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Superintendent's View



by Dr. Guy Sconzo

Back to school time always brings back memories of excitement and anticipation of seeing favorite teachers and friends who somehow managed to change remarkably over the three months after summer break.

I am looking at the 2007-08 school year with great anticipation as home construction is continuing at a record pace. As you well know, with those new homes come lots of children. Humble ISD ended last year with just over 31,000 students. This year we expect to enroll about 33,478!

Needless to say, the school district's building program is con-

tinuing at an equally fast pace to keep up. Three schools are opening this year: River Pines Elementary and Ross Sterling Middle schools in the southern portion of the school district and Kingwood Park High School opens in Kingwood. This former Kingwood 9th grade campus will house 9th and 10th graders. The campus will add a grade each year until it becomes a 9-12th grade campus in 2009.

I hope that you have followed the school district's budget development process over the past year, as well as the 80th Texas Legislature's failure to provide additional and much needed funding for the state's schools. School funding from the state is frozen at 2005-06 levels. There is no new funding again this year for increases in even the basics such as utility costs or insurance coverage.

We know that our parents have high expectations for their children's success and it is our job to meet those expectations. This focus will help keep us focused on our community's children and the personalized education that each one deserves! Welcome Back to School!



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 "Our Schools" 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.

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. 16-18 at The Gym for schools in Humble and Atascocita and 23800 Highway 59 North (shopping center where Luby's cafeteria is located) for all schools in Kingwood except for Woodland Hills Elementary. Hours of the sale will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 16, noon to 9 p.m. on Aug. 17 and 9 a.m. to noon on Aug. 18.

Woodland Hills Elementary PTA is conducting its own school supply sale. Woodland Hills parents may contact the school for more information.

The Gym is located at 2325-G Atascocita Road, Humble, 77396. Packets sold here will be for Eagle Springs, Fields, Humble, Lakeland, Maplebrook, North Belt, Oak Forest, Oaks, Park Lakes, Pine Forest, River Pines, Summerwood, Timbers, and Whispering Pines elementary schools.

Kingwood packets will be available at 23800 Highway 59 North, Kingwood, 77339, for Bear Branch, Deerwood, Elm Grove, Foster, Greentree, Hidden Hollow, Shadow Forest and Willow Creek



elementary schools.

Prices are: Pre-K, \$28.50; 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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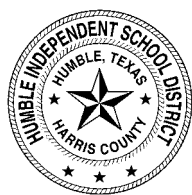
On the Cover

Panther Pride is very much alive as Kingwood Park High School opens for 2007-2008. Outside the entrance to the new academic wing are, from left, Kristi Murphy, Katelynn Martin, Barrett Johannsen, Alison Simonetty and Alie Matthews.

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 2007-08 Calendar

First Semester

82 School Days

7 Professional Growth/Workdays

Aug. 20-24 Prof. Growth/Workdays
 Aug. 27 Begin First Semester
 Sept. 3 School Holiday
 Labor Day
 Oct. 8 Student Holiday
 Prof. Growth/Workday
 Oct. 23-26 TAKS exit level retests
 Nov. 21-23 Thanksgiving Holiday
 Dec. 21 End First Semester
 Dec. 24-Jan. 4 Winter Holidays
 Jan. 7 Student Holiday
 Prof. Growth/Workday

Second Semester

95 School Days

3 Professional Growth/Workdays

Jan. 8 Begin Second Semester
 Jan. 21 MLK Holiday
 Feb. 25 Student Holiday
 Prof. Growth/Workday
 March 4-7 TAKS testing:
 gr. 3-5, 7-10 & exit level retests
 March 17-21 Spring Vacation
 April 8 TAKS testing: gr. 5 & 8
 April 21* Student Holiday
 Prof. Growth/Workday
 *pending Board action
 April 29-May 2 TAKS :
 gr. 3-10 & exit level
 May 13 TAKS: gr. 5 test, gr. 8 retest
 May 26 Memorial Day Holiday
 June 3 Last Day of School
 June 4 Prof. Growth/Workday
 July 1-2 TAKS: gr. 3, 5 & 8 retests
 July 15-18 TAKS exit level retests

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



Early release dates

Elementary Schools

Oct. 31, Nov. 1-2, March 27, May 8, June 3

For parent conferences. Classes will meet:
 Pre-K morning session, 8 to 10 a.m.
 Pre-K afternoon session, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
 Kindergarten through Grade 5, 8 to 11:30 a.m.

Middle Schools

Dec. 20-21, June 2-3

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

High Schools

Students will have early release for final exams on the following dates.
 Early release times will be announced by the schools.

Atascocita, Humble, Kingwood and Kingwood Park high schools:

Dec. 19-21, May 30, June 2-3

Quest High School: Nov. 8-9 (Fall Forum), Dec. 20-21 and June 2-3

School hours

Elementary

Pre-K, 8 to 11:20 a.m. or noon 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. (exceptions noted below)
 Atascocita Middle, 8:40 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Creekwood Middle students start at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday.
 Humble and Sterling MS students are dismissed at 1:10 p.m. on Friday.

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 Ninth Grade students are dismissed at 2:40 p.m. daily.



Sales Tax Holiday August 17-19, 2007

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 17, 18, and 19 - 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.



Teachers of the Year honored for excellence

Humble ISD's 2007-2008 Teachers of the Year are Kyle Ferrall, first grade teacher at Woodland Hills Elementary, and Karen Gallow, seventh grade Language Arts teacher at Timberwood Middle School. A committee chose them from among 35 nominees based on essays and interviews.



Kyle Ferrall

First grade isn't as easy as many people remember. There are a lot of lessons to cover, and many aren't in textbooks. Woodland Hills Elementary teacher Kyle Ferrall's students are learning more than just how to read and write. They're also learning how to make good choices, help other people, and develop caring attitudes.

If that weren't enough, she's also teaching them to be citizens of the world.

"I don't think we talk to children often enough like they're going to be the adults of the future, and we have just 177 days to make an impact on them," she said.

For Ferrall, one of the most important lessons to teach her students is that learning is fun for everyone. She also makes sure they know it's OK to make mistakes. "Children are often discouraged from making mistakes, but

it's how you learn," she said.

Ferrall had plenty of positive influences in her life that led her to teaching, but it was one bad teacher who also made a big impact on her life. That teacher used intimidation, insisting on a quiet, tomb-like classroom. Ferrall tells her students about that teacher, making sure they know she is their friend who will help them through the learning process.

Ferrall has taught for 30 years, and is amazed that she is still passionate about her job. "I teasingly tell my friends it is because I get to perform each day," she said. Each day offers new challenges. "I am working with the incalculable human element, the first grader," she said. The most exciting part of her job is never knowing what's going to happen from one minute to the

next. She's always on the lookout for "teachable moments."

