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DR. CAIN'S CORNER

Spring has sprung in the Klein ISD, and the signs are all around us. The trees are budding, and the landscape is once again green. The first round of STAAR testing is behind us with more to come in May. The spring Yellow Bus Tour was last month, and the Key Communicators and others from the community had an excellent tour of the Klein Collins High School CTE programs. Thanks to the staff at Klein Collins for making the tour tremendous. Everyone on the outing was very impressed! Now, speaking of spring, the annual Fitness Fair is just around the corner. I hope you and your family can attend this fun event! This year is flying by, but I can't be more proud of the dedication and truly smart work I see every day as I visit our schools. Keep up the great work!



Dr. Cain at Zwink's autograph party to help students "Rock the STAAR."



KLEIN COLLINS COACH EARNS 500th CAREER WIN

Coach Rosemary Rhodes

With more than 30 years of coaching experience, Rosemary Rhodes earned her 500th career win this season with the Klein Collins softball team.

"I am thankful to all my players, students, and family members that have given me the opportunity to be a part of their lives by coaching them," said Rhodes.

Coach Rhodes' passion for coaching started on the volleyball court but quickly spread to the softball diamond. She has taken the Klein Collins Tigers to the playoffs four out of the last seven years. While at Klein Collins, her teams have been named two-time Bi-District Finalists, two-time Regional Quarter Finalists, and one-time State Finalist.



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WHAT'S NEW

Employee Dashboard

Klein ISD employees now have access to a new employee Dashboard. This one-stop shop allows employees a single place to access all of their applications, as well as Kleinshare and their 'N' drives, both in and out of the district.

The dashboard will host a self-serve password reset, which will prevent submitting a HelpDesk ticket for future password resets. [Click here](#) for a short video tutorial about setting up your dashboard.

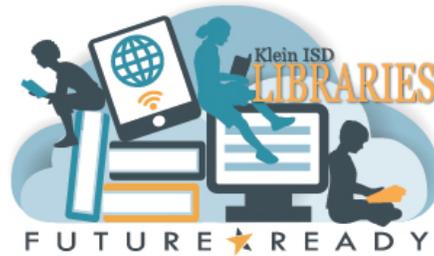
Klein ISD Dashboard

DID YOU KNOW

April 10 - 16 is National Library Week

National Library Week is April 10 - 16 and is a time to celebrate the contributions of librarians and assistants. This week includes a special day of recognition, April 12. Take a moment to thank all our librarians and assistants.

Did you know:



- There are 640,079 physical books and 3,488 eBooks on OverDrive in Klein ISD libraries
- During Aug. 2015 - March 2016, over 1 million books were checked out and more than 43K eBooks were downloaded from Klein ISD libraries

Our district includes:

Campus Level	Librarians	Library Assistants
Elementary (including Grace England)	31 full-time positions	31 half-time positions
Intermediate	9 full-time positions	9 half-time positions
High School (including Vistas)	9 full-time positions	0 assistants



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Sandra Davis

Librarian - Klein High

Sandra Davis followed her passion for education and returned to school.

Sandra Davis enjoys getting to know the students at Klein High School and admits their library needs are very different than those in elementary school. Davis also works one-on-one with teachers to not only provide them with classroom resources, but also to ask their opinions about what is needed to support the curriculum.

"Working with parents is an added bonus," said Davis. "I had a parent stop in earlier this year, her son couldn't find time to check out a book. So, I showed her how to search the school library from home and how to access e-books."

Davis has worked in Klein ISD as a librarian for 13 years and is in her third year at Klein High. She opens the library for students each day at 6:45 a.m. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the library is open one hour after school. The second Tuesday of the month she meets with the Book Club.

"I really enjoy seeing the students do well and succeed," she said. "From the student whose reading level has improved to the student who just found out that he or she is a National Merit Scholar, they all bring a smile to my face."



Elena Porras

Secretary - Grace England Early Childhood & Pre-K Center

Elena Porras continues her more than 15 years of customer service.

Grace England Early Childhood & Pre-K Center's Elena Porras is the first face you will see when you enter the campus and that's how she likes it.

Porras is in her fourth year as an educational secretary and loves being the first person representing the school when parents and the community visit the campus.

"This position means a lot to me," said Porras. "I like to help parents and provide them with school information so that they can be involved with their children's education."

Porras has worked in customer service for more than 15 years and enjoys being able to help people. She is bilingual and takes pride in being able to help the Spanish speaking community at Grace England.

She has been married for 19 years and has three children. She credits her family for their love and support because without it she would not be able to do her job.

"The saddest part of my job is knowing that at the end of the school year I won't see my students the next year," she said.

Davis is originally from the Cypress area. Her parents donated their homestead to Harris County to create a park and museum known today as Cypress Top Park.

"Grace England has become my second family and I always enjoy taking care of my little ones."

MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. Cain's retirement celebration

After 35 years in Klein ISD and 47 years in public education, beloved superintendent, Dr. Cain announced his retirement plans at the September 14, 2015, Board meeting.

To honor his many years of service and dedication, we are inviting staff, students, and the community to Dr. Jim Cain's retirement celebration on May 25, 2016, at the Klein ISD Multipurpose Center.



{ CALENDAR } OF EVENTS

April 2016

- 13: VIPS Luncheon - Roth Elementary
- 18: KEF Academic Banquet
- 20: Key Communicators Meeting
- 28: Unite Meeting - Vistas
- 30: Family Fun & Health Fair

May 2016

- 9: Board of Trustees' Meeting
- 11: End of Year Volunteer Coordinators



Alta Mere:

All students, faculty, and staff: present your Klein ISD badge and receive 20% off any service. Located at 7135 Louetta Rd., it offers automotive window tint, alarms, remote start systems, backup cameras, and more. [Click here](#) for more information.

Camp Gladiator:

Group Fitness. Better Together.

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Klein ISD Police Street Smarts

Would you like to know more about situational awareness, know how to defend yourself if attacked, and learn tips and tricks to make your home and car more secure? Then check out the Street Smarts class. [Click here](#) for more information.

All Klein ISD employees receive their first month of training for \$49 (regularly \$189). [Email](#) Camp Gladiator for more information.

Karen Wylie Insurance Agency:

Farmers Insurance offers discounts for both home and auto insurance to educators. Contact [Karen Wylie](#) for more information.

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