

ELMS...

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If a student in the upper grades is doing well and is not required to attend a tutoring session that student could go home at 2:45 p.m. Principal Abel reminds students though that they have to have a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian giving them permission to leave the campus that early.

Also, the student must have a way to get off campus... either live within walking distance of the school, or be picked up in a car. If a student qualified for the 2:45 p.m. departure but must ride a school bus home that student must then wait until 3:15 p.m. when the school bus leaves. The half hour will be spent in a study hall or enrichment program.

Federal funding change
With the elimination by the government of some federal funding, two classes no longer are available. They are the SEE program known as state compensatory education for grades four and five, and the Chapter One reading program.

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Even at that, the school has a net gain of two teachers. Third grade instructors are Barbara Ardis, Frances Kiekar and Linda Newman. (Mrs. Newman is returning to the area after having taught in Oklahoma, and is twin sister to Larry Varley who was assistant principal at the school.)

Other new teachers are Bill Sneed who will teach special education, and Betty Sanders, a fifth grade teacher. Sneed's wife teaches special ed at ELPS and Mrs. Sanders husband, Jack, is a new teacher and coach at RHS.

Other teaching changes include moving Mrs. Diane Schneider from the Chapter One Math program to fifth grade; moving Mrs. Martha Sibley from Chapter One Reading to fifth grade, and Jeannette Woods from fifth grade to Chapter One Math.

Also, last year's assistant principal Bill Carpenter of Garwood has taken another position in El Campo, and a replacement is being sought.

On the other hand, Abel points out that for the first time in the four years he has been here all three coaches will be returning. Tammy McNeal will be the coach for the girls, and Dennis Jackson and Lee Politsch will be coaching the boys teams.

The weight room in the school's athletic department was expanded and a lot of kids used it this summer. Also, the tennis court has a new backboard for students to practice on.

Student improvement
The bottom line of the education system, however, isn't how much a school changes or remains the same, it is the success teacher have in helping students learn.

Principal Abel is quick to point out that "the growth we have observed in our student testing" shows us we are doing things right, and that we have an excellent staff at Eagle Lake Middle School. "Having lived with HB 72 for a year now, and gone through the TECAT testing, there is not the feeling of anticipation about changes hanging over our heads."

	M	T	W	T	F
Aug.	18 I	19 I	20 W	21 I	22 I
Sept.	1 H	2 I	3 2	4 3	5 4
	8 5	9 6	10 7	11 8	12 9
	15 10	16 11	17 12	18 13	19 14
	22 15	23 16	24 17	25 18	26 19
	29 20	30 21			
Oct.			1 22	2 23	3 24
	6 25	7 26	8 27	9 28	10 29
	13 30	14 31	15 32	16 33	17 34
	20 35	21 36	22 37	23 38	24 39
	27 40	28 41	29 42	30 43	31 44
Nov.	3 45	4 46	5 47	6 48	7 49
	10 50	11 51	12 52	13 53	14 54
	17 55	18 56	19 57	20 58	21 59
	24 60	25 61	26 62	27 H	28 H
Dec.	1 63	2 64	3 65	4 66	5 67
	8 68	9 69	10 70	11 71	12 72
	15 73	16 74	17 75	18 76	19 77
	22 H	23 H	24 H	25 H	26 H
	29 H	30 H	31 H		

Calendar Notes...

The Calendar here represents only the Monday through Friday school days. The lighter numbers on the top of each line are the dates, while the numbers (and letters) just below those numbers are the consecutively numbered school days or letter codes. School must be held 175 days each year.

TEACHERS begin school on August 21 with the first of four consecutive In-Service days. August 27 & 28 are teacher work days, and August 29 and Sept. 1 are holidays.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for students is marked on the attached calendar with a shaded square on Sept. 2. All schools in Texas begin (for students) on the first day after Labor Day each year.

Other holidays are marked with slash lines:

Thanksgiving: Nov. 27 & 28
Christmas & New Years: Dec. 22 through Jan. 2
Unannounced: March 9
Easter: April 15, 16, 17 & 20.

NOTE: April 15 & 16 also are bad weather days. Should school not be held on any of the regular days, such as during an ice storm, it will be held on one or two of the bad weather days. Should more than two days be needed the school board would have the option of extending the school year, or holding school during another holiday.

Teacher workdays (with students not in class) are January 19 and May 29.

Six-Week Period ending dates are:

First: Oct. 10 Second: Nov. 21
Third: Jan. 16 Fourth: Feb. 27
Fifth: April 10 Sixth: May 28

Family living course offered

Family living and Parenting is a course being taught as an elective in many Texas High Schools, according to the Colorado County unit of the Texas State Teachers Association.

The course is designed to give students an opportunity to study and to gain skills in establishing and maintaining relationships, solving problems in daily life, managing a household, and juggling the responsibilities of parent and wage-earner in today's society.

One of today's problem areas for the family is that of handling

the dual role of homemaker/wage-earner. Another area of concern involves the great number of one-parent families. Both of these issues will be addressed as students in the family living course are given opportunities to learn to develop management techniques and to share family responsibilities so as to reduce stress caused by these situations.

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				1 H	2 H
Jan.	5 78	6 79	7 80	8 81	9 82
	12 83	13 84	14 85	15 86	16 87
	19 W	20 88	21 89	22 90	23 91
	26 92	27 93	28 94	29 95	30 96
Feb.	2 97	3 98	4 99	5 100	6 101
	9 102	10 103	11 104	12 105	13 106
	16 107	17 108	18 109	19 110	20 111
	23 112	24 113	25 114	26 115	27 116
March	2 117	3 118	4 119	5 120	6 121
	9 H	10 122	11 123	12 124	13 125
	16 126	17 127	18 128	19 129	20 130
	23 131	24 132	25 133	26 134	27 135
	30 136	31 137			
April			1 138	2 139	3 140
	6 141	7 142	8 143	9 144	10 145
	13 146	14 147	15 (B)H	16 (B)H	17 H
	20 H	21 148	22 149	23 150	24 151
	27 152	28 153	29 154	30 155	
May					1 156
	4 157	5 158	6 159	7 160	8 161
	11 162	12 163	13 164	14 165	15 166
	18 167	19 168	20 169	21 170	22 171
	25 172	26 173	27 174	28 175	29 W

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