

Comal Independent School District

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Comal ISD School Board to consider attendance zones

The Comal ISD Board of Trustees on Tuesday will consider new elementary school attendance zones to accommodate the opening of Kinder Ranch in August 2011 and the opening of an elementary school in the Indian Springs subdivision in August 2012. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the Comal ISD Support Services Building.

Tammy Lind, Director of Staff Development & Accountability, will give the annual Comal ISD Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS)/Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report, which provides information that includes student performance, average class size, expenditures and student/teacher ratios.

Debra Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, will present the district's annual audit report for 2009-10, and Carlene Comer, President of the Comal Education Foundation and Amber Potts from Padgett Stratemann, will present the Foundation's 2010 financial audit results. This represents the first full audit in the Foundation's 10-year history. Grants from the Education Foundation will benefit nearly 4,000 students during the 2010-11 school year.

The School Board agenda is posted on the district website, www.comalisd.org, under the Board of Trustees link.

District website has new look

The Comal ISD district website is sporting a new look for the first time in two years, featuring new menu choices designed to save users time and “clicks.”

“We wanted to allow users to view all of the menu choices from the main page without having to click on additional pages to get where they’re going,” said David Campos, Comal ISD Web Services Coordinator.

Campos and Sandra Shelton, Comal ISD Executive Director of Technology, have worked together over the past two months to design and create the new site.

“We will be carrying out the menu theme throughout the entire site, so that users always have the ability to find their way with ease,” Campos said.

“We feel that by keeping the menus uniform throughout the site, that the user will be able to navigate easier, thus creating a more efficient viewing experience.”

Another functional change is the centralization of news to the middle of the page.

“This way users can follow important news events easier,” Campos said.

“We have also reserved the right-hand side of the web page for social networking news and icons, as well as important banners that we want to draw the users’ attention to.”

Campos said additional improvements, such as individual department pages that are actually maintained within the departments, are online for the future.

“This will allow each department to keep its information current by using web technologies.”

Flu season is upon us

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has released three valuable tips to protect our children and others from the flu:

- **Take time to get a flu vaccine.** CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses.
- **Take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs.** Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Wash your hands often with soap and water. If you are sick with flu-like symptoms, CDC recommends you stay home for at least 24 hours.
- **Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them.** If you get the flu, antiviral drugs can treat your illness. They can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick.

If you have any questions, please consult your child’s campus nurse or Amie Ploe, Comal ISD Health Services Coordinator, 830.221.2956.

Community Education at Canyon Lake High School

Springtime Community / Continuing Education classes at Canyon Lake High School are soon to be under way and everyone is invited to participate. Classes include basic crocheting, aerobic septic system maintenance, basic investments and crime prevention and awareness and begin as early as Jan. 31. The catalog for all Community Education classes is posted on the district website, www.comalisd.org. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Muniz, charlotte.muniz@comalisd.org or 830.221.2177.

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