

# Comal Independent School District

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Groundbreaking slated for elementary at Indian Springs**

Comal ISD school board members and administrators will gather before the mercury rises to kick off Tuesday by breaking ground for the elementary school in the Indian Springs subdivision. The school site is located on the east side of U.S. Highway 281, just off Bulverde Road in Bexar County. The address is 25751 Wilderness Oaks.

Groundbreaking will begin at 9 a.m. The school is scheduled to open for the 2012-13 school year.

The Comal ISD Board of Trustees, during its regular May meeting, approved a guaranteed maximum price of \$15.5 million for the construction of the school, which will carry a number of “green” features, such as a living roof, skylights which will provide natural lighting in the library, rainwater harvesting with on-site storage, an energy conservation system which automatically adjusts lighting in the classroom, water conservation fixtures and a geothermal heating and cooling system which uses a ground source well to heat and cool the building.

The school in Indian Springs is the final new project of the 2008 bond package, which totaled \$205.8 million and included three new elementary schools; renovations and expansions at a number of the district’s existing campuses; technology upgrades and land purchases for future schools.

## **School Board to talk budget, instructional grading guidelines**

The Comal ISD Board of Trustees on Tuesday, June 28, will discuss the budget and will consider the student/parent handbook and instructional grading guidelines for the 2011-12 school year. By law, the board must approve a budget by Aug. 31.

Traditionally, the Comal ISD board votes on the district budget during the August regular meeting; the Texas Legislature has not yet approved a final state budget.

Orientation for the school board's newest member, Dale Dehlin, begins at 4 p.m. and interviews of applicants for the District 1 single-member position will begin at 6 p.m. The regular meeting is expected to begin at about 6:30 p.m. All of the board business will be at the Support Services building, 1404 IH35 in New Braunfels.

The District 1 position was vacated in April by Carolyn Miller and by policy the school board will appoint an individual to serve out Miller's term until May 2012. That appointment is listed on the June 28 regular meeting agenda.

## **Student registration dates announced**

Registration dates for campuses in Comal ISD for the 2011-12 school year have been announced and are posted on the website, [www.comalisd.org](http://www.comalisd.org). Parents are asked to provide two proofs of residency for registration, which takes place at the school.

Students attend the school located in their attendance zone of residence. To view a map of the district's attendance zones, please go to: [www.comalisd.org](http://www.comalisd.org) and click on the "Boundaries and Busses" link on the left. Late registration dates will be announced later in the summer. Please check the website before you head to the school to register as all dates and times are subject to change.

Parents of middle and high school Comal ISD students competing in all sports or other University Interscholastic League (UIL) extracurricular events will be required to

provide health or accident insurance for their children or waive the right to do so, beginning August 1.

A Parental Insurance Acknowledgement form is now available online at [http://www.comalisd.org/parents/back\\_to\\_school.asp](http://www.comalisd.org/parents/back_to_school.asp) and through campus athletic trainers. Students will not be able to participate in any athletic or extracurricular activities unless the form is signed and turned into the child's school. The form will be provided to students through the back-to-school packets. However, since many students begin practice for athletics during the summer, the district is making the form available now.

Comal ISD no longer offers supplemental accidental insurance through UIL, due to current budget constraints.

## **Summer TAKS retesting schedules slated**

June TAKS testing for 5th grade and 8th grade students who must retest in math and/or reading will take place at Bill Brown and Morningside elementary schools on June 28 and June 29. The schedules for testing are posted on the district's website, [http://www.comalisd.org/Curriculum\\_Instruction/Accountability\\_Assessment.asp](http://www.comalisd.org/Curriculum_Instruction/Accountability_Assessment.asp). If you have any questions, please contact Courtney Witherell, 830.221.2031, [courtney.witherell@comalisd.org](mailto:courtney.witherell@comalisd.org).