

Students in Pre-K, ages 3 and 4 need:

- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus Toxoid, and Pertussis Vaccine (DTP, DTap, DT) - Four doses
- ✓ Polio (IPV)- Three doses
- ✓ Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) - One dose
- ✓ Varicella- One dose. Parent validated history of previous chicken pox illness may substitute for vaccination. Forms are available at www.humble.k12.tx.us
- ✓ Hepatitis B - Three doses
- ✓ Hib- One dose at or after 15 months, or a completed series
- ✓ Pneumococcal – Four doses
- ✓ Hepatitis A – Two doses

Students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 need:

- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus Toxoid, and Pertussis Vaccine (DTP, DTap, DT, Td) - Five doses of any combination DTap/DTP unless the fourth dose was given on or after the fourth birthday
- ✓ One dose of Td required ten years after last dose of DTP/DTap/DT. One dose of Tdap is recommended for age 11 and older.
- ✓ Polio (IPV) - Four doses unless the third dose was on or after the fourth birthday
- ✓ Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)- Two doses of a measles-containing vaccine with the first dose on or after the first birthday; second dose by age 5 or entry into kindergarten
- ✓ Hepatitis B - Three doses
- ✓ Varicella - One dose required; two doses recommended. If the first dose was received after age 13, two doses are required. Parent validated history of previous chicken pox illness may substitute for vaccination.

Additional vaccines recommended by state health officials:

Consult with your child's doctor for details.

- ✓ Yearly flu shot
- ✓ Meningitis
- ✓ HPV

Exemptions

For children who need medical exemptions, a written statement by the physician should be submitted to the school annually. Parents/guardians choosing the exemption for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief, should visit www.ImmunizeTexas.com for instructions.



Seven who serve: *Get to know your school board*



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Dave is a Senior Vice President for Marsh McLennan. He is married to Julie Martin and has three children, David, Michael and Jennifer. Dave is a member of St. Martha Catholic Church, "Raise Your Hand Texas," an advocacy organization dedicated to supporting Texas Public Schools, and also is on the Education Policy/Strategic Planning Committee of the Greater Houston Partnership. Dave has lived in Humble ISD for 18 years and has served as a School Board Trustee since 2004.

Mr. Daniel G. Huberty, Vice President

Dan is the Vice President for Business Development and Corporate Relations for Ampco System Parking, the second largest national parking company in the U.S. In addition, Dan oversees several key accounts nationally, and is responsible for operations of the Hawaiian Region. He is married to Janet Huberty and they have three children, Brianna, Ryan and Dylan. They are members of St. Martha Catholic Church, where Dan serves on the Building and Planning Committee. Dan has lived in Walden for eight years and has served as a School Board Trustee since 2006.

Mr. Keith Lapeze, Secretary

Keith is a partner at the international law firm Vinson & Elkins, LLP. He is married to Christy Lapeze and has one child, Luke. They attend Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Kingwood. Keith has lived in Humble ISD for six years and has served as a School Board Trustee since 2006.

Dr. Bonnie Longnion, Parliamentarian

Bonnie is a college administrator at Lone Star College System, and she is also an adjunct instructor for University of Houston-Downtown. She has two children, Jennifer and Jeffrey. Bonnie is a Senior Fellow of the Gulf Coast/Houston American Leadership Forum. Bonnie serves as board secretary of the Houston YWCA Board, as chair of American Business Women's Association Program Committee, as secretary of the Greater Houston Area P-16+ Council and serves on the Texas Center for Educational Research board. A past president of the Texas Association of School Boards, Bonnie has lived in Humble ISD for 24 years and has served as a School Board Trustee since 1988.

Mr. Charles Cunningham, Board Member

Charles is a commercial relations manager for CenterPoint Energy. He is married to Stella Cunningham and they have four children, five grandchildren and a sixth grandchild due in September. Charles is a member of St. Mark Baptist Church in Humble. He is Chairman of the Humble ISD Legislative and Naming Schools Committees and a member of the Finance Committee. Charles is the Vice Chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee for the Humble Area Chamber of Commerce. He has lived in Humble ISD for 15 years and has served on the School Board since 2007.

Mr. Brent M. Engelage, Board Member

Brent is an orthopedic Physical Therapist for Select Medical Corporation and has practiced as a Physical Therapist since graduating from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 1983. Brent is married to Lena Engelage and they have two daughters, Emma and Sydney, who attend Bear Branch Elementary and are enrolled in the Spanish Immersion Program. The Engelages are active members at Second Baptist Church-Kingwood, where Brent serves as a Deacon and co-directs an adult Bible study class. He has lived in Humble ISD for 23 years and has served as a School Board Trustee since June 2008.

Mr. Robert Scarfo, Board Member

Robert is Director of Credit Services for Administaff. He has one son, Alex, a Texas A&M University student. Robert is a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church. He served as a Subcommittee Chair for the Humble ISD Bond Study Committees and on the district's Handbook Review Committee, Student Health Advisory Committee and District Advisory Committee. A past president of the Kingwood Service Association, he currently serves on the Village Learning and Achievement Center Board. He is a member of Rotary, Kiwanis and the Humble Area Chamber of Commerce Education and Governmental Affairs Committees. Robert has lived in Humble ISD for 17 years and has served on the School Board since June 2008.

FAQs about the Board of Trustees

Q. When and where does the Board meet?

A. The Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday each month in the Board Room of the District Administration Building, 20200 Eastway Village Drive in Humble. Other meetings are scheduled when appropriate.

Q. Where can I get Board policy and information about meetings?

A. Complete Board policy is available online from a link on the district Web site, www.humble.k12.tx.us. Agendas for meetings are published on the Website 72 hours prior to the meeting and also posted at the Administration Building front window. The complete Board packet is available online the day after the meeting.

Q. Is the public allowed to speak at Board meetings?

A. Your presence and participation are encouraged at Board meetings. Time is reserved for comments from patrons and employees of the district. You will need to complete a speaker's form, which will be placed in the Board Room at 6 p.m. on the date of regular Board meetings. Please give your form to Mrs. Peggy Young, Executive Secretary to the Board, prior to the start of the meeting. For additional information, you may contact her at 281-641-8001.

