

Comal Independent School District

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Ribbon Cutting held for CHRISTUS School-Based Health Clinic at Morningside Elementary

CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Children's Hospital Pediatric Mobile Unit was recently awarded a five-year grant to begin a School-Based Health Clinic in Comal County.

The grant will be administered in partnership with Comal ISD. The Pediatric Mobile Unit will act as a part-time, easily accessible health center at the Morningside and Startzville elementary campuses but will also be accessible to other students in the district. The program will provide preventative and minor medical services and dental screenings for students of the Comal ISD.

This is a unique opportunity for Comal ISD. According to the Texas Association of School-Based Health Centers, there are only 85 school-based health centers serving the children of Texas.

One of the primary goals of the School-Based Health Clinic is to meet the needs of families by reducing the amount of time parents are away from work due to doctor visits, and, more importantly, reducing the amount of valuable instruction time that children are out of the classroom.

There was a great turnout for the ribbon cutting to celebrate the arrival of the Pediatric Mobile Unit at Morningside Elementary on Nov. 19. Among those present were Comal ISD superintendent Dr. Marc Walker, CHRISTUS Santa Rosa CEO Pat Carrier, CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital-New Braunfels Vice President Jim Wesson, Morningside Elementary principal Jodi Cox, Startzville Elementary principal Dr. Denise Kern, New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce president Michael Meek, New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce chairman Larry Hammonds, and the famous San Antonio Spurs Coyote.