One issue important to her both professionally and personally is identifying and retaining competent teachers. To further that goal, she helped start Humble ISD's teacher induction/mentoring program, which continues today. "It is critical that we identify competent teachers that will help build the minds of our future generation," Ferrall said.

Kyle Ferrall has taught first grade at Woodland Hills Elementary for 20 years. She earned a bachelor's degree from Kent State University, and a master's degree in Reading Specialization from the University of Kansas. Ferrall is certified for Gifted and Talented education, and also recently became certified for English as a Second Language.



Karen Gallow

After 17 years of teaching, Timberwood Middle School's Karen Gallow has learned the importance of flexibility. "I may think that I have the perfect lesson plan, but later realize there's a different way to approach it, or a student asks a question that takes the lesson in a more meaningful direction," she said.

The sign of a good teacher is the ability to adapt, Gallow says. That can mean changing teaching methods for each student. Every child needs something special in order to achieve the challenges required by the curriculum.

Gallow wanted to teach English because her English teachers brought to life the power of the written word and made her want to share it. "What I enjoy most is seeing success. Seeing a student's eyes light up when he understands a new concept and feels good about it... that's what we're here for," she said.

Communication is key when educating middle school students Gallow said. Knowing what interests kids makes it easier to communicate with them in a way that makes learning pertinent, she said. That includes keeping track of



Dylan Campbell of Woodland Hills Elementary School enjoys sharing his writing with first grade teacher Mrs. Ferrall. Dylan was wearing a cap in class because it was his birthday and that is a special birthday treat.

Teachers of the Year

everything from what they're reading, to what music and TV shows they like.

That focus on communication extends to parents as well. Gallow sends parents a weekly e-mail on upcoming assignments and important dates to remember.

Gallow credits today's technology for improvements in students' writing abilities. "Students are more apt to find their own voices in their writing," she said. She believes familiarity with a variety of media helps them to express what they want to say in their writing.

Gallow says changes in teaching methods have helped educators improve as well. Teachers now balance reading instruction and focus on comprehension, rather than relying strictly on whole language or phonics. "It's not just the ability to recall and pronounce words, but to understand and evaluate what they're reading." Her class teaches students to determine the author's

purpose and form their own opinions, versus taking the printed word at face value.

"There are hardly any words to express the feeling of being honored with such an award by your peers," she said. "It's an especially rewarding achievement because it is bestowed by staff members and other teachers who work hard to excel and serve students."

"Teaching isn't something that can be done in the normal workday; it's just not possible," she said. "It takes those extra hours during the summer, weekends, and nights, to be prepared, to be the best teacher you can be."

Karen Gallow has taught Language Arts at Timberwood Middle School for the past two years. She organized Timberwood's first National Junior Honor Society, and works with other Humble ISD educators on Advanced Placement curriculum. Gallow earned a bachelor's degree in English from Lamar University.

Timberwood Middle School teacher Karen Gallow says that knowing what interests kids makes it easier to communicate with them in a way that makes learning pertinent. At right, she visits with Maximiliano Castillo about an assignment.



Melissa Wallis
District Finalist
Elm Grove Elementary



Patty Lam
District Finalist
Greentree Elementary



Debbie Huxohl
District Finalist
Willow Creek Elementary



Stephanie Tompkins
District Finalist
Atascocita Middle School



Sara Burkhalter
District Finalist
Humble Middle School



David Duez
District Finalist
Atascocita High School



Honoring

our exceptional
Teachers of the Year!



Sheryl Siwek
Bear Branch Elementary



Sherry Fischer
Deerwood Elementary



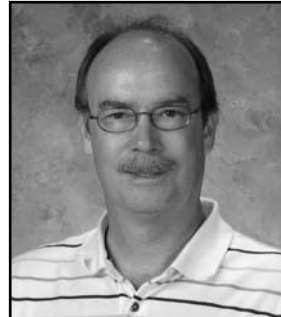
Yvonne Harris
Eagle Springs Elementary



Zane Barra
Foster Elementary



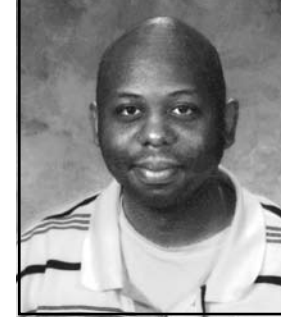
Angela Mabrey
Hidden Hollow Elementary



Dan Anderson
Humble Elementary



Melinda Butler
Jack Fields, Sr. Elementary



Darrell Rogers
Lakeland Elementary



Cynthia Ruff
Maplebrook Elementary



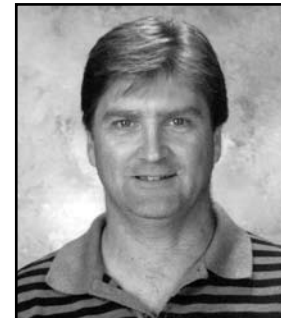
Karen Rodriguez
North Belt Elementary



Stefanie Erb
Oak Forest Elementary



Paige Corman
Oaks Elementary



Jerry Bales
Park Lakes Elementary



Sandra Longhofer
Pine Forest Elementary



Shannon Lalmansingh
Summerwood Elementary



Marcia Paulhus
Timbers Elementary



Sandra Childress
Whispering Pines Elementary



Judy Brown
Creekwood Middle School



Janice Lemm
Kingwood Middle School



Becky Loper
Riverwood Middle School



Crystal Livingston
Humble High School



Alicia Narcisse
Humble Ninth Grade



Destry Balch
Kingwood High School



Jeremy Stamm
Kingwood Park High



James Nerad
Quest High School



Shaunna Smith
Career and Tech Ed Center



Debbie Burch
Structured Learning Center



Season football ticket information



Season football tickets are sold at the Humble ISD Athletic Office, 20200 Eastway Village Drive (in the Administration Building next to Home Depot) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. From Aug. 6-17, last year's season ticket holders may purchase only the seats they held in 2006-2007. From Aug. 20-24, last year's season ticket holders may exchange or increase their tickets. 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 mailed to the Athletic Office. However, people who pay by mail need to come in person to pick up their tickets. If you had season tickets but do not plan to purchase tickets this year, please inform Naomi Curry or Sylvia Lozano at 281-641-8130.

All remaining season tickets will go on sale to the general public on a first-come, first serve basis beginning Aug. 27. Cost is \$24 for Atascocita High School (four home games) and \$30 for Humble and Kingwood high schools (five home games).

General admission tickets to Atascocita, Humble and Kingwood games 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.

Tickets for Kingwood Park, which is playing at the junior varsity level this year, will be available at the game. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

Call 281-641-8130 for more information.