Q. How can I contact the Board?

A. Contact the Executive Secretary to the Board, Mrs. Peggy Young, at 281-641-8001. Board members also may be contacted by e-mail from the district website, or by mail at P.O. Box 2000, Humble, TX 77347-2000.

Teachers of the Year honored for excellence

Two Humble ISD teachers have been chosen as the district's 2008-2009 Teachers of the Year. They are Christy Erb, third grade teacher at Timbers Elementary, and Ami Sedani, math teacher at Humble High School. A committee chose them from 35 nominees, based on essays and interviews.



Christy Erb

Deciding on a career is not always a simple task. Finding that special combination of what you're good at and also enjoy doing can be a difficult process. People can go through years of schooling, and sometimes even a number of jobs, before finding their passion.

Christy Erb never had that problem. The Timbers Elementary third grade teacher's path to education was obvious by the age of 4, when she taught in front of her first "classroom."

"I just might have had the most educated Cabbage Patch Dolls in all of Liberty, Texas," Erb said.

She would read to her dolls after her parents took her to the library. Erb's parents saw how much she loved educating her dolls and encouraged it, even buying teaching supplies for their young daughter. Soon Erb had a chalkboard, art supplies, dry erase board and markers for her imaginary classroom. Her mother made an especially big

impact on her future career.

"She really promoted education early because she promoted love of learning in us," Erb said.

Erb believes having that love of learning is one of the elements that make a great teacher. "Honestly, you have to have the heart for it," she said. She said it's also important to be flexible and understand that not all children are going to learn in the same way, or at the same pace.

That understanding has been reinforced by her work with Response to Intervention, a teaching program designed to reduce the number of students referred to Special Education classrooms. The program offers early intervention methods to help struggling students remain in mainstream classes.

"I believe, as we are becoming more familiar with RTI and its practices, we are also building a stronger learning community for not only our students, but also our teachers," she said. Erb prides herself on doing all she can to customize learning for individual students.

One event that gave Erb a different perspective on her teaching work was the birth of her son, Christian, in June 2007. "I relate better to my students' parents," she said, "because I constantly find myself thinking 'What if this was Christian?'"

Erb often reminds herself of a quotation she first heard in college at Sam Houston State University: "Tell me and I'll forget. Show me and I might remember. Involve me and I'll understand." She uses that quote as one of the guiding principles of her work in the classroom. "It just stuck with me, and it's so true," she said.

Erb tries to involve her students in as many lessons and activities as possible, whether it's having students work out math



Logan McArthur of Timbers Elementary School enjoys reading in Ms. Erb's third grade classroom.

problems on their own, reading together in groups arranged according to individual skill levels or participating in science experiments. "It's not just me showing it; I have them do it," she said.

Erb student taught at Humble ISD, and hoped she would end up here. "I'm proud to work for Humble ISD. I interned at other schools and knew this is where I wanted to be," she said. Two other teachers in the district who have served as her mentors also helped her realize the possibilities at the district. She said the lessons she learned with Kim Zalesky at Greentree Elementary and Donna Dunham at Humble Middle School were invaluable, and it was great to see how they ran a classroom.

The thing Erb enjoys most about her job is the changes in the children from the beginning of the year until summer. "I love seeing the progress the kids make," she said, "and the growth they make in just that one year.

"It's hard to let them go each year," she said. But another group of students will enter her classroom soon, just as attentive and

interested as her dolls were in her very first teaching position.



Ami Sedani

When she was in high school, Ami Sedani thought she had a pretty good idea about where her life was headed. "I was raised in a family who expected me to become a doctor or lawyer," she said. However, a math class, and the teacher who led it, helped her realize her life was going to take a different path, one that would lead her right back to Humble High School.

The Algebra II teacher credits math teacher Wendie Wilder for helping her see she wanted to teach

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From left, Jennifer Armijo, Ms. Sedani and Ebony Cockrell solve equations in class at Humble High School.

math as well. "Listening to Mrs. Wilder lecture and model the material triggered a feeling inside of me I had never felt before," Sedani said. "I wanted to inspire students to achieve their goals whatever they may be."

Sedani is preparing for her fifth year of teaching, and feels her path has already come full circle. With Wilder's retirement, Sedani is taking over her position as instructional coach at Humble High, helping to mentor new teachers entering the math department.

It's a big change from her first year. "I was teaching Algebra I and all of my students were repeating the course," Sedani said. "I was up for a challenge, and the first couple of months were very trying." Her students were resistant at first, she said, but eventually exceeded all her expectations. That first year actually helped her realize what she truly enjoyed about teaching. "It's seeing how you affect the lives of students, and encouraging them to do things they never thought they could do," she said.

Sedani believes the key to helping students succeed is in building personal relationships with

them, because once you do that, they'll work harder than they might otherwise. That effort to develop bonds with her students has paid off. Her biggest achievement, she said, is getting students to take upper level and honors math classes they never would have previously considered taking.

One of the challenges for Sedani is convincing students they're better at math than they think. There's a perception that there's no middle ground in the subject, she said, that you either know it or you don't. But that's not the case. "It's nice to have students who think they're bad at math see that they're comprehending it," she said. An important part of doing that is making it fun, so they can enjoy the subject. "Math is something you use throughout your life, and it's good to be able to show them it's useful," she said.

Sedani also works to change gender perceptions about math. She wants girls to become more confident in their abilities, so they might consider careers in math and science. She said she continually pushes the girls in her class to think about pursuing a future in fields

such as engineering and medicine.

One important way to improve education, Sedani said, is by taking a look at students' family life. Sedani believes programs that help families learn English or support parents working multiple jobs will have a benefit with students in the classroom.

Sedani feels honored to

receive the Teacher of the Year award at such an early stage in her career, especially since she was up against so many other excellent teachers. She enjoys making a difference at the same school she herself attended.

"I wanted to be able to give back to the school and people that had given me so much," she said.



District Finalists our exceptional Teachers of the Year!



Jan Gorey
District Finalist
Elm Grove Elementary



Cat Riggle
District Finalist
Lakeland Elementary



Lupita Wilkinson
District Finalist
North Belt Elementary



Doddie Lilly
District Finalist
Oak Forest Elementary



Charlotte McKinney
District Finalist
Woodland Hills Elementary



Christie Wootton
District Finalist
Kingwood Middle School



Melissa Leigh
District Finalist
Timberwood Middle School



Honoring

our exceptional Teachers of the Year!



