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## ELMS sports teams looking to repeat again as district champs in football, basketball, track

Can you expect much improvement from a school's football and track teams that went undefeated last year? Or from a school's basketball team that lost only two games?

Coach Dennis Jackson at Eagle Lake Middle School thinks there can be.

Last week he said he thinks all three eighth-grade teams can go undefeated in the 1987-88 school year because of the ability and drive that returning players show. Included on that list are Jessie Scott, Merrill Tillman, Reginald Donner, Kevin Jackson, Lupe Rodriguez, Steve Torrez, Sammy Chavis and O'Neil Tillman.

### Excellent weight room

While we will have to wait until the start of school and of the football playing season to see whether that optimism comes true, Jackson

and middle school principal Charles Abel are proud of other improvements in the athletic department.

For the past five years, Abel has been working for improvements in athletic facilities, including a weight-lifting room. When Abel took over as principal five years ago, there were only a couple of weight bars and weights to be found in the gym area. Today, there is an excellently equipped weight room. It wasn't purchased with tax money either.

This summer Jackson said two benches, a neck-strengthening weight station and other items have been added. He also has kept the room open this summer for a couple of hours a day, several days a week, encouraging athletes and others in the community to make use of the equipment.

Some students work out at the Eagle Lake Fitness Center, but others who might not be able to afford that have the middle school facilities available free.

Because of the additional equipment, Jackson and Abel have placed a small amount of the work-out equipment in the girls' locker-room area too.

Football season on the junior high level can't start until school starts Sept. 1, but when that time comes, Jackson and fellow coach Lee Politich will be ready to begin shaping their charges up for another season.

The first football game is at home on Sept. 17 against East Bernard. Seventh grade games start at 5:30 p.m., and the 8th grade games

start about 7 p.m., depending on the finish of the seventh grade game. That schedule holds for all home or away games.

The season continues: Sept. 24, at Van Vleet; Oct. 1 at Yoakum; Oct. 8 at Columbus; Oct. 15,

Bellville here; Oct. 22 at Hempstead; Oct. 29 Sealy here, and Nov. 5 at Brookshire.

Jackson said the quality of the 7th grade teams can't be judged until the players turn out for practice, and until the coaches get a look

at the competition.

"We won district in all three sports last year, and are looking to do that again. I hope to go undefeated in everything; to tell you the truth, we have that possibility," he said.

### The Primary School bell schedule

The bell schedule at the Primary School in Eagle Lake hasn't changed but just as a reminder, here it is:

8:05 a.m. — First bell for all students in the first and second grades, and for those students in the morning sessions of kindergarten and pre-kindergarten.

11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. — Lunch hour for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students. Such students are not required to stay on the campus for lunch, and may be picked up anytime during that 40-minute period.

11:20 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. — Lunch period for first grade students.

11:30 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. — Lunch period for second grade students.

11:40 a.m. — Classes begin for the afternoon session of kindergarten and pre-kindergarten classes.

2:40 p.m. — All classes dismissed.

**Transportation:** The school district provides bus transportation with certain qualifications during the morning before classes start, and in the afternoon after the 2:40 p.m. bell. Parents who have kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students who get out of school after the 11 a.m. lunch-period bell must pick up their children; parents with students