2007 Varsity Football Schedule



ATASCOCITA Eagles

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Fri.	Aug. 31	Crosby	Crosby	7:00
Fri.	Sept. 14	Spring Woods	Tully	7:30
Thu.	Sept. 20	Willis***	Turner	7:00
Fri.	Sept. 28	*West Brook	Durley	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 5	*Port Arthur	Turner	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 12	*Humble	Turner (visitor)	7:30
Sat.	Oct. 20	*Channelview**	Turner	6:00
Fri.	Oct. 26	*Baytown Sterling	Stallworth	7:30
Fri.	Nov. 2	*Kingwood	Turner (visitor)	7:30
Fri.	Nov. 9	*Baytown Lee	Turner	7:30

*District **Homecoming ***Parents' Night

KPHS has only freshmen and sophomores for 2007-2008. KPHS is fielding varsity teams in all sports except football, which it is playing at the JV level. KPHS will add varsity football in 2008-2009.



Kingwood Park Panthers JV

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME (Silver/Black)
Thu.	Aug. 30	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill	TBD
		Alvin Manvel	KPHS	7 p.m.
Thu.	Sept. 6	Dekaney	Turner	4:30/6:30 p.m.
Thu.	Sept. 13	Magnolia West	Magnolia W.	5:00/6:30 p.m.
Thu.	Sept. 20	Pearland Dawson	KPHS	5:30/7 p.m.
Thu.	Sept. 27	Cy Falls	Cy Falls	5/7 p.m.
Thu.	Oct. 4	Clear Springs	CCISD Stadium	4:30/6:30 p.m.
Thu.	Oct. 18	Pearland Dawson	Dawson	5:30/7 p.m.
Thu.	Oct. 25	Alvin Manvel	Manvel	4:30/6:30 p.m.
Thu.	Nov. 1	Cy Springs	KPHS	5/7 p.m.
Thu.	Nov. 8	Clear Springs	Turner	4:30/6:30 p.m.

HUMBLE Wildcats



DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Fri.	Aug. 31	Eisenhower	Thorne	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 14	Jersey Village	Turner	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 21	Spring	Spring	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 28	*Baytown Sterling**	Turner	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 5	*Channelview	Channelview	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 12	*Atascocita	Turner (home)	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 19	*Kingwood	Turner (visitor)	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 26	*Baytown Lee	Turner	7:30
Fri.	Nov. 2	*West Brook	Durley	7:30
Sat.	Nov. 10	*Port Arthur Memorial***	Turner	6:00

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KINGWOOD Mustangs

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Fri.	Sept. 7	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	7:30
Sat.	Sept. 15	Klein	Turner	7:00
Fri.	Sept. 21	College Park	Turner	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 28	*Baytown Lee	Stallworth	7:30
Sat.	Oct. 6	*West Brook**	Turner	6:00
Fri.	Oct. 12	*Port Arthur Memorial	Port Arthur	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 19	*Humble	Turner (home)	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 26	*Channelview	Channelview	7:30
Fri.	Nov. 2	*Atascocita***	Turner (home)	7:30
Fri.	Nov. 9	*Baytown Sterling	Stallworth	7:30

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Homework tips for parents

Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework. Avoid having your child do homework with the television on or in places with other distractions, such as people coming and going.

Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencil and a dictionary, are available. Ask your child if specific materials will be needed for some projects and get them in advance.

Help your child with time management. Establish a set time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime. Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big projects, especially if the project involves getting together with classmates.

Be positive about homework. Tell your child how important school is. The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.

When your child does homework, you do homework. Show your child that the skills they are learning are related to things you do as an adult. If your child is doing math, balance your checkbook.

When your child asks for



help, provide guidance, not answers. Giving answers means your child will not learn the material. Too much help teaches your child that when the going gets rough, someone will do the work for him or her.

When the teacher asks that you play a role in homework, do it. Cooperate with the teacher. It shows your child that the school and home are a team. Follow the directions given by the teacher.

If homework is meant to be done by your child alone, stay away. Too much parent involvement can prevent homework from having some positive effects. Homework is a great way for kids to develop independent, lifelong learning skills.

Stay informed. Talk with your child's teacher. Make sure you know the purpose of homework and what your child's class rules are.

Help your child figure out what is hard homework and what is easy homework. Have your child do the hard work first. This will mean he will be most alert when facing the biggest challenges. Easy material will seem to go fast when fatigue begins to set in.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs, Educational Partnerships and Family Involvement Unit, Homework Tips for Parents, Washington, D.C., 2003.

Artwork by students chosen for billboard, calendar

Usually when someone is proud of an elementary student's artwork, it ends up on the family refrigerator. But a Pine Forest Elementary student has a much larger venue for his work; his latest creation covers a billboard along a Houston freeway.

Second grader Paul Wengenroth won an art contest held by the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County. His work illustrates a billboard purchased by the organization. Paul's picture will also be featured on MHMRA's 2008 calendar, along with those of two of his classmates, Christon Cox and Mykal Grimes.

Paul and his classmates' art was inspired during a visit to one of their school's special needs classrooms, said teacher Becky Norris. Special needs students spend time in traditional classrooms, Norris said, so the students know and are friends with each other. Before beginning their art project, students in the traditional class visited the special needs classrooms for the first time. The children looked at how equipment,

such as computers, is modified to accommodate the special needs students.

The biggest lesson the students took away from that visit was they had more similarities than differences with the special needs children. "One huge connection they made is that some of the things special needs students use and play with are the same things they do," said Norris. "So it was eye-opening for them, that we really are the same."

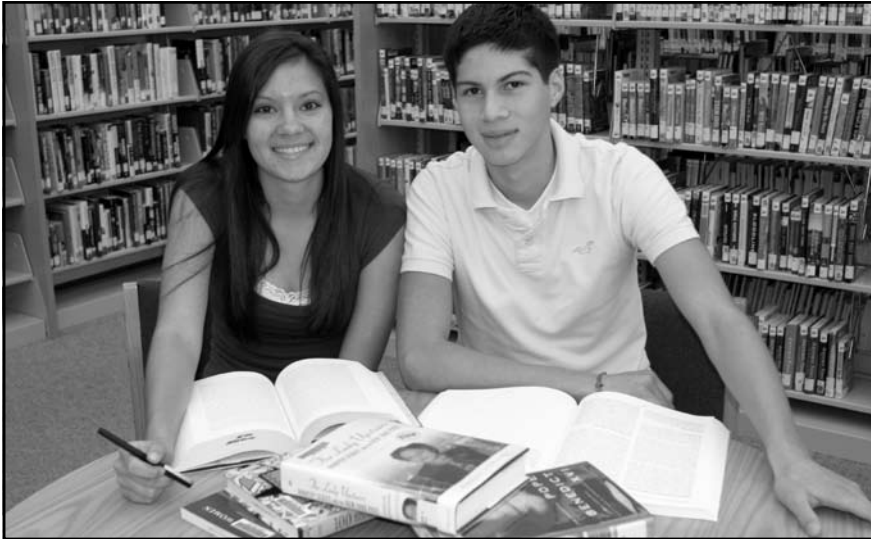
That lesson fit in well with the theme of the art contest, "Hearts and Hands Together," said art teacher Cathy Ransdell. Paul's water color picture shows a portion of a globe, with people standing on it while holding hands. "The program highlights that we all have a heart, we all have hands," Ransdell said.