Angela Knight
Bear Branch Elementary



Lori Robertson
Deerwood Elementary



Dwight Whorton
Eagle Springs Elementary



Nell Muehlbrad
Foster Elementary



Linda Zindler
Greentree Elementary



Darlynn Pittman
Hidden Hollow Elementary



Sandye Nelson
Humble Elementary



Linda Peoples
Jack Fields, Sr. Elementary



Peggy Clarey
Maplebrook Elementary



Matthew Kelly
Oaks Elementary



Heather Schrade
Park Lakes Elementary



Sonia Gonzalez
Pine Forest Elementary



Barbara Barbato
River Pines Elementary



Lisa Bender
Summerwood Elementary



Gereta Wanza
Whispering Pines Elementary



Jan Boatman
Willow Creek Elementary



Jessica Anthis
Atascocita Middle School



Mary Jo Neidinger
Creekwood Middle School



Judy Stuckey
Humble Middle School



Nancy Ontiveros
Riverwood Middle School



Teresa Johnson
Sterling Middle School



Risa McCann
Atascocita High School



Janet Dickinson
Kingwood High School



Karyn Spiegel
Kingwood Park High



Alyssa Howell
Quest High School



Scott Ford
Career and Tech Ed Center

Season football tickets available

Season football tickets are sold at the Humble ISD Athletic Office, 20200 Eastway Village Drive in the Administration Building from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. From July 28-Aug. 1, last year's season ticket holders who would like to become Kingwood Park season ticket holders may purchase tickets. From Aug. 4-8, last year's season ticket holders may purchase only the seats they held in 2007-2008. From Aug. 11-15, last year's season ticket holders may exchange or increase their tickets if needed. Ticket options are not transferable to another individual. Children sitting in the reserved section must have a reserved ticket.

Tickets should be purchased in person. For those who will be out of town during ticket sales, a check may be sent by mail to the Athletic Office. However, people who pay by mail will need to come in person to pick up their tickets. If you were a season ticket holder but do not plan to

purchase tickets this year, please call 281-641-8130 and inform Naomi Curry or Sylvia Lozano.



All remaining season tickets will go on sale to the general public on a first-come, first serve basis beginning Aug. 18. Cost is \$30 for Humble and Kingwood high schools (five home games) and \$24 for Atascocita and Kingwood Park high schools (four home games).

General admission tickets will be on sale at the high schools, middle schools and Athletic Office the week of each home game. Cost is \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. Tickets bought at the gate cost \$6. Away game tickets are available at the Athletic Office the week of each game.

Call 281-641-8130 for more information.

2008 Varsity Football Schedule



ATASCOCITA
Eagles

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sat.	Aug. 30	Hastings	Turner Stadium	6:00
Fri.	Sept. 5	Channelview ***	Turner Stadium	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 12	Oak Ridge	Woodforest Bank Stad	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 19	South Houston	Pasadena Memorial	7:00
Fri.	Sept. 26	*MacArthur **	Turner	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 3	*Humble (Visitor)	Turner	7:30
Sat.	Oct. 11	*Nimitz	Thorne	2:00
Fri.	Oct. 17	*Aldine	Thorne	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 31	* Eisenhower	Turner	7:30
Sat.	Nov. 8	* Kingwood (Visitor)	Turner	6:00

*District **Homecoming ***Parents' Night

HUMBLE
Wildcats



DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Fri.	Aug. 29	Cy Ridge	Berry Center	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 5	Spring	George Stadium	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 12	Jersey Village	Turner	7:30
Sat.	Sept. 20	Klein	Turner	6:00
Sat.	Sept. 27	*Aldine	Thorne	6:00
Fri.	Oct. 3	*Atascocita **	Turner	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 10	*Eisenhower	Thorne	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 17	*Kingwood (Home)	Turner	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 24	* MacArthur	Thorne	7:30
Fri.	Nov. 7	* Nimitz	Turner	7:30

*District **Homecoming ***Parents' Night

KINGWOOD PARK
Panthers



DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Fri.	Aug. 29	Houston Sterling	Turner	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 5	Magnolia West	Magnolia Stadium	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 12	Montgomery	Montgomery Stadium	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 19	Dayton	Dayton HS	7:00
Sat.	Sept. 27	Crosby	Turner	6:00
Fri.	Oct. 3	*Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill Stadium	7:00
Sat.	Oct. 11	*Galena Park **	Turner	6:00
Fri.	Oct. 17	*CE King	CE King Stadium	7:00
Fri.	Oct. 24	*North Forest	North Forest Stadium	7:00
Sat.	Nov. 1	*Goose Crk Mem.***	Turner	2:00

*District **Homecoming ***Parents' Night



KINGWOOD
Mustangs

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Fri.	Aug. 29	College Park	Reliant	8:00
Sat.	Sept. 6	Clear Creek	Turner	6:00
Thu.	Sept. 11	Klein	Klein Memorial	7:00
Fri.	Sept. 19	The Woodlands	Turner	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 26	*Eisenhower	Thorne	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 10	*MacArthur **	Turner	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 17	*Humble (Visitors)	Turner	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 24	* Nimitz	Turner	7:30
Sat.	Nov. 1	* Aldine	Thorne	2:00
Sat.	Nov. 8	*Atascocita (Home)***	Turner	6:00

*District **Homecoming ***Parents' Night



Back-to-School registration information

Pre-Kindergarten Registration

Humble ISD offers free half-day pre-kindergarten for 3 and 4 year-olds who qualify by having difficulty speaking and comprehending English, meeting free/reduced price lunch guidelines, are in foster care or homeless. Also eligible are children of persons serving active duty in the military (including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces who is ordered to active duty), and the children of those killed or injured while on active duty. Children who are or have been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services following an adversary hearing under Family Code Section 262.201 are eligible.

