

Comal Independent School District

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Oak Creek, Johnson Ranch elementary schools open doors for first time

As bells around the state sounded to ring in the 2009-10 school year Monday morning, two Comal ISD campuses were celebrating with extra enthusiasm.

Administrators and teachers opened doors at Johnson Ranch (30501 Johnson Way in Bulverde) and Oak Creek (3060 Goodwin Lane in New Braunfels)

elementary schools for the first time and were eager to show off their brand new campuses.

Oak Creek Elementary will relieve overcrowding at Goodwin Frazier Elementary. Johnson Ranch Elementary will relieve overcrowding at both Rahe Bulverde and Specht elementary schools. Both new schools were built with funds provided through the 2005 Bond.

"I'm thrilled," said Johnson Ranch Elementary principal Linda Harlan. "I'm so impressed with how the district did such a fabulous job getting the school and the roads ready."

Parents dropping off their students for the first day of school were definitely caught up in the excitement of their children attending a brand new campus.

"This is such a beautiful school," said JRES parent Laurel Becker. "I have two students that will be attending, and I can't wait to hear about all the exciting things they'll be doing."

Oak Creek Elementary fourth-grade student Conner Smith said he and his friends feel they're privileged to be among the first group to attend OCES.



“This is so cool,” Smith said. “We’re really looking forward to going to school here. Everything is so new.”

JRES third-grade teacher Vickie Millican said she’s more than ready to jump start the school year.

“Words can’t explain it,” Millican said. “For the first time in my 19 years as an educator, I get to open a new campus. It’s fantastic. This place is going to be a wonderful learning environment.”

OCES librarian Deborah Cochran said there was also a feverous buzz in the air at her campus.

“I love it here, I absolutely love it,” Cochran said. “Everyone, parents, teachers and students, were excited on back-to-school night and that energy is even greater now that it’s the first day. We’re ready to go.”

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IN PHOTO: Comal ISD superintendent Dr. Marc Walker chats with Oak Creek Elementary students Cassandra Gonzalez (left) and Emma Banks on the first day of school at the brand new campus in New Braunfels.