Art was chosen from school children in the greater Houston area. The billboard sign with Paul's artwork will likely appear in several parts of town over the next few months, before eventually moving to MHMRA's building in Bellaire.



Pine Forest Elementary School students Mykal Grimes, Christon Cox and Paul Wengenroth received School Board Awards of Commendation for having artwork selected for a billboard and calendar promoting the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County.

Know your options: *District offers high school choices*



Jamie Dvorak and Arnulfo Navarro are looking forward to tackling a challenging college-preparatory curriculum through Humble High School's International Baccalaureate Program.

One of the great things about being a kid is your future is wide-open and you can become anything you want. But that also can be scary. How do you know what you're really good at? How do you decide what to do with your life?

High school helps students answer these questions. Humble ISD offers a variety of high school choices designed to prepare students for colleges and careers. As children approach their high school years, families will want to learn about high school choices offered to students district-wide. Most programs require advance application, so the middle school years are a good time to begin thinking about high school choices. To learn more, visit www.humble.k12.tx or talk to a school counselor.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Program

The IB Program offers students a rigorous college-preparatory education with an international perspective. Students study foreign language, higher math, college-level science, humanities and art history or studio art.

Students pursuing the IB Diploma also write a college-level research paper, participate in service learning, and take internal and external examinations. Students throughout the district can apply to the program, located at Humble High. The district plans to offer the IB Middle Years Program at Sterling Middle School in 2008-2009.

Quest High School

Humble ISD opened Quest High School in 1995 to provide a small school environment with an innovative curriculum. All Quest students participate in service learning at off-campus sites and seniors design and implement an original service learning project. Some of the colleges that Quest High School graduates have gone on to attend include The University of California at Berkeley, Tulane, Texas A&M, UT-Austin, Baylor, SMU, Wheaton College, California Institute of the Arts, the University of Houston Honors College, Penn State and more. Quest High School has won numerous awards and is housed in the district's Community Learning Center at 19801 Timber

Forest Drive in Humble. Approximately 250 students in grades 9-12 attend Quest.

Career & Technology Programs

Pre-Engineering, Medical Physiology, Wildlife and Recreation Management, Accounting and Automotive Technology are just a sampling of the many career and technology courses available to students. A number of programs offer students the opportunity to earn professional certifications. These certifications allow students to get a head start on their careers or obtain well-paying jobs while going to college or technical school. Best of all, students gain insight into different career fields so they can make informed choices about their future. Some classes are held on the high school campuses. Others are held at the Career and Technology Education Center, 9155 Will Clayton Parkway, in Humble. Bus transportation is provided.

Dual Credit and Early College

Students can earn college

credit while still in high school. By completing a dual credit enrollment course, students receive both high school and college credit. Classes are offered at the high schools and at North Harris Montgomery Community College District campuses. Early College students have an opportunity to complete their first two years of college while still in high school.

Kingwood Park High School

Kingwood Park High School offers the choice of a smaller high school. The school is designed for 1,600 students. Space is allotted for approximately 75 students per grade to transfer into the school from other attendance zones within Humble ISD. This year, spaces were filled by late March and a wait list was created to be reviewed during the summer. The school will serve grades 9-10 this year, with 11th grade added in 2008 and 12th grade added in 2009. New programs planned especially for KPHS include wrestling and auto body shop.



Jordan Serafini at Kingwood High landed a paid internship at Deerbrook Forest Chrysler Jeep this summer thanks to his high school auto tech classes. The internship is part of the Automotive Youth Educational Systems (AYES) program. Career and technology classes allow students to explore their interests, and many students get a head start on their careers.



Kingwood Park High

History gets made this August as Humble ISD opens another high school — Kingwood Park.

Kingwood Park High School is located at 4015 Woodland Hills Drive, site of the former Kingwood Ninth Grade Campus. The campus has gained more than \$33 million in renovations and additions to grow into a comprehensive, four-year high school campus.

More than 180,000 square feet have been added to accommodate the additional grades and to support more personalized learning through the school’s new design around four “houses.” Houses divide the student body into smaller groups so that teachers and administrators can better focus on students’ individualized needs.

Kingwood Park faculty plan to allow students to choose their house, which will each have a special theme, at the end of this school year. The 2007-2008 school year is a transitional year because Kingwood Park will be serving freshmen from both Kingwood High and KPHS, due to ongoing construction at KHS.

Kingwood Park’s new academic wing features flexible learning 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 two 129-seat lecture theaters, which provide teachers with a place to schedule special presentations and meetings.

History of Humble ISD High School Openings

- 2007 Kingwood Park
- 2006 Atascocita High
- 1995 Quest High
- 1979 Kingwood High
- 1965 Humble High
- 1929 Charles Bender High

What grades will be attending Kingwood Park High School?

2007-2008: All 9th graders in Kingwood (due to ongoing construction at Kingwood High), 10th graders from the Kingwood Park attendance area, and in-district transfer students

2008-2009: 9th, 10th and 11th graders from the Kingwood Park attendance area and in-district transfer students (9th graders from the Kingwood High attendance area will now be at KHS)

2009-2010: 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th graders from the Kingwood Park attendance area and in-district transfer students



Above, freshmen Alison Simonetty and Alie Matthews test out a new forest green locker. School colors are black, silver and forest green.

Panthers

Students will enjoy new facilities for athletics, fine arts and other elective courses. Additions include a new auditorium, gymnasium, swimming pool, athletic fields and more.

Kingwood Park's size is distinctive. The campus has been designed to serve 1,600 students – making it smaller than Atascocita, Humble and Kingwood high schools. Kingwood Park will serve students from the Kingwood Middle School attendance zone as well as students from other areas of the district who prefer a smaller high school or are interested in a program offered at Kingwood Park. Wrestling and auto body classes are some of the special programs planned for KPHS. Approximately 75 students per grade level will be permitted to transfer from other areas of Humble ISD to Kingwood Park.

Voters approved bond issues in 2002 and 2005 to fund the construction of Kingwood Park. For years, residents expressed concerns about the large student enrollment at Kingwood High and said there was a need for another high school.