To show qualification for the program, parents should bring to registration:

- If qualifying based on income: proof of household income (pay receipts for previous 30 days or food stamp letter)
- If qualifying based on language: the child should be present at registration for testing
- If qualifying based on military service: Department of Defense identification; or copy of death certificate from Department of Defense or memorandum signed by the Casualty Office; or copy of Purple Heart orders or citation or copy of the Line of Duty Determination or copy of an official letter from commander

Parents also need to bring to registration the child's official birth certificate, immunization record, the child's social security card, proof of residency in Humble ISD (water, gas or electric bill) and the parent's driver license for identification purposes.

Pre-K is offered at the following schools:

Deerwood Elementary – for students in the Deerwood, Greentree and Willow Creek attendance areas. Registration is 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 12.

Foster Elementary – for students in the Bear Branch, Foster and Woodland Hills attendance areas. Registration is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 12.

Hidden Hollow – for students in the Elm Grove, Hidden Hollow and Shadow Forest attendance areas. Registration is 1:30 to 4 p.m. Aug. 6 and 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 7.

Humble – for students in the Humble attendance area and for bilingual students in the Bear Branch, Elm Grove, Foster, Humble, Lakeland and Woodland Hills attendance areas. Registration is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 13 and Aug. 15, and 1 to 6 p.m. Aug. 14.

Fields – for all students, including bilingual, in the Fields attendance area. Registration is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 11.

Lakeland – for students in the Lakeland attendance area. Registration is 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 7.

Maplebrook – for students in the Maplebrook, Pine Forest and Summerwood attendance area. Registration is 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 7. An immunization truck will be on site from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 7.

North Belt – for students, including bilingual, in the North Belt attendance area, and for students in the Whispering Pines attendance area. Registration is 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 13.

Oaks – for students in the Oaks and Oak Forest attendance zones. Registration is 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 6 p.m. Aug. 7.

Park Lakes – for students in the Fall Creek and Park Lakes attendance zones, and for bilingual students in the Fall Creek, Park Lakes and Whispering Pines attendance zones. Registration is 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 7 and 3 to 7 p.m. Aug. 12.

River Pines – for students, including bilingual, in the River Pines attendance zones. Registration is 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 7-8.

Timbers – for students in the Eagle Springs and Timbers attendance zones, and for bilingual students in the Deerwood, Eagle Springs, Greentree, Hidden Hollow, Maplebrook, Oaks, Oak Forest, Pine Forest, Shadow Forest, Summerwood, Timbers and Willow Creek attendance zones. Registration is 8 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 7.

Elementary Schools

New student registration forms are available on the district website, www.humble.k12.tx.us, or at the schools. Parents should complete the forms and bring them to registration. Parents should also bring the child's official birth certificate (not the hospital certificate); proof of residency shown by a 30-day current electric, gas or water bill; the child's social security card; the child's immunization record; the parent's driver license for identification; the previous school's mailing address; and the most recent report card and/or school transcript.

Bear Branch Elementary 281-641-1600

New students register 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m. beginning Aug. 13. PTA Meeting/Meet the Staff will be 6 p.m. Aug. 22. Parent Orientation, for parents only, will be at 6:30 p.m. for Session I and at 7 p.m. for Session II on Aug. 22.

Deerwood Elementary 281-641-2200

Back-to-school packets will be available at the school beginning Aug. 18. New and returning students should complete the packet. Parents of new students should call 281-641-2203 after Aug. 14 to set up an appointment to register and return the packet. Also, new families should e-mail anne.tynan@humble.k12.tx.us with your child's name and grade level. Parents of returning students should return the packet during Dolphin Debut on Aug. 22.



Back-to-School registration information



Eagle Springs Elementary 281-641-3100

New students register 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 12-13 and Aug. 15 or Aug. 19-21. Families who need an evening appointment should call beginning Aug. 11. Evening appointments will be available Aug. 14 and Aug. 18, when new students register 1 to 7 p.m.

Elm Grove Elementary 281-641-1700

New students should bring completed registration forms, available on the website, to Elm Grove. For details, please call 281-641-1703.

Fall Creek Elementary 281-641-3400

New students register from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 3 p.m. beginning Aug. 8. Kindergarten orientation for parents only will be 7 to 8 p.m. Aug. 21. Cardinal Countdown Meet the Teacher for parents and students will be 5:30 to 7 p.m. Aug. 22.

Foster Elementary 281-641-1400

New students register 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m. beginning Aug. 13. Kindergarten orientation for parents only will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 21. Foster Back to School Orientation for parents and students for all grades will be 4 to 7 p.m. Aug. 22. Families can meet teachers, buy a Foster T-shirt, join PTA and more.

Greentree Elementary 281-641-1900

Families visit the Greentree website to download back to school documents. The paperwork should be returned from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 21 or from 7 to 11 a.m. Aug. 22. Gator Fest will be held Aug. 22 for parents and students. New students should call 281-641-1903 to make an appointment for registration. Appointments will be available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Aug. 18. Kindergarten orientation for parents only will be at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21

Hidden Hollow Elementary 281-641-2400

New students register from 1 to 4 p.m. Aug. 12, Aug. 14 or Aug. 20; or from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 13, Aug. 18 and Aug. 21. Kindergarten students and parents are invited to a Kindergarten Parent Meeting at 5 p.m. Aug. 21 and will visit their child's classroom after the meeting. Meet the Teacher Night for other grades will be 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21.

Humble Elementary 281-641-1100

New students register 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 15, Aug. 18-19 or Aug. 22; and from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 6 p.m. Aug. 20-21. Back to School Fest for all grades will be held Aug. 22. The Title I Annual Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 22. Grade Level Orientations and Meet Your Child's Teacher will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 22.

Jack M. Fields Sr. Elementary 281-641-2700

Returning and new students should pick

up back-to-school packets from 8 a.m. to noon for last names A-L and from 1 to 4 p.m. for last names M-Z on Aug. 12. Returning students submit completed paperwork from 8 a.m. to noon for last names A-L and from 1 to 4 p.m. for last names M-Z on Aug. 15. New students return paperwork during registration. New student registration is 2 to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 19, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 20, noon to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21 and 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 22. Fields Fest Day/Annual Title 1 Meeting will be held 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 23. No registration will occur during Fest Day.

