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A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

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90 SECONDS WITH BRET

Each week Superintendent Bret Champion, Ed.D. updates us on the latest news happening across the district. These videos are available each Tuesday afternoon. Check out the highlights here:



October 4, 2016



October 11, 2016

[Click here](#) to see all the 90 Seconds with Bret episodes.



DISTRICT DIETICIAN

An inside look from Chantal Dybala

While Dybala has only served as the district's dietitian and menu planner for a short three months, she has more than eight years of experience in child nutrition. From creating healthy menu items to planning special diets, she opens up about the roles and responsibilities and even misconceptions of her job. Click [here](#) to read more.



WHAT'S NEW

Let's Talk

We are always excited to open up the conversation so that we can build better, stronger schools. New this year, Let's Talk! provides a communication solution that's available for questions and comments. Click on the button to ask questions, submit comments, or share your feedback.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Celebrating our Principals



Eve Messina

Principal - Frank Elementary

Starting her 22nd year as a principal in Klein ISD makes her the longest-tenured principal in the district.

Messina has always loved teaching but wanted to be able to make an impact on a greater number of students and parents each year.

"Being a principal is more about seeing the big picture and how it impacts an entire school and community," said Messina.

She began her career in education 34 years ago as a teacher at Benfer Elementary. Having served also at Kuehnle, and Greenwood Forest. She then opened Frank in 2007.

"I enjoy seeing students and teachers succeed," she said. "I strive to make school memorable for students, teachers, parents, and our school community."

She also enjoys the opportunity to interact with her teachers the way that she would like for them to interact with their students.

This year, Frank Elementary celebrates its 10th anniversary and Messina admits that being able to open a school was a dream come true and an experience of a lifetime.

"Each day I am rewarded by seeing students, staff, and the community come together in support of our efforts and successes at Frank."

Messina also has a passion for photography and says that one day in the future, it may become more than just a hobby.

Alisha Elrod

Principal - Greenwood Forest Elementary

Having served Klein ISD students for 17 years, she is beginning her first as the principal at Greenwood Forest.

Elrod is a homegrown product of Klein ISD having attended Ehrhardt, Doerre, and Klein High. She has served the district as a teacher and now as an administrator.

As a child, Elrod wanted to play school with her friends, and was consistently the one organizing everything. She admits that somehow she always seemed to step into the leadership role.

"I have had a passion for teaching for as long as I can remember," she said. "Being a principal is important because I want to work with people who share the same vision and passion as I do."

She says that being a teacher is one of the most wonderful and rewarding jobs in the world, but she feels even more blessed to serve as a principal.

"Not only do I get to work with students and help them grow each and every day, but I get to work with adult learners and help them grow."

Elrod enjoys being able to make a difference in the lives of her students by challenging them to accomplish their goals. She says that each day as she walks the halls, she envisions her students in their future roles as adults.

"It's important to never stop learning and growing professionally," she said. "As a lifelong learner I want to model my passion for learning for my students and staff and foster an enthusiasm for learning."

Click [here](#) for the playlist of Principals' Month 2016.



MISCELLANEOUS

Socktober Celebration



Join us this month as we celebrate Socktober! This annual, month-long campaign is designed to show people that ordinary acts of love can make a big difference and it can all start with socks. Learn more from Kid President in this short [video clip](#).

You can help by collecting or donating socks that will be given to students in our schools in need. Click on the image for drop off locations and more information from the district.

{ CALENDAR } OF EVENTS



October 2016

- 14: Vistas Clapout
- 26: Key Communicators Meeting
- 29: Wunderlich Farm Farmers Market

November 2016

- 8: Student Holiday/Staff Development
- 11: Veterans Day - Memorial Stadium
- 14: Board of Trustees' Meeting

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.

AvA Orthodontics:

Klein ISD employees receive special offers for braces and Invisalign. Click [here](#) for more information.

Texas Aquatics:

Employees and students receive 25% discounts on CPR, First Aid, and Babysitting classes. Click [here](#) for more information.

Nestle Toll House Cafe:

All Klein ISD employees receive 10% off any cookie cake. Click [here](#) for more information.

[Click here](#) for a full listing of employee discounts.

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