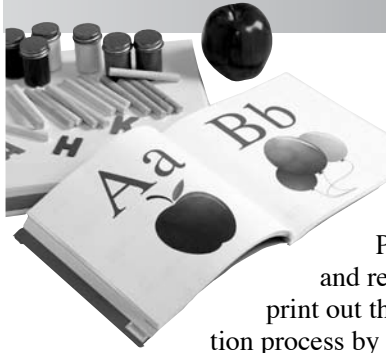
Above, a large painted panther mascot adorns the second story wall above the commons area. Students Alison Simonetty, Katelynn Martin, Barrett Johannsen, Kristi Murphy and Alie Matthews look down upon the commons from the second floor.



Above, computers are conveniently located in flexible learning areas outside classrooms. Barrett Johannsen and Katelynn Martin try them out. Huge windows provide plenty of natural light.



At left, Panther Pride is evident, as students are excited about establishing traditions at a new school. The class of 2010 will be the first Kingwood Park graduates.



Back-to-School registration information

New Student Enrollment

Please log on to <https://public.humble.k12.tx.us> and register online. After registering online, print out the control number. Complete the registration process by bringing the control number and required documents to your child's school during the registration dates and times listed below. Documents needed to complete registration are your child's official birth certificate, immunization record, the child's social security card, mailing address of previous school/last report card, proof of residency in Humble ISD (water, gas or electric bill) and parent's driver license for identification purposes.

Pre-Kindergarten

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 state military forces or a reserve of the armed forces on active duty), and the children of those killed or injured while on active duty.

Pre-kindergarten registration for all schools will be at Lakeland Elementary Aug. 8 from 8-4 p.m. and Aug. 9 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Elementary Schools

Bear Branch Elementary 281-641-1600

After completing online registration, parents bring the required documents to school Aug. 15 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. Families attend a PTA meeting to meet the school staff on Friday, Aug. 24, at 6 p.m., followed by two Parent Orientation sessions at 6:30 and 7 p.m.

Deerwood Elementary 281-641-2200

After parents complete online registration, call 281-641-2203 to schedule an appointment. Registration for new students will run Aug. 15-23, from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Parents of returning students complete the Annual Update online and bring the Signature/Permission and Compulsory Attendance forms to the Dolphin Debut on Thursday, Aug 24, from 3-7 p.m. Grade level orientations begin at 4 p.m.

Eagle Springs Elementary 281-641-3100

After completing online registration, parents call 281-641-3100 to schedule an appointment for completing registration. Registration begins Aug. 14 from 8-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m. Evening appointments will be available on Aug. 16 and 21, from 1-7 p.m. No registration on Aug. 25 during orientation. Families are invited to Flight School Orientation on Saturday, Aug. 25. Please walk, bike or carpool, as parking is limited. Orientation will be Aug. 25 at the following times: kindergarten and first grade, 9-9:45 a.m. and 10:40-11:25 a.m.; second grade, 9:50- 10:35 a.m. and 11:30-12:15 p.m.; third and fourth grade, 1-1:45 p.m. and 2:40-3:25 p.m.; fifth grade, 1:50-2:35 p.m. and 3:40-4:25 p.m.

Elm Grove Elementary 281-641-1700

After completing online registration, parents bring the required documents to school beginning Aug. 14 to complete the registration process from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Families are invited to Meet the Teacher on Friday, Aug. 24, from 5-6 p.m. Kindergarten Orientation for parents only is Thursday, Aug. 23, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- To show qualification for the program, parents bring to registration:
- qualifying based on income: proof of household income (one month's current payroll check stubs; or, if self-employed, a copy of previous year's income tax form; or a copy of food stamp and/or AFDC approval letter)
- qualifying based on language: the child should be present at registration for testing
- qualifying based on military service: statement of service or official letter from commander; copy of death certificate from Department of Defense or memorandum signed by the Casualty Office; 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 parent's drivers license for identification purposes. Children who qualify based on language must be present for testing. Otherwise, children should not attend registration.

Kindergarten

All Humble ISD elementaries offer full-day kindergarten from 8 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. Parents register online and complete the registration process at their child's school during posted registration dates and hours.

Foster Elementary 281-641-1400

After completing online registration, parents should bring the required documents to school beginning Aug. 15 to complete the registration process. Hours are 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Families are invited to Back to School Orientation on Friday, Aug. 24, from 3-6:30 p.m. Parents bring annual update documents to orientation.

Greentree Elementary 281-641-1900

After completing online registration, parents call to make an appointment to complete registration. All families can pick up Gator Fest packets beginning Wednesday, Aug. 1, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Fill out and return packets on Thursday, Aug. 23, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or Friday, Aug. 24, from 7-11 a.m. Gator Fest orientations are Aug. 24.

Hidden Hollow Elementary 281-641-2400

After completing online registration, parents bring required documents to school to complete the process. Registration dates are Wednesday, Aug. 15, from 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Thursday, Aug. 16, from 1-4 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 20-Friday, Aug. 24, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Kindergarten Orientation is Thursday, Aug. 23, from 5-6:30 p.m. Meet the Teacher Night for all students is Thursday, Aug. 23, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Humble Elementary 281-641-1100

After completing online registration, parents bring the required documents to school to complete the registration process. Registration dates are Monday, Aug. 20 -Wednesday, Aug. 22, from 9-11 a.m. and from 1-2 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 23 from noon-6:00 p.m.; and Friday, Aug. 24, from noon-5:30 p.m. Back to School Fest/Title 1 Annual Meeting is Aug. 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.





Back-to-School registration information

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

Once completing online registration, parents of new students bring required documents to the school Aug. 21 from 2-6:30 p.m.; Aug. 22 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Aug. 23 from noon-6:30 p.m.; and Aug. 24 from 8 a.m.-noon. All families are invited to Fields First Day Fest/Title 1 Annual Meeting on Aug. 25 from 9 a.m.-noon. No registration will occur during First Day Fest.

Lakeland Elementary 281-641-1200

Once completing online registration, parents of new students should bring the required documents to school beginning Aug. 13 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. to complete the registration process. Back to School Fest/Orientation/Title I Meeting will be held Friday, Aug. 24, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Maplebrook Elementary 281-641-2900

Once completing online registration, parents of new students call after Aug. 13 to make a registration appointment. Appointments will be available Aug. 20-24 from 9-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. First Day Fest will be Friday, Aug. 24. Orientation will be Aug. 24 at the following times: Pre-K, PPCD and SCD, 3 p.m.; 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.. Class lists will be posted 30 minutes prior to each grade level orientation.

North Belt Elementary 281-641-1300

Once completing online registration, parents bring required documents to school to complete the process. Registration dates are Thursday Aug. 16, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 17, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 20- Wednesday, Aug. 22, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 23, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Friday, Aug. 24, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Back to School Orientation/Title 1 Annual Meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 30, from 4-6 p.m.

