



Draper Intermediate School Principal's Newsletter

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**Home of the
Patriots!**

WELCOME!!
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News From the Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to WELCOME our new 5th grade class and all returning students. Teachers and staff have been hired and are hard at work preparing for the upcoming year. You will find them to be highly energetic, compassionate, enthusiastic, but most of all, focused on the academic, social, and emotional success of **all** students.

During the 2008-2009 school year, Draper celebrated many successes in the areas of academics and fine arts. We are proud of the accomplishments and continuing efforts made by all of our students, teachers, and staff.

We appreciate the privilege of having your student at Draper, and we will make every effort to provide him/her with the best educational experience. I look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please give the school a call at 972-429-3350.

Let's make next year the best to come!

Communication, Safety, Attendance, and Classes

Communication between the school and the home plays a critical role in the success of the school and the students. At Draper Intermediate, we will work diligently to be good communicators, and ask for you to help us the same way. It is critical for students to know our expectations and to realize these goals for the year. Research has proven that when parents, students, and teachers work together, there is a higher success rate in academic achievement. We encourage you to work with us this next school year to continue the academic success of our students. With that said, please read all of the pertinent information enclosed in this newsletter. Your student will benefit from such cooperation.

Safety in school is a major priority for all of us. All students who walk to school or provide their own transportation to school must enter and exit the building through the front doors of the school. All bus riders must enter and exit the building through the cafeteria doors. At the end of the day, students are expected to be off campus by 3:45p.m., unless participating in a school sponsored event/activity. We really need your help with this. Also, all visitors are asked to enter the school through the main entrance and register to receive a visitor's badge from the front office. Photo ID is required.

Please refer to the **Wylie ISD Standard Dress Code Policy** as you prepare for school. The dress code policy may be found at www.wylieisd.net. You may also stop by the school for a hard copy of the policy. We believe in creating and providing an atmosphere that is conducive to learning. Please make sure your student follows this dress code each day. **Students are expected to be in compliance with the Standardized Dress Code the first day of school.**

Attendance has proven to play a vital role in a student's level of academic success. It is the responsibility of parents, teachers, and administrators to encourage regular and punctual attendance of students. According to the state of Texas, students must be present 90% of the time in school to be promoted to the next grade. When a student is absent, one of the following is required:

1. A written note signed by a parent stating the reason for the absence. Note must be received within 3 days of the absence or the absence will be un-excused.
2. A doctor verification provided by the doctor/dentist office (required if this is the reason for the absence).
3. A note written on letterhead of the agency visited or of the organization represented (court, religious holiday, etc.)

Classes begin at 8:15 a.m. each morning. All students are expected to be in class at that time. The school is opened each morning at 7:30 a.m., and students are allowed to visit their lockers beginning at 8:00 a.m. Students arriving to class after 8:15 a.m. will be considered tardy. A student is allowed five tardies per semester before a disciplinary consequence will be assigned. Please make sure that your student reports to school on time.

Mark your calendar ...

- **2009-2010 Online Registration begins August 4.**
- **Schedule pickup** will be held **August 20 from 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.** (come and go). During this time you may find your student's classrooms, become familiar with the campus, and receive additional information. You will also have the opportunity to purchase a Draper Intermediate School Planner for \$5. Students will use their planner to write daily activities/homework assignments.
- **First Day of School:** August 24 : 8:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
- **September 15:** Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night from 4:30 p.m.-6:30p.m.
- **October 20:** Parent Conference Night from 3:30p.m.-6:30 p.m.
- **5th Grade Parents:** Adventure Camp is **May 5-7**. Fifth graders will have the opportunity to go to the Collin County Adventure Camp that is operated by the YMCA. An informational meeting will be held in November.

Things to Know...

- PTA Board encourages all parents to become active in the PTA. You will have an opportunity to join the PTA and purchase a Draper polo at schedule pick-up.
- Parent volunteer training will be held in September. Any parent wishing to volunteer or chaperone school activities is required to attend this training.

