

# Comal Independent School District

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Principals and Transportation Director appointed**

Comal ISD announces the appointment of three principals who will assume their new duties in time for the 2008-2009 school year. In addition, a new director of Transportation has been announced.

Gus Rodriguez, the general manager in McKinney ISD's Transportation Services department, has been appointed to fill the vacancy left by Joe Jones who accepted an assistant principal's position at Canyon Middle School this semester. Rodriguez has worked for Durham School Services since 1992 in Waco, Beaumont, and McKinney. He will join Comal ISD on March 24 and brings a wealth of experience in school district transportation management.

Judy Murray, the assistant principal at Arlon Seay Intermediate, will be Arlon Seay Elementary's new principal come August. She'll replace Tammy Lind who is going to be Spring Branch Middle's new principal next year. Murray started with the district as a teacher in 1998 after teaching in the Harlandale ISD. Her degrees are from University of the Incarnate Word, Texas Wesleyan University and Northcentral University. Arlon Seay is going through a major expansion and renovation thanks to Bond 2005 and will accommodate grades prekindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup>. It currently only houses 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Merrie Petmecky Fox, the assistant principal at Bill Brown Elementary, will be the new principal at Rahe Bulverde Elementary after the retirement of

Maggie Hanna this June. Petmecky Fox was first hired as a teacher in Comal ISD in 1992. She also has worked for New Braunfels ISD. Her degrees are from Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University in San Marcos).

Jodi Cox, the assistant principal at Comal Elementary since August 2007, will open the new Morningside Elementary on the southside of New Braunfels in August. Cox started her teaching career with the Midland ISD in 1994 before becoming an assistant principal in the Irving ISD. Her degrees are from Texas Tech University, Southern Methodist University, and the University of Texas at Arlington. Morningside will accommodate prekindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and relieve overcrowding at Comal. School construction is funded through Bond 2005.

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