Oak Forest Elementary 281-641-2800

Once completing online registration, parents of new students bring the required documents to school Aug. 15-22 from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. to complete the registration process. All families are invited to Oak Forest Orientation on Friday, Aug. 24, from 6-7:30 p.m.

Oaks Elementary 281-641-1890

Once completing online registration, parents bring required documents to school beginning Wednesday, Aug. 15, from 9-11 a.m. and from 1-3 p.m. Oak's Meet and Greet will be Friday, Aug. 24, from 5:15-6 p.m. for Pre-K and kindergarten and from 6-7 p.m. for first through fifth grade. Class lists will be posted at 5 p.m.

Park Lakes Elementary 281-641-3200

Once completing online registration, parents bring required documents to school to complete the process. New student registration is every Wednesday starting July 18 from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and weekdays starting Aug. 13 from 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. All families are invited to Meet the Teacher/Title 1 Annual Meeting on Friday, Aug. 24, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Pine Forest Elementary 281-641-2100

Once completing online registration, parents of new students bring required documents to school to complete the registration process. Registration is available Wednesday, Aug. 15-Wednesday, Aug. 22, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., and on Thursday, Aug. 23, from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Parents

may pick up their Back to School packet on Wednesday, Aug. 22, from 4-6 p.m. Panther Premiere Parent/Student Orientation will be on Friday, Aug. 24. Parents need to return the completed packets to teachers at this time. Times for each grade are: kindergarten, 5-5:45 p.m.; first grade, 4-4:45 p.m.; second grade, 6-6:45 p.m.; third grade, 3-3:45 p.m.; fourth grade, 2-2:45 p.m.; fifth grade, 7-7:45 p.m.

River Pines Elementary 281-641-3300

Once completing online registration, parents bring required documents to school from Aug. 1-10 to complete the process. Families are invited to Meet the Teacher on Friday, Aug. 24, from 5-7 p.m.

Shadow Forest Elementary 281-641-2600

Once completing online registration, parents of new students should bring required documents to the school from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. beginning Aug. 13. Parents of returning students may pick up Back to School packets on Friday Aug. 17, and Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 20-21, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Shark Camp will be Wednesday, Aug. 22, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Families attending Shark Camp will receive a ticket to attend Meet the Teacher on Thursday, Aug. 23, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Summerwood Elementary 281-641-3000

Once completing online registration, parents bring required documents to school to complete the process. Registration dates are Aug. 14-23 from 9-11 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. and Aug. 24 from 9-11 a.m. Orientation will be Friday, Aug. 24, from 5-8 p.m.

Timbers Elementary 281-641-2000

Once completing online registration, parents bring the required documents to school to complete the process. Parents register Aug. 20-24 from 8:30-11:15 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. All families must update student information online beginning July 16 and bring the two printed forms as their ticket to Back to School Bash. Timbers Back to School Bash/Parent Orientation will be Thursday, Aug. 23. Parents and children need to attend one session, which will be offered at the following times: kindergarten, 4 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.

Whispering Pines Elementary 281-641-2500

Once completing online registration, parents of new students bring required documents to the school beginning Wednesday, Aug. 15, from 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. All families are invited to Pandamation Orientation on Aug. 23, at 6 p.m. or at 6:50 p.m.

Willow Creek Elementary 281-641-2300

Once completing online registration, parents of new students make an appointment to complete the process and turn in required documents. Call after Aug. 14 to schedule an appointment. Appointments will be available from 9-11 a.m. Parents of all students pick up Back to School packets Thursday, Aug. 16. Parents turn in completed packets at Camp Cardinal Orientation on Saturday, Aug. 25. While parents attend orientation, grade level children will meet in the cafeteria. Due to limited space, make prior arrangements for



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non-grade level children. Orientations will be Aug. 25 at the following times: Gifted/Talented, 9-9:45 a.m. and 9:45-10:30 a.m.; kindergarten, 9-9:45 a.m. and 10:30-11:15 a.m.; first grade, 9:45-10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.-noon; second grade, 9-9:45 a.m. and 10:30-11:15 a.m.; third grade, 9:45-10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.-noon; fourth grade, 9:45-10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.-noon; fifth grade, 9-9:45 a.m. and 10:30-11:15 a.m.; SCD, 9-9:45 a.m. and 10:30-11:15 a.m.; computer, 9-9:45 a.m. and noon-12:45 p.m.;

library, 9:45-10:30 a.m. and noon-12:45 p.m.; music, 9:45-10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.-noon; PE, 10:30 -11:15 a.m. and noon-12:45 p.m.

Woodland Hills Elementary 281-641-1500

Once completing online registration, parents of new students bring required documents to school to complete the registration process. Parents register from Aug. 10-23 from 8:30-11:00 a.m. and from 12:30-3 p.m. Parents of returning students pick up the WHE Welcome Back Fest Packet from Aug. 13-17 and Aug. 20-22 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Return completed packets on Thursday, Aug. 23, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and from 5-7 p.m., or Friday, Aug. 24, from 7-8 a.m. At that time, parents will receive an admission ticket to the Meet the Teacher event on Aug. 24 from 4-5 p.m.

YMCA after-school program offered at elementaries

After school child care is available until 6:30 p.m. at each elementary school through the Lake Houston Family YMCA. 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.

A kindergarten program from 1:50 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. is available for \$120 per month. An extended kindergarten program from 1:50 to 6:30 p.m. is available for \$240 per month. A part-time (10 days per month) is available for kindergarten students for \$200 per month.

A program for students in grades 1-5 from 3:20 to 6:30 p.m. is available for \$200 per month. First-fifth graders can participate in a part-time program (10 days per month) for \$140 per month.

There is a \$70 registration fee per child or \$100 per family. YMCA full service members and Humble school district employees receive a \$20 discount on monthly dues per child. As with all YMCA

programs, financial assistance is available to families who substantiate a need.

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. Registration is \$130 per student and includes 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.

To register, stop by the Lake Houston Family YMCA at 2420 West Lake Houston Parkway. For more information, call 281-360-2500 or e-mail Marie Halvatzis, marieh@ymcahouston.org.



