

Comal Independent School District

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Twins aplenty at Freiheit Elementary

Don't blame Freiheit Elementary principal Betsy Nash for doing several double-takes shortly after classes began this school year.

FES has 10 sets of twins on campus, including a total of eight in kindergarten and Pre-K alone.

"It's confusing," Nash said. "There have been times when I've been talking to one of our twins before realizing I wasn't talking to the twin I thought I was."

The twin theme at FES doesn't stop on the student level, as teachers Beth O'Dell, Lorena Batey and Jennifer Tyler all have twins of their own, and teacher Tammy Griffiths has a twin.

"There must be something in the water around here," Nash said. "It's pretty neat. It's something that's unique about our school."

Tyler, a pre-K teacher, not only has two-year old twins at home, but also teaches two sets in her classroom.

"I think I may understand how twins want to stick together from my own personal experience with my kids," Tyler said. "Having twins helps me understand their needs."

Kindergarten student Haydin Henderson said he and his twin brother Huntir have many of the same interests.

"We always seem to want to do the same things," Haydin said. "I think that's why we always get along."

Kindergarten teacher Rachel Garcia is getting her first taste of teaching twins this school year, with Brooke and Madison Ulloa in her classroom.



“They dress alike everyday, so, it’s absolutely impossible to tell them apart,” Garcia said. “I have been able to pick up on different personality traits, though, which helps. I’m very grateful for this experience and would love to have twins of my own one day.”

Third-grade students Casey and Cody Steagald are FES’ oldest set of twins.

“Sometimes it’s hard being a twin, because we fight a little bit and we have to share everything,” Casey said. “But I love my brother and I know he’ll always be a big part of my life.”

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IN PHOTOS:

Pre-K twins David and Madison Sorenson are one of 10 sets of twins at Freiheit elementary this school year.

There are six sets of twins in kindergarten alone at Freiheit Elementary. Pictured here are kindergarten students (top row, l-r) Brooke Ulloa, Madison Ulloa, Carter Pavlu, Payton Pavlu, Haydin Henderson and Huntir Henderson. (Bottom Row) Riley Slatter, Reagan Slatter, Isabella Ruiz and Bianca Ruiz.

Twins Casey (left) and Cody Steagald, third-grade students at Freiheit Elementary, share a hallway hug on campus.