Lakeland Elementary 281-641-1200

New students register 8:30 to 2 p.m. beginning Aug. 19. Meet the Teacher for Pre-K and kindergarten will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 22. Parent Orientation/Open House for grades 1-5 will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 28 and Meet the Principals/Annual Title 1 Meeting will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Aug. 28. Parents and students are invited. Pre-K and kindergarten students must register for bus service by Aug. 13, or the students will not be able to ride a bus home from school until after Sept. 1.

Maplebrook Elementary 281-641-2900

New students should call beginning Aug. 12 for a registration appointment. First Day Fest will be held Aug. 22 with grade level orientations at the following times: kindergarten, 10 a.m.; first grade, 1 p.m.; second grade, 8 a.m.; third grade, 9 a.m.; fourth grade, 2 p.m.; fifth grade, 11 a.m.; and PreK, SCD and PPCD, 3 p.m. All grades also will offer orientations at 6 p.m. Aug. 22.

North Belt Elementary 281-641-1300

New students register beginning Aug. 14. Meet the Teacher for Pre-K and Kindergarten will be held Aug. 21. Annual Title 1 Meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 4 and at 6:45 p.m. Sept. 9.

Oak Forest Elementary 281-641-2800

New students should call beginning Aug. 12 for a registration appointment. All families are invited to Falcon Fest on Aug. 22. Check the school's website for details.

Oaks Elementary 281-641-1890

New students register 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 14-19.

Park Lakes Elementary 281-641-3200

New student registration is available from 9 a.m. to noon every Friday beginning July 18. Registration packets are available for pickup at this time. Meet the Teacher/Title I Parent Meeting will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 22. The Park Lakes Elementary Library is open to PLE students for book check-out from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. A story hour with guest readers is held from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

Pine Forest Elementary 281-641-2100

Families should pick up back to school packets from 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 20 and return completed paperwork during Panther Premiere. Panther Premiere will be held from 2 to 7:45 p.m. Aug. 22. Class rosters will be





More Back-to-School information

Pine Forest Elementary *(continued)*

posted in the front foyer of the office window. Grade level orientations will be held Aug. 22 at the following times: kindergarten, 5 to 5:45 p.m.; first grade, 6 to 6:45 p.m.; second grade, 7 to 7:45 p.m.; third grade, 2 to 2:45 p.m.; fourth grade, 3 to 3:45 p.m.; fifth grade, 4 to 4:45 p.m.

River Pines Elementary 281-641-3300

Families should pick up back to school packets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 18-19. Completed paperwork should be returned during Frog Camp from 8 a.m. to noon for last names A-L and from 1 to 4 p.m. for last names M-Z on Aug. 20. Meet the Teacher/Annual Title 1 Meeting will be 6 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 22.

Shadow Forest Elementary 281-641-2600

Families should pick up back to school packets on Aug. 15, 18 and 19. Completed paperwork should be returned during Sharkcamp from 9 a.m. to noon for last names A-L and from 1 to 4 p.m. for last names M-Z on Aug. 20. Students who return paperwork at Sharkcamp will be allowed to attend Meet the Teacher from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 21.

Summerwood Elementary 281-641-3000

New students register from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 12-21 or from 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 22. Orientation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Aug. 22.

Timbers Elementary 281-641-2000

New students register from noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 19-22. Back to School Bash for parents and students will be Aug. 21 with grade level orientations offered at the following times: PreK, 5 p.m.; kindergarten 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; first grade 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.; second grade, 5 and 6 p.m.;

third grade, 4 and 5:30 p.m.; fourth grade, 5 and 6:30 p.m.; fifth grade, 4:30 and 6 p.m. There are two sessions offered for grade levels K-5 and families need to attend only one session. Please enter through the front doors and you will be directed to your meeting location.

Whispering Pines Elementary 281-641-2500

New students register 9 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 13-20 and Aug. 22. Orientations will be offered at 6 and 6:45 p.m. Aug. 21. Families can meet teachers, drop off school supplies and more.

Willow Creek Elementary 281-641-2300

Families should pick up back-to-school packets beginning Aug. 14. Students who return completed forms from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 21 will learn their teacher's name before class lists are posted on Aug. 22. All students should attend Camp Cardinal on Aug. 22, when grade level orientations will be offered at the following times: kindergarten, 3 and 4:30 p.m.; first grade, 3:45 and 5:15 p.m.; second grade, 3 and 4:30 p.m.; third grade, 3:45 and 5:15 p.m.; fourth grade, 3:45 and 5:15 p.m.; fifth grade, 3 and 4:30 p.m.; SCD, 3 and 4:30 p.m.; AB, 3 p.m.



Woodland Hills Elementary 281-641-1500

Families pick up back-to-school packets from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 14-15 and return completed paperwork from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 21 or from 7 to 8 a.m. Aug. 22. Meet the Teacher is 4 p.m. Aug. 22. New students register 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 11-21, or 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 22. Grade level orientations will be held at the following times: kindergarten, 6 p.m. Sept. 2; first grade, 7 p.m. Sept. 2; second grade, 6 p.m. Sept. 3; third grade, 7 p.m. Sept. 3; fourth grade, 6 p.m. Sept. 4; fifth grade, 7 p.m. Sept. 4.

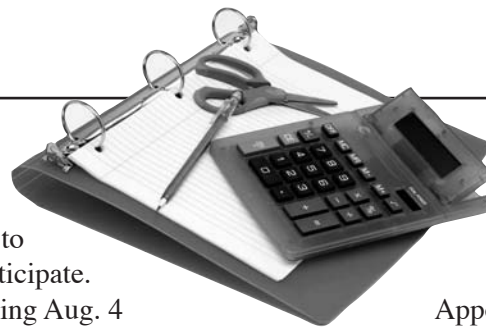
Middle Schools

Atascocita Middle School 281-641-4600

Tiger Check In will be Aug. 19 for last names A-I, Aug. 20 for J-P and Aug. 21 for Q-Z. Hours are 3 to 8 p.m. Students must present proof of residency to participate. New students register by calling 281-641-4600 beginning Aug. 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 3 p.m. for an appointment. Registration hours are 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. on Aug. 11-15 and Aug. 18, and 8 to 11 a.m. on Aug. 19-21. Sixth Grade Parent Orientation is 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 22. Seventh and Eighth Grade Parent Orientation is 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 4.