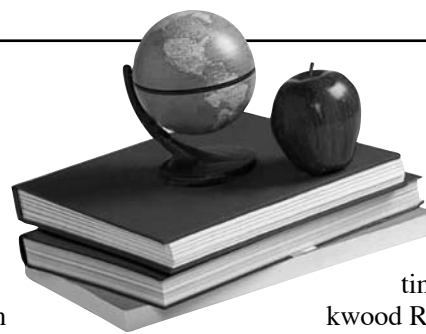
Middle Schools

Atascocita Middle School 281-641-4600

Once completing online registration, parents of new students call beginning July 30 for an appointment to complete registration. Appointments are available Aug. 7-21. Check-In for 6th Grade will be Wednesday, Aug. 22, from 9-11 a.m. and 1-6 p.m. Check-In for 7th and 8th Grades will be Thursday, Aug. 23, from 9-11 a.m. and 1-6 p.m. Parents and students, all grade levels may visit the building during Tigers Den Open School on Saturday, Aug. 25 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For parents to update information on the APA portal system, computer lab and support personnel will be available to help July 23, 25 and 30, and Aug. 1, 6 and 8, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Parents and students are invited to Back to School Night. 6th Grade Back to School Night will be Sept. 4, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. 7th and 8th Grade Back to School Night will be Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Creekwood Middle School 281-641-4400

Once completing online registration, parents of new students call



281-641-4424 or 281-641-4400 for an appointment to complete the process. Registration will be Aug. 14-23 from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. All families pick up Back to School packets on Aug. 20-21 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Creekwood Roundup will be Thursday, Aug. 23, from noon-6 p.m. Parents receive a letter with specific

times. Students must complete online update prior to Creekwood Roundup. Colt Camp will be on the first day of school, Aug. 27. This is an orientation for students only.

Humble Middle School 281-641-4000

Once completing online registration, parents of new students should call 281-641-4007 or 281-641-4083 for an appointment to complete registration. Student Information Packet Pickup will be in the commons Aug. 9-10 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. Wild Cat Camp will be held for 8th grade on Aug. 14, for 7th grade on Aug. 15, and for 6th grade on Aug. 16. Wild Cat Camp hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 3-7 p.m. 6th-graders from North Belt and

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Park Lakes pick up student packets on Tuesday, Aug. 21, from 6-8 p.m. in the cafeteria. Parents and students are invited to Open House/Title I Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 13, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Kingwood Middle School 281-641-4200

Once completing online registration, parents of new students call beginning Aug. 14 for an appointment to complete the process. Orientation packets may be picked up Aug. 16-17 from 9 a.m.-noon and from 1-3 p.m. Students must complete the packet and online update before coming to orientation. 6th Grade Orientation will be Monday, Aug. 21. 7th Grade Orientation will be Tuesday, Aug. 22, and 8th Grade Orientation will be Wednesday, Aug. 23. Registration times will be alphabetically by last name. The following schedule is for all three days of orientation: A-C, 8:15 to 10 a.m.; D-G, 9 to 11 a.m.; H-L, 10 to 11:30 a.m.; M-P, 1 to 2:30 p.m.; Q-S, 2 to 3:30 p.m.; T-Z, 3 to 4:15 p.m. The building is closed from noon to 1 p.m. Open House will be Thursday, Aug. 30, from 7-8:30 p.m.

Riverwood Middle School 281-641-4800

Once completing online registration, parents of new students call for an appointment to complete registration. All families pick up Back to School Packets on Monday, Aug. 13, from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Students should com-

plete the paperwork and the online update and return forms at Camp Longhorn. Camp Longhorn for all 6th graders will be Wednesday, Aug. 15, from 9 a.m.-noon. Camp Longhorn for all 7th graders will be Thursday, Aug. 16, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Camp Longhorn for all 8th graders will be Thursday, Aug. 16, from 1-4 p.m.

Ross Sterling Middle School 281-641-6097

Once completing online registration, parents of new students call for an appointment to complete registration. Parent Orientation will be Thursday, Aug. 23, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Timberwood Middle School 281-641-3800

Once completing online registration, parents of new students should call 281-641-3807 beginning Thursday, Aug. 9, for an appointment to complete registration. Panther Camp will be Aug. 16 and 17. Letters will be mailed to parents with details in early August. Orientation for 6th graders and new students will be Thursday, Aug. 23, from 6:30-8 p.m. Orientation for 7th and 8th grades will be Thursday, Aug. 30, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.



High Schools

Atascocita High School 281-641-7500

Once completing online registration, new students call 281-641-7507 for an appointment to complete registration. New student registration begins Monday, July 2. Available times are 8:30-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Students pick up Back to School packets on Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and on Thursday, Aug. 9, from 4-7 p.m. Students must also complete online updates.

Freshmen and Newcomers' House Orientation will be Thursday, Aug. 9, from 7-8 p.m. Flight School will be Tuesday, Aug. 14 for seniors; Wednesday, Aug. 15 for juniors; Thursday, Aug. 16 for sophomores; and Friday, Aug. 17 for freshmen. Students come at their designated times: A-G, 8-10 a.m.; H-N, 10 a.m.-noon; O-Z, noon-2 p.m.

Humble High School 281-641-6300

Students pick up back to school packets on Thursday, Aug. 9, from 8 a.m.-noon and on Friday, Aug. 10, from 2-6 p.m. at the CATE Center. CAT Camp will be Aug. 16-18, where students will be able to update their information, pick up schedules, get parking passes, textbooks and more. Packet forms and the online update must be completed before students attend CAT Camp. CAT Camp schedule is: Thursday, Aug. 16, seniors attend 8-11 a.m. and juniors attend 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 17, sophomores attend 8-11 a.m. and freshmen attend 11 a.m.-2 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 18, students in grades 9-12 may attend from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Kingwood High School 281-641-6900

Once completing online registration, new students call 281-641-6907 for an appointment to complete registration. Stang Camp will be Aug. 15-17. Students may purchase student planners for \$5, pick up schedules and



textbooks, pay book fines, receive parking assignments and more. Students must complete online registration before Stang Camp. Stang Camp schedule is: Wednesday, Aug. 15, seniors attend 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 16, juniors attend 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 17, sophomores attend 9 a.m.-noon. Makeup Stang Camp will be 1-3 p.m. Aug. 17. "Party with the Sophomores" Orientation will be Thursday, Aug. 23, from 9 a.m.-noon.

Kingwood Park High School 281-641-6600

New students may register online after July 17. After completing online registration, call Juliet Garrett at 281-641-6626 or Denise Valenta at 281-641-6607 beginning Aug. 2 to schedule an appointment to complete registration. All students should pick up back to school packets on Monday, Aug. 13, from 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. FISH Camp for freshmen will be Tuesday, Aug. 14, from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Panther Premier for sophomores will be Wednesday, Aug. 15, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Quest High School 281-641-7300

Early online registration for all new-to-district and returning students begins Tuesday, July 17, at the Instructional Support Center, 4810 Magnolia Cove. Downstairs computer labs will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. Quest Camp will be Thursday, Aug. 16, and Friday, Aug. 17, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Quest Camp is for all freshmen and new students. Students will be contacted with the name of their assigned Family and the date they are to attend Quest Camp. Online registration for all students and a New Parent Orientation will be held Thursday, Aug. 16, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Computers will be available. Additional online registration will be held Friday, Aug. 17, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. for new and returning students. No appointments are necessary.

