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# NEWS BRIEFS

## **NOW is the time for that community ed class!**

The Comal ISD Community Ed Spring 2012 brochure is now posted on the website,  
[http://www.comalisd.org/Community\\_Education/](http://www.comalisd.org/Community_Education/)

Learn how to use your computer, dance, cook, play a musical instrument, play tennis, and much, much more. Water sports classes are new this Spring. We also offer many online courses for people on the go or for people who learn best from home.

For more information, contact Charlotte Muniz, 830.221.2177.

## **January is School Board recognition month**

Texans benefit every day from the tireless work and countless hours dedicated by a group of more than 7,300 men and women in communities across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local constituents and receive no compensation for their efforts. These men and women are the school board members of Texas. January

is School Board Recognition Month and Comal ISD will take this opportunity to thank these local leaders for devoting time to support public education and serve our local schools.

“Even though we are making a special effort in January to show appreciation to our board members, we realize their contributions reflect a year-round commitment,” said Dr. Marc Walker, superintendent of Comal ISD. “They selflessly give of themselves to ensure that decisions directly affecting our local schools are made by representatives of this community. In these challenging times, they face difficult choices and shoulder critical responsibilities. Their ultimate goal is always focused on the future success of every student enrolled in the district.”

“Our district is enriched by the contributions of these local citizens who truly care about our kids. Serving as a crucial link between the community and classroom, this board is responsible for an annual budget of more than \$125 million, nearly 18,000 students, more than 2,300 employees, and 26 campuses. We applaud their efforts to serve as advocates for our children and the voice of public education,” he said.

The board members serving are: Frank Baker, president; David Drastata, vice president; Bill Swint, secretary; David Spencer, treasurer; Carol Kendall Keller, Stephen Smith and Dale Dehlin.

## **Arlon Seay Elementary named ‘Best of Spring Branch’**

Arlon Seay Elementary School has been named 2011 Best of Spring Branch Award in the K-12 Schools category by the U.S. Commerce Association (USCA).

The award program recognizes local organizations and businesses by identifying exceptional marketing success in their local community.

“These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community,” according to the USCA.

## **Screening for gifted/talented under way**

The GT screening process for Comal ISD’s Gifted and Talented Education Program is currently under way with the solicitation of student referrals. Under Texas law, gifted/talented kindergarten students must be identified and begin receiving services by March 1. Kindergarten testing is taking place through February, and parents will be notified prior to March 1.

Referrals for students in 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 11<sup>th</sup> grade are due by Jan. 30, with testing taking place February through April, and parents being notified by May 1. Gifted/talented services for students currently in grades 1-11 will begin in the fall of 2012. Referral forms are available on the Comal ISD Gifted and Talented website and at your child’s campus.

## **After-school care seeks aides**

Comal ISD School Age Child Care (“SACC”) is hiring enthusiastic individuals for aide positions. SACC aides work with students from 2:15-6:15 p.m., Monday through

Friday, in activities such as outdoor play, homework time, arts and crafts, science experiments, and technology time.

Applicants must be 17 years or older. Starting pay is \$8 per hour. For more information, please go to the SACC link on the Comal ISD website, [http://www.Comalisd.org/Community Education/PDF/SACC-AIDE-Opening.pdf](http://www.Comalisd.org/Community_Education/PDF/SACC-AIDE-Opening.pdf) or contact Daniel Mendez, 830.221.2176.

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