Creekwood Middle School 281-641-4400

Back to school packets should be picked up from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 18-19. Creekwood Roundup is noon to 6 p.m. Aug. 21. Students will be told a specific time to attend. Students who are unable to pick up and/or



return packets may do so on the first day of school. New students register by calling 281-641-4400 or 281-641-4424 beginning Aug. 5 for an appointment. Appointments will be made for 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 12-21.

Humble Middle School 281-641-4000

Back to school packets should be picked up from 1 to 8 p.m. Aug. 14 or 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 15. Cat Camp will be 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 23. New students register by calling 281-641-4086 or 281-641-4007 from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. beginning Aug. 6 for an appointment. Appointments will be made for 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Aug. 11. Annual Title 1 Meeting will be 7 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 21.

More Back-to-School information

Kingwood Middle School 281-641-4200

Back to school packets should be picked up from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 14-15 and Aug. 18. New students call 281-641-4200 to make an appointment to register. Registration begins Aug. 18. Sixth Grade Orientation is Aug. 19. Seventh Grade Orientation is Aug. 20. Eighth Grade Orientation is Aug. 21. Times are: last names A-C, 8:15 a.m.; D-G, 9 a.m.; H-L, 10 a.m.; M-P, 1 p.m.; Q-S, 2 p.m.; T-Z, 3 p.m. The building closes from noon to 1 p.m. KMS Open House is 7 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 28.



Riverwood Middle School 281-641-4800

Back to school packets should be picked up 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 11-13. Camp Longhorn for sixth graders is 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 14. For

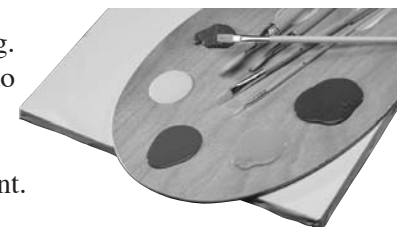
seventh graders, it's 8:30 to 11 a.m. Aug. 15. Eighth Grade Camp Longhorn is 1 to 4 p.m. Aug. 15. RMS Fall Open House is 6:30 p.m. Sept. 4. News students should call for a registration appointment.

Ross Sterling Middle School 281-641-6000

New students should call for a registration appointment. The building opens to the public beginning Aug. 11. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Back to School Open House/Annual Title 1 Meeting will be 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 21.

Timberwood Middle School 281-641-3800

Sixth Grade Panther Camp is 3 to 7 p.m. Aug. 14. Seventh and Eighth Grade Panther Camp is 2 to 7 p.m. Aug. 15. Sixth Grade Open House for students and parents is 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 21. Seventh and Eighth Grade Open House is 6:30 to 8 p.m. Aug. 28. New students call 281-641-3807 after August 11 for a registration appointment.



High Schools

Atascocita High School 281-641-4600

Back to school packets should be picked up from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 6 or from 4 to 8 p.m. Aug. 7. Students should attend Flight School according to the following schedule: freshmen, Aug. 15; sophomores, Aug. 14; juniors, Aug. 13; and seniors, Aug. 12. Times are: 8 to 10 a.m. for last names A-G; 10 a.m. to noon for H-N; and noon to 2 p.m. for O-Z. Orientation for freshmen and new students will be 7 p.m. Aug. 7. New students register beginning July 14. Call 281-641-7507 for an appointment.

Humble High School 281-641-6300

Back to school packets should be picked up from 2 to 6 p.m. Aug. 7 or from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 8 in the Commons through the main entrance. Attend Cat Camp for a smooth first day of school, to get a free T-shirt and your required student ID. Freshmen Cat Camp will be Aug. 14 at 8 a.m. for last names A-H, 9 a.m. for I-P, and 10 a.m. for Q-Z. Sophomore Cat Camp will be Aug. 10 at 11 a.m. for A-H, noon for I-P, and 1 p.m. for Q-Z. Junior Cat Camp will be Aug. 15 at 8 a.m. for A-H, 9 a.m. for I-P, and 10 a.m. for Q-Z. Senior Cat Camp will be at 11 a.m. for A-H, noon for I-P, and 1 p.m. for Q-Z. New students register by visiting the registrar's office in the 1000 hall from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays-Thursdays from July 15-Aug. 15. The office will be closed Aug. 4-6 and 18-22.

Kingwood High School 281-641-6600

Back to school packets should be picked up from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 5-7. Freshmen Stang Camp is Aug. 15. Sophomore Stang Camp is Aug. 14. Junior Stang Camp is Aug. 13. Senior Stang Camp is Aug. 12. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Freshmen orientation, "The Fresh Life," will be 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 21. Sophomore orientation, "Sophomore Survival,"



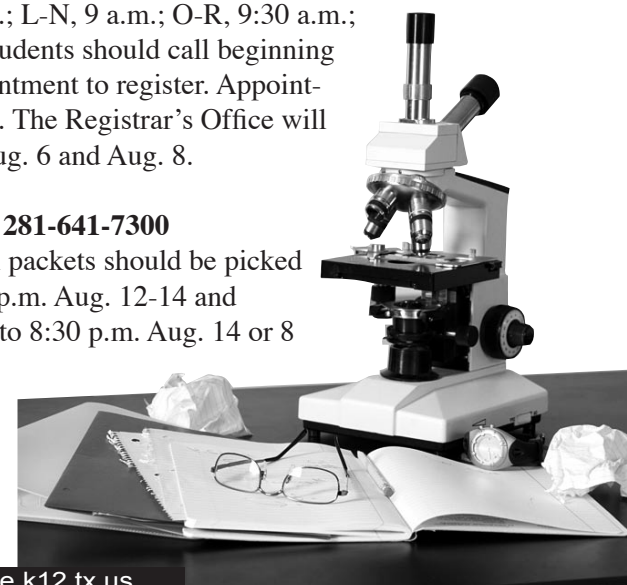
will be 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 22. New students call 281-641-6907 for a registration appointment prior to Aug. 11. Beginning Aug 11, call 281-641-6928 or 281-641-6926.

