

# Comal Independent School District

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### **Comal ISD students buckle down for TAKS week, April 26-30**

Students across Comal ISD were busy eating healthy breakfasts and sharpening No. 2 pencils as TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) testing week arrived.

At Comal Elementary School, students were given extra motivation before school by mascot Buster the Bobcat, who encouraged them to be a "TAKS Buster."

Here, Buster helps out students Caroline Stinger (left) and Allison Jahns with the morning announcements on KCES television station. Among the TAKS tips Buster relayed to students were to use your brain's thinking powers, to get plenty of rest at night and to relax, slow down and take your time during testing.

Also pictured is Buster sharing a group hug with Cheryl Martin's kindergarten class shortly before school started on April 27.

Last year, 18 Comal ISD campuses were named TEA (Texas Education Agency) "Exemplary" or "Recognized" schools. The ratings were based on student performance on the 2009 TAKS, completion rate, and dropout rate.

The seven Comal ISD campuses rated "Exemplary" were Arlon Seay, Bill Brown, Comal, Hoffmann Lane, Rebecca Creek, Specht and Timberwood Park elementary schools. Include recognized campuses, too