

# Comal Independent School District

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Morningside, Comal elementary schools receive \$750 education grant from ExxonMobil**

Comal ISD's Morningside and Comal elementary schools will have extra money to contribute to their math and science programs thanks to a \$750 grant they each received from Sac-N-Pac Stores, Inc. through the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program.

Sac-N-Pac's community relations manager Carole Farmer

helped secure the grants for both schools and said she was excited to deliver the checks to the schools.

"We are always ready to assist any school on any project," she said. "Education is number one at Sac-N-Pac. We believe in giving back to the schools and to our community."

As an ExxonMobil retailer, Sac-N-Pac receives educational grants every year to give to area schools in need, and Farmer has been delivering grants to excited educators in the New Braunfels and surrounding areas for six years.

"The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program is designed to provide Exxon and Mobil retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools," Farmer said. "ExxonMobil believes that, as members of the community, local retailers are best qualified to work with local



educators to help identify schools and programs most in need of support. Schools must meet stringent eligibility requirements before applying for and being awarded this grant.”

Morningside Elementary School has received this grant twice, and the school’s principal Jodi Cox said she feels fortunate to receive such a generous grant. Morningside will use the grant to purchase supplemental science materials for science classes and math materials for the school’s math lab.

“This is great,” said Cox. “We’re very blessed to have community partners in education. This grant will allow us to provide students with the hands-on materials they need to be successful in math and science instruction.”

Comal Elementary School isn’t new to this grant either as this is the third time the school has received it. Comal Elementary’s principal Joni Coker said the grant will support the school’s third, fourth and fifth grade science lab with consumable supplies and possibly purchase new science tools.

“We believe hands-on science lessons are most beneficial for students,” she said. “Our science teachers consistently conduct experiments and labs. This money will help continue providing the materials and tools for high quality lab experiences for students.”

While both schools have experienced Sac-N-Pac’s generosity through these grants several times, this isn’t the only help the organization provides the schools. Last year, Sac-N-Pac donated two bicycles and helmets to Morningside Elementary attendance winners. At Comal Elementary, Sac-N-Pac has provided snacks and supplies for the school’s community night and teacher recognition.

Sac-N-Pac also donated a new Harley motorcycle to the Comal Education Foundation, which was a foundation established to provide additional resources for students and teachers in Comal ISD. The motorcycle was raffled off and proceeds were given to the foundation. The organization has also donated canned drinks to area high schools for project graduation.

“The help that Sac-N-Pac has provided to our school as well as other schools in Comal ISD serves as a great example to our students,” Cox said. “Students need to realize there are people and organizations in their community that really care about them and their academic success. The generous employees of Sac-N-Pac support our students in their efforts at school, and we appreciate all they have done for us and Comal ISD.”

IN PHOTO: Morningside Elementary School received an ExxonMobil Educational Alliance grant in the amount of \$750 for the second time recently from Sac-N-Pac Stores, Inc. Featured in the picture from left are MES principal Jodi Cox, MES students Dominique Martinez and Katrina Kim, Sac-N-Pac community relations manager Carole Farmer, MES students Edwin Santiago and Isabella James.