Dress code highlights



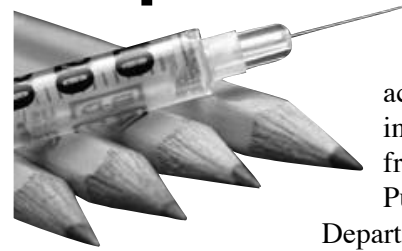
Students and parents should keep these points in mind when planning outfits for school:

- ✓ 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

Students age 7 or older need:

- ✓ Three doses of any combination DTP/DTap/DT/Td vaccine (pertussis vaccine is not required)
- ✓ One dose of Td required ten years after last dose of DTP/DTap/DT. This requirement should be met prior to the start of the fall semester. One dose of Tdap is strongly 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; two doses strongly 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*



Mr. Jim Eggers



Mr. Dave Martin



Mr. Daniel G. Huberty



Mr. Keith Lapeze



Mrs. Lynn Fields



Dr. Bonnie Longnion



Mr. Charles Cunningham

Mr. Jim Eggers, President

Jim is a CPA and a partner at KMPG LLP. He works with some of the firm's largest energy clients and is the Audit Sector Leader for the U.S. Energy Practice. He is married to Janine Eggers and they have six children. The Eggers are members of Christ the King Lutheran Church. Jim has served on the boards of his church, SEARCH and Downtown Houston Association. Jim has lived in Humble ISD for 16 years and has served on the School Board since 2004.

Mr. Dave Martin, Vice President

Dave is a Director in the Assurance, Tax and Advisory Service Practice for PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP. 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 17 years and has served as a School Board Trustee since 2004.

Mr. Daniel G. Huberty, Secretary

Dan is the Vice President for Business Development and Corporate Relations for Ampco System Parking, the second largest 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 seven years and has served as a School Board Trustee since 2006.

Mr. Keith Lapeze, Parliamentarian

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 four years and has served as a School Board Trustee since 2006.

Mrs. Lynn Fields, Board Member

Lynn is a former newspaper editor and journalism teacher. She is married to Jack Fields, Jr., and has three children, Josh Hughes, Jordan and Lexi Fields. They are members of Humble Area First Baptist Church. She also serves as the Regional Chair of the Southeast Texas Council of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Lynn has lived in Humble ISD for 18 years and has served as a School Board Trustee since 1994.

Dr. Bonnie Longnion, Board Member

Bonnie is an Associate Vice Chancellor for North Harris Montgomery Community College District. She has two children, Jennifer and Jeffrey. 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 23 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, four grandchildren, and a fifth grandchild due in December. Charles is a member of St. Mark Baptist Church in Humble. He has served on the Governmental Affairs Committee for the Humble Area Chamber of Commerce, the Humble ISD Boundary Committee and as an Humble ISD Science and Engineering Fair judge. Charles has lived in Humble ISD for 15 years and has served on the School Board since May 2007.

FAQs about the Board of Trustees

Q. When and where does the Board meet?

A. The Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. Meetings are held 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.

Keeping Kids Safe!

Within a few weeks of the start of each new school year, those brand new pencils will be lost, that perfect backpack will be worn at the edges, and those new clothes won't be brand new anymore. Although new supplies and gear are a fun way to help get a new academic year off to a good start, they are not the most important things to ensure a safe and successful life for your child in a school setting and beyond.

Humble ISD offers you, as the primary guardians, cheerleaders, and advocates for your students, a collection of information to help you do that most important work - keeping kids safe! Please visit our website at <http://www.humble.k12.tx.us/parentresources.htm>

Useful community phone numbers



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
Police weekdays.....	281-641-7900
after hours patrol.....	281-541-3555
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

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. Prepayments may be made through a virtual lunchroom – PAMS – at www.pamslunchroom.com. PAMS no longer accepts prepayments using VISA.

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

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 approved for free or reduced price meals at the end of the 2006-2007 school year qualify for those benefits for the first 30 days of the 2007-2008 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. 9, 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.

Early Head Start serves young children

The Humble ISD Early Head Start Program is a comprehensive educational program for children under age three and their families. To qualify for the program you must:

- Live in the Humble ISD or Huffman ISD attendance areas
- Work or go to school full time
- Have a household income at or below the federal guidelines for poverty.

Special consideration will be given to children with an identified disability. For more information, call 281-641-7327.

AVID program prepares students for college

There is a new program in Humble ISD designed to help students reach their full academic potential. AVID – Advancement Via Individual Determination – is being offered at Atascocita, Humble and Kingwood Park high schools, and Atascocita, Creekwood, Humble, Kingwood, Sterling and Riverwood middle schools in 2007-2008.

The program targets students in the academic middle who have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. Many times AVID students are the first in their families to go to college. The students are placed in advanced academic classes, such as honors and AP, and provided support through an AVID elective. The AVID elective course helps students with college admissions testing, college study skills, goal setting, academic tutoring and more.

Schools in 39 states are using the AVID program. The selection process for the 2007-2008 school year has occurred, but the program will be expanding to serve more students and more schools in the years ahead. The program is paid for by special state funding designated for improving college readiness, particularly among underachieving students; implementing rigorous instruction; creating opportunities for advanced academic studies; and improving high school completion rates.



Graduation Dates for 2008

Atascocita High School.....	Saturday, May 31, 2008 Reliant Stadium
Humble High.....	Saturday, May 31, 2008 Reliant Stadium
Kingwood High.....	Saturday, May 31, 2008 Reliant Stadium
Quest High School.....	Tuesday, June 3, 2008 Humble Civic Center



Times of each graduation ceremony will be announced at a later date.

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 technology courses

Humble ISD offers career and technology 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 technology 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 technology 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 Ahead



New schools opening this month (3 new schools)

Sites for future schools with opening dates (4 future schools)

More new schools: Your bond money at work!

Humble ISD's 23rd elementary school, River Pines Elementary, opens for 2007-2008. The school is located at 2400 Cold River Drive in the Woodland Pines subdivision, near Will Clayton Parkway and Wilson Road. River Pines Elementary is projected to serve about 725 children this year in Pre-K through grade 5. Betsy Cross is River Pines' principal. She formerly served as Shadow Forest Elementary's principal.



Ross Sterling Middle School, shown under construction this summer, opens in August at 1131 Wilson Road. Sterling is expected to educate approximately 1,080 students this year in grades 6-8. Eight classrooms, a new sports field, additional offices and locker rooms were added to

convert the former Humble Ninth Grade Campus into a middle school. Penné Liefer, who formerly served as Humble Ninth Grade principal, is now principal of Sterling Middle.

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