Kingwood Park High School 281-641-6626

All students should pick up back to school packets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 8 or Aug. 11. Packets should be returned at Panther Camp. Panther Camp will be Aug. 13 for freshmen. Freshmen times are: last names A-D, 7:30 a.m.; E-G, 8 a.m.; H-K, 8:30 a.m.; L-N, 9 a.m.; O-R, 9:30 a.m.; S-Z, 10 a.m. For sophomores, Panther Camp will be Aug. 12. Sophomore times are: last names A-D, 12:30 p.m.; E-G, 1 p.m.; H-K, 1:30 p.m.; L-N, 2 p.m.; O-R, 2:30 p.m.; S-Z, 3 p.m. Juniors attend Panther Camp on Aug. 12. Junior times are: last names A-D, 7:30 a.m.; E-G, 8 a.m.; H-K, 8:30 a.m.; L-N, 9 a.m.; O-R, 9:30 a.m.; S-Z, 10 a.m. New students should call beginning July 10 for an appointment to register. Appointments begin July 14. The Registrar's Office will be closed Aug. 5, Aug. 6 and Aug. 8.

Quest High School 281-641-7300

Back to school packets should be picked up from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 12-14 and turned in from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 14 or 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 15. Quest Camp for new students will be 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 12-13.

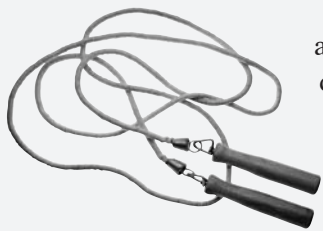


YMCA after-school program offered at elementary schools

The Lake Houston Family YMCA offers after school child care until 6:30 p.m. at each elementary school. Children are provided a healthy snack, an opportunity to complete homework, a variety of self-directed activities, special projects, arts and crafts, and indoor/outdoor recreational play under the supervision of trained YMCA staff.



The kindergarten program is available from 1:50 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. for \$135 per month and an extended kindergarten program from 1:50 pm to 6:30 p.m. is available for \$250 per month. The program is available for students in grades 1-5 from 3:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for \$225 per month. Part-time care is also available; contact the Lake Houston Family YMCA for fees.

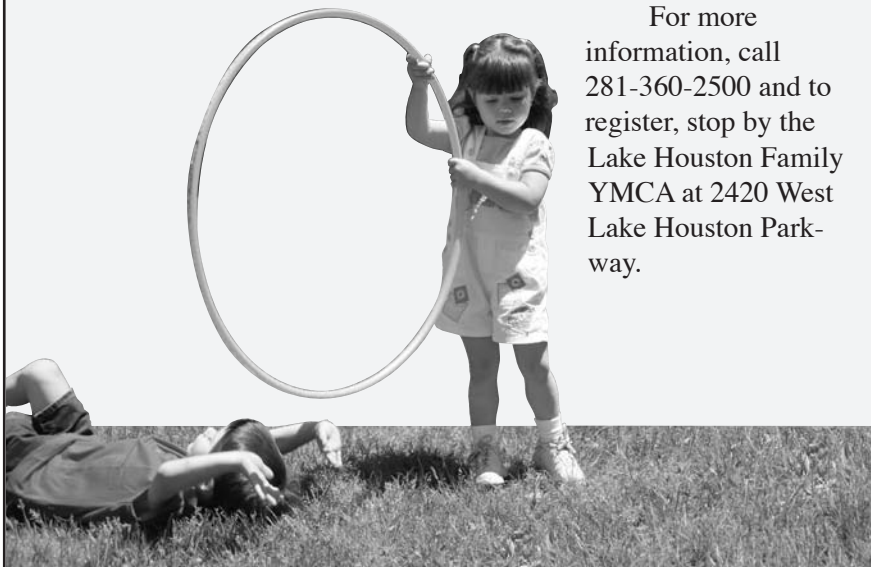


Additionally, the YMCA will offer after-school child care to students with disabilities. Transportation to the designated school site will be provided by Humble ISD. All students must complete an evaluation prior to entering the program. The cost is \$250 per month

for elementary students, \$150 per month for middle school students and \$250 per month for high school students. Activities include non-competitive games, special events and outdoor play that help develop the child's strength and coordination. This program is sponsored by the Humble ISD Special Education Parent Council, Village Learning Center and the Lake Houston Family YMCA.

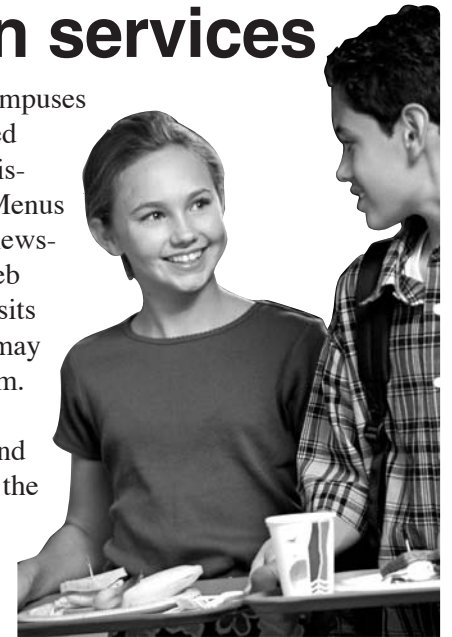
YMCA full service members will receive a \$20 discount on monthly dues per child. Humble ISD employees will receive a 10% discount on monthly dues per child. Only one discount will apply. All YMCA programs have financial assistance available to families who substantiate a need.

For more information, call 281-360-2500 and to register, stop by the Lake Houston Family YMCA at 2420 West Lake Houston Parkway.



Child nutrition services

Students on all Humble ISD campuses may purchase a nutritionally balanced lunch and/or breakfast through the district's Child Nutrition Department. Menus are published in elementary school newsletters and posted on the district's web site at www.humble.k12.tx.us. Deposits to student lunch/breakfast accounts may be made any morning before 8:15 a.m. or during meal service. If paying by check, please write the child's first and last name and student ID number on the check to ensure proper credit. Information regarding on-line deposits may be found on the district's web site, www.humble.k12.tx.us.



