



PHILOSOPHY

We believe that all children deserve the opportunity to be challenged to reach their fullest potential. It is the duty of every staff member, parent and student to work toward that end.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The student handbook is provided to all students on the web at www.comalisd.org. We ask families to review the information and then sign the receipt form that is sent home. A hard copy of the handbook will be provided upon request. Students who enroll during the year are provided a handbook the day of enrollment. Please make sure to return the signature page and computer permission sheet to your child's teacher (provided separately).



SCHOOL HOURS & PHONE NUMBERS

Office: 7:15-3:15
Tardy bell: 7:45
We prefer all students be here by 7:35.
School dismissal: 2:45
Phone number: 830-885-8600;
SA 830-609-6293;
NB 830-221-2992
Fax: 830-885-8601

All staff may be contacted via e-mail: firstname.lastname@comalisd.org

JRES INFORMATION

We are a K-5 school located on the 16 acres of the original Johnson Ranch off FM 1863 and Hwy. 281 North. The school colors are barn red, country blue and gold/brown. Our mascot is the Ropers. We provide a curriculum aligned with the state mandated Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. The CISD scope and sequence for curriculum of all grades can be

found at the comal web site: www.comalisd.org.

ABSENCES

Regular school attendance is essential for your child to make the most of their education. Absences from class may result in serious disruption of a student's mastery of the instructional materials. Yet it is understandable that students will be absent from school for various reasons. When your child is going to be absent, we ask that you call the office as early as possible and notify us. We also request that you follow up by sending a note to the teacher upon their return to

verify the child's absence. If your child's absence required a doctor's visit, please send a copy of the doctor's note to our attendance clerk.

BECOME INVOLVED

Please go to www.comalisd.org. There you can find information about transportation bus routes. In addition, you can sign up for parent connection which allows you to view grades for children in grades 2-5. We also suggest that you sign up for Hot News. I will use Hot News to send you monthly and timely information. Please consider joining our PTA. This is an easy way to be involved.

A.M. "PONY" EXPRESS LANES

Bus Students will continue to be dropped off at the gym. They will stay in the Gym until 7:15. Car Riders that need to be dropped off between 7:00 and 7:15 will be allowed into the cafeteria. Students will not transition in the hallways until 7:15 when the rest of our staff comes on duty. Please know that this is for the majority of students. There might be a teacher that has arranged for before school tutoring; therefore, that child will be in the hall. After 7:15 the lane closest to the school is reserved for parents dropping off students in grades k-2 or breakfast eaters from older grades in front of the cafeteria. The other lane is a passing lane for parents of students in grades 3-5 who will pull into the lane closest to the school and drop off their older kids at the front door. The older students will then proceed to the gym. Students needing to eat breakfast should arrive by 7:25a.m. and proceed to the cafeteria.



Students will be picked up by their teachers and taken to their classrooms at 7:35a.m. each morning.

P.M. "PONY" EXPRESS LANES

Students are dismissed at 2:45 p.m. The Pony Express lanes are located at the front of the school. Parents and authorized adults can drive through the Express lane to pick up students. Please drive slowly and refrain from using your cell phone, so that your total focus can be on the surroundings and on the lookout for children.

All students going home via "Pony" Express will be picked up at the front doors. Parents of students in grades k-2 should be in the lane closest to the school and parents of older students may use the second lane. All students will be taken to their vehicle. It is always helpful if parents put name cards in their windows until we become accustomed with who belongs to whom.



THE "STAGE COACH STATION" (BUS LANE)

Patrols will escort young students to and from their appropriate stage coach every day. Day care buses will also be picking up at Stage Coach Station.

STUDENT CHECK OUT, MESSAGES & PICK UP PROCEDURES

Only authorized adults are allowed to check out students during the school day. Proper identification (driver's license) must be provided to the office staff. Please do not call ahead of time. We will call your child out of class upon your arrival. For last minute transportation changes, please call the front office no later than 2:00 p.m. Notes are delivered to the students at 2:15 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS ETC.

Store bought cupcakes delivered to recognize birthdays will be handed out at the end of the day. True celebrations take place outside of school, so we ask that parents, grandparents, etc. respect the learning environment. Balloons, flowers etc. are kept in the front office until the end of the school day when the student may take them home. Party invitations may be given out at school, if everyone in the class is invited. Parents may use the directory for address information to send invitations to select groups of students.

LOST AND FOUND

If a coat or lunch box is missing, we probably have it! Have your child stop by the Lost and Found in the cafeteria and look for the item. To help us keep the lost and found inventory low, please label all coats, sweaters, and lunch boxes with your child's name and teacher. Unclaimed items are donated to charitable organizations periodically throughout the year.

VISITORS TO CAMPUS

Visitors are always welcome at Johnson Ranch Elementary. All visitors must present a valid driver’s license to the office staff. All visitors will be issued a badge that must be displayed on their left shoulder while on campus. The badge must be returned to the office staff upon exiting the campus. We ask that visitors arrive early when attending a class event to avoid any delays.



For safety and security, only students and staff are allowed on the playground during the school day. You are always welcome to visit classrooms. We ask for 24-hour advance notice. Please contact the office or teacher to make the appropriate arrangements. Class visits are 30 minutes long.

BEST LEFT AT HOME

Students are advised that the following items have no place at school. These items will be taken up and returned only upon parent request.

