

Welcome Back Students

This year we are blasting off to the stars and our rocket ship is in full throttle! Last year our campus was TEA Exemplary. This year we were "Exemplary" in every subject area but one, so our status is "Academically Acceptable". We are very proud of our reading, math, and writing scores accomplished by our students. Since science was the area in which we didn't meet the exemplary standard, it will be our focus this year. Through conversations with students, it was discovered that students believed the SCIENCE TAKS results would not prevent them from being promoted. The idea of a test not being important is devastating, so campus wide we are continuing to work as a team to support every student in every subject area. Every student counts! This year our goal is to regain our

"Exemplary" status. Every test and every student's score is extremely important and we need every parent to help his/her child do his/her very best to work toward that goal. Reaching the "Exemplary" status tells the world that our students are academically ready for the future of their choice.

This year we have purple folders that keep parents informed about students conduct, homework, and academics in grades K-3. We also have Runge Elementary Planners for grades 4-6 that help students stay organized and responsible for homework and academic assignments. Parents should check these folders and planners to help their children with assignments. Parents should check these folders and planners to help their children with this responsibility, thus promoting



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"Runge Pride" and "Student Success."

At Runge Elementary, we believe "Every Student Can Learn" and "Every Student Can Be Successful!"

With our dedicated parents, teachers, and staff, we are looking forward to an OUTSTANDING school year!

~Debbie Witte, Principal

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."
Leo Buscaglia

Dear First Grade Parents,

This year is off to a great start. The students are eager to learn and working on task.

In Math they are adding, and in Science they get to study weather during hurricane season. In Health they are learning character building and for Reading they have brand new textbooks,

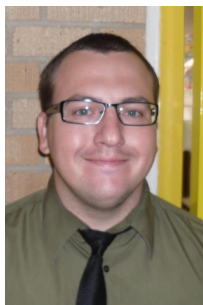
Sincerely,

Mrs. Harris & Mrs. Ponish

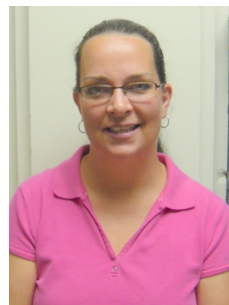
NEW FACES



Angela Mincey
3rd grade teacher



Jordan Sekula
3rd grade teacher



Tracy Peters
4th grade teacher
(more about Mrs. Peters on the next page!)



Rachel Brown
4th grade teacher



Michelle Bird
Cafeteria



Mary Beth Morgan
Speech
(more about Mrs. Morgan on the next page!)

More on....

MRS. PETERS

Mrs. Peters as a teacher:

My teaching goal is to never forget that all students need encouragement to reach a higher personal goal. I want to impress upon them why it is so important to learn, to be upstanding citizens and to be proud of their own accomplishments. I believe in the success of all of my students and I hope to be teaching long enough to hear about their wonderful futures.

What's going on in the 4th Grade classroom?

This week in Language Arts we

are reading a fiction by Amada Irma Perez called "My Diary from Here to There". As we read we use details in the story to make inferences about the character, Amada. We discuss how she feels by what she writes in her diary and try to put ourselves in her shoes.

In Math we learn a new concept and then practice, practice, practice. Our concepts this week include lines and angles.

MRS. MORGAN

Mary Beth Schrade Morgan is the speech/language therapist for the 2010-2011 school year. She and her husband, Bobby, have recently moved to Runge from Sonora.

Mary Beth is a 1964 graduate of Runge High School. She finished both her bachelor's and master's degrees at Southwest Texas State (now Texas State) University in San

Marcos. She will be working with Pk-12th grades and Headstart. Public school speech/language therapy services are available for children from age 3 years and up. Services are for children with articulation (pronunciation) difficulties, stuttering, voice disorders, language disorders (difficulty understanding and expressing themselves) and/or pragmatic (social language) difficulties. All children may have difficulties in one or more of these areas, however, when these difficulties interfere with the child's ability to function appropriately in his/her educational setting, need for additional intervention may be indicated. Teachers and parents as well as the therapist work together with the child to encourage strategies to help the child succeed.

Other new faces include Janice Sykora, Interim Superintendent; Greg Bird, Technology Coordinator; and Marcie Peterson, Band/Music Instructor.



Mrs. Brown's science class takes time in Pat's garden to work on their Science Journals, a creative, inquisitive, intriguing learning tool.

A #1 School Requires Excellent Attendance

By: Debbie Witte, Principal

Attendance is a very important factor in helping our school attain #1 status. Please have students at school on time, 7:55 a.m., because even parts of days count as an absence if truancy is filed. If your child has a doctor's/dentist appointment, please be sure that he/she is in school at least part of that day and brings a medical excuse. This will help in maintaining perfect attendance. Children who are checked out early for games, trips, etc. are not eligible for the perfect attendance award at the end of the year.



Mrs. Mincey's third grade class takes time out of their busy day to show their Runge pride with their smiling faces!

BLOOD DRIVE!

The South Texas Blood & Tissue Center is coming to Runge High School and asking for your help in saving lives by donating blood.

The drive is open to the whole community and will take place **Tuesday September 28th.**

The hours are 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Contact Nurse Brasher to make an appointment for that day.

SHARE A TOY, SHARE A SLIDE, SHARE THE FEELINGS DEEP INSIDE, BUT NEVER SHARE A HAT OR COMB, OR LICE WOULD MAKE YOUR HEAD THEIR HOME! www.headlice.org

*Watch for signs of head lice, such as frequent head scratching. Anyone can get lice...mainly by head-to-head contact but also from sharing hats, brushes and headrests. Lice do not jump or fly.

*Check all family members at least once a week. Lice are reddish-brown wingless insects, nits (eggs) are grayish-white, always oval shaped, and are glued to the side of the hair shaft.

*Consult the school nurse, your pharmacist or physician for proper care if infestation is found.

FLU VACCINATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

AT THE NURSES OFFICE! (forms available at the Nurse's office)