School meal prices

Breakfast

Elementary.....	\$1.20
Middle school	\$1.25
High school.....	\$1.30



Lunch

Elementary.....	\$1.85
Middle school	\$2.00
High school.....	\$2.00

(some meals, \$2.50)

A la carte milk 50 cents

Free and reduced price meals

Applications for free and reduced price meals will be sent home with your child at the beginning of the school year. Information about eligibility can be obtained by contacting the Child Nutrition Department at 281-641-8471 or 281-641-8460.



Students who were approved for free or reduced price meals at the end of the 2007-2008 school year qualify for those benefits for the first 30 days of the 2008-2009 school year. However, once a new application is processed, the eligibility determined by the new application will supersede the previous year's eligibility even if that is within those first 30 days. Any student who does not have a new application processed by the 30th day, Oct. 6, will automatically be changed to full pay. Please note that it can take 10 days to process an application. Please only fill out one application per household.



Find out what school your child will attend through our website!

To find what school your child will attend, log on to www.humble.k12.tx.us. Click on "Site Map" and then "Attendance Zones" to find an alphabetical listing of subdivisions. You will be able to see what schools serve your subdivision or apartment complex.



Important safety info

Humble ISD offers information on keeping kids safe. Visit our website at <http://www.humble.k12.tx.us/parentresources.htm>

All Emergencies: 911

Humble ISD

District Main Line	281-641-1000
Public Information	281-641-8200
Superintendent	281-641-8001
Deputy & Associate Superintendents	281-641-8110
Athletics	281-641-8130
Community Development	281-641-8140
Human Resources	281-641-8170
Tax Office	281-641-8190
Transportation	281-641-8720

Law Enforcement

City of Humble Police	281-446-7127
Harris County Sheriff	281-446-9155
Humble ISD Police (weekdays)	281-641-7900
(after hours patrol).....	281-541-3555
Houston Police Dispatch to request an Officer.....	713-884-3131
Kingwood Station—for general information	281-913-4500
Precinct 4 Constables Dispatch	281-376-3472

Libraries

Harris County Public Library.....	www.hcpl.lib.tx.us
Atascocita branch	281-812-2162
Humble Octavia Fields branch	281-446-3377
Kingwood branch	281-360-6804

Other

Birth Certificate for Texas	281-540-1173
Poison Control Hotline	1-800-222-1222
Registered Sex Offender Database	www.txdps.state.tx.us

School makeovers nearly complete

Humble High School's student parking lot was completed during the summer. A new fence, with access gates, distinguishes Humble High from Sterling Middle. Also, the new Home access road to Turner Stadium is now complete. The renovated HHS has undergone a \$37 million transformation. Students now attend class in four educational houses. Renovations are continuing in some career and technical education areas, but are scheduled to finish in October.

Kingwood High School students will enjoy classes this fall

in the school's new seven houses.

The houses include areas outside classrooms where students can work on group projects or study independently. Computers are conveniently located here for student use. Also new to the school are four lecture theaters, which provide teachers with a place to schedule special presentations and meetings. Work is continuing in the 700 hallway, home to some career and technical education classes. These programs will be located in other areas of campus until construction is completed. Work should finish by February 2009.

Turn off cell phones during school

Students may not display or use a cell phone or other electronic communications device during the school day. Students are required to turn off cell phones and keep them concealed.

Teachers and principals will confiscate cell phones if they ring, are displayed or used. Parents can claim the phone from the Humble ISD Police Department after paying a \$15 fee.

District officials know some parents want their child to have a cell phone for reasons of safety or convenience. This rule does not prohibit students from keeping cell phones in their purses, backpack or cars. The rule forbids students from getting out their cell phones or using them during the school day.

"Teachers work hard to keep students focused on school," Karen Collier, Executive Director for Public Information, said. "Cell phones can be a big distraction. That is why their use is inappropriate at school."

In case of emergency, parents should call the school office. Students may use office phones to call their parents.



Career and technical courses

Humble ISD offers career and technical education programs in technology, health science technology, agricultural sciences, business education, family and consumer sciences education, trade and industrial education, marketing education and career orientation. Admission criteria is listed in the high school and middle school planning guides.

It is the policy of Humble ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion 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 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and the American Disabilities Act of 1990.

Humble ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all education and vocational programs. Humble ISD provides a free, appropriate education consisting of regular or special education and related aids and services in career and technical education programs that are designed to meet individual educational needs of disabled persons as adequately as the needs of non-disabled persons.

For information about career and technical education courses, contact Becky Hunt at 281-641-8310. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Janet Orth, Title IX/Section 504 coordinator, at 281-641-8000 or 20200 Eastway Village Drive in Humble.

Para informacion en Espanol, visite al www.humble.k12.tx.us o llame al 281-641-8310 o 281-641-8000.

New schools, new wing, new principals...

New wing: Atascocita High

Summer was a busy time at Atascocita High School! Construction completed on the Gold Community. The Gold Community is made up of two houses, with each house accommodating 400 students. Also, the cafeteria and kitchen were enlarged due to the school's growing enrollment. Now that the Gold Community is open, most portables have been removed.

The school also welcomed a new principal – Dania Rovegno. Most recently, she was AHS associate principal. She has 20 years of experience in education, including serving as Humble Ninth Grade Campus principal. Dr. Lawrence Kohn, who previously served as principal, resigned to accept an associate professor's position at Sam Houston State University.

Principal
Dania
Rovegno



New school: Summer Creek High School

Excitement is building for Summer Creek High School! The school, under construction near the intersection of Beltway 8 and West Lake Houston Parkway, is scheduled to open in August 2009. The mascot is the Bulldogs and the colors are crimson and gold. Boundaries are expected to be adopted by November 2008.

Trey Kraemer has been appointed principal. He comes to Humble ISD from Goose Creek CISD, where he was principal of Ross S. Sterling High School. He also has served as principal of North Shore High School, his alma mater. He has 18 years of experience in education.



Principal
Trey
Kraemer



Fall Creek Elementary

New school: Fall Creek Elementary

Humble ISD opens Fall Creek Elementary School for 2008-2009, the district's 24th elementary school. The school is located at 14435 Mesa Road in the Fall Creek subdivision, south of Beltway 8. Cathy Airola is principal. She formerly served as Elm Grove Elementary's principal.



Artist's rendering of Summer Creek HS

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