- Knives, firearms (real or make-believe) fireworks
- All animals, unless prior administrative approval has been granted
- Chewing gum
- All electronic devices
- Trading cards of any type
- Trading or selling items of any type is prohibited
- For a complete list, see student/parent handbook at www.comalisd.org

FLOODING

If it does rain heavily for several days in a row, flooding can occur on FM 1863. If this happens, and school is not closed, we will ask all parents to use the entrance to the Johnson Ranch off HWY 281. Currently the entrance from 281 is a one lane road leading through the ranch and eventually down to the school. A one lane road is not conducive to heavy traffic, therefore we have coordinated a plan where there will be rock based staging areas where

parents will let their children get on buses that will take them down to the school. Staging areas and bus traffic will be coordinated so that only one bus at a time is on the narrow road, therefore ensuring students’ safety. **Only staff vehicles and buses will be allowed down that road.**

We will do our very best to make a smooth and safe situation. You will be notified by phone if this situation arises.

CAFETERIA RULES

- Students should request permission before leaving their seat, unless there is an emergency.
- Students should raise their hand if needing a fork, spoon, napkin or condiment.
- No more than 2 to 3 students go to the restroom at a time.
- Tables are dismissed one at a time before leaving for recess. Students and staff will make sure all the trash is off the table.
- Students will line up quietly in a straight line to walk to recess.
- Students should use restaurant manners (i.e. be respectful, no shouting, keep hands & feet to yourself etc.)

THE TRADING POST

The general store will be open two days a week from 7:15-7:40 a.m. Students and parents may purchase water bottles, pencils, t-shirts, smencils etc.

PTA

The best way to become involved at school is through PTA. The following is a list of our current officers and how to reach them: Stephanie Kirkpatrick, president -210-241-6086 or at

parentvolunteer1@yahoo.com

Traci Molina, VP of fundraising - 210-858-8553 or molinat520@gmail.com

Missy Carlton, VP Membership - 210-364-8730 mipcarlson@satx.rr.com

Vikki Vacek, Secretary - 830-438-8248 or bvtckl@satx.rr.com

BEHAVIOR PARTIES

● All classes reward good behavior for the nine weeks by having reward parties. Students in grades k-5 who have have received nine or less notes home and have had no office referrals, will be allowed to enjoy the behavior party.

● Parents will only be sent a note home if there is a problem. Otherwise, please know your Roper behaved well at school.

ACCELERATED READER

● Second through fifth grade students participate in the Accelerated Reader Program. Each student is individually assessed on their Lexile Reading level. The teacher then determines what book levels are appropriate for that individual and sets AR point goals accordingly.

● Students meeting their AR goal will be allowed to bring “goodie bags” to school. They may also be given rewards each 9 weeks and at the end of the year when appropriate.

9 WEEKS REWARDS & END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

● Kindergarten and First Grades have end of year celebrations where parents are invited and they receive certificates.

● Second-Fifth grades reward students at the end of each nine weeks with dog tags for A Honor Roll; A/B Honor Roll; Reaching AR Goal; Citizenship; BUG (Bringing Up Grades) and Perfect attendance. These rewards are done in the classroom and are only a teacher/ student celebration.

● Second-Fifth grade students are recognized with ribbons in front of parents and all grade level peers for A Honor Roll all year; A/B Honor Roll all year; Reaching AR Goal for the year; Citizenship for the year; BUG (Bringing Up Grades) for the year; Perfect attendance for the year; Roper Award for the year, as well as PE, Music and Art awards for the year.

**CLYDE JOHNSON & SONS RANCH
REGISTERED HEREFORDS
BULVERDE, TX**

The ranch, which is located on U.S. Hwy. 281, 23 miles north of downtown San Antonio, has made a name for itself in the breeding industry over the last 60 years.

Head of the Johnson clan, Clyde Johnson, Jr., a former FBI agent and his wife Dorothy, purchased the property near Bulverde many years ago when it became evident that the interest their three sons expressed in raising Hereford cattle was more than a passing boyhood fancy. In the beginning the family started with Herefords due to their success in stock shows and because they were more docile. It was a good fit for what was initially a small operation.

The family operation had its beginnings on a 16-acre spread near the outskirts of San Antonio. By the time the eldest son, Clyde Johnson III, was showing his first calf, his twin brothers, Mike and Mark, were grooming animals of their own.

Rough times in the mid-1960's drove many registered operations in the area out of business but the Johnsons prevailed and owned one of the few registered Hereford operations within a 50 to 75 mile radius of San Antonio.

Hard times convinced the brothers that they needed plenty of business expertise and second careers to tide them over in times of low prices. Clyde became a tax lawyer in San Antonio, Mark is President of Texas Capital Bank in San Antonio, and Mike is in commercial real estate in San Antonio.

Ranch headquarters is a remodeled rock home first built in 1836 by the Alfred Schlather family of Germany. The ranch property was originally a land grant from German Prince Solm to Schlather. Rock from an 1863 smokehouse was used to construct the fire place during remodeling by the Johnsons.

A third generation (grandchildren of Clyde and Dorothy Johnson) grew up working on the ranch and all were exhibitors who made the stock show circuit every year with championship steers and heifers.

The Johnsons have owned one of the most famous Hereford bulls in America – 75901. They acquired the bull late in his career. 75901 was a transition bull for Hereford breeding. The last cattle auction at the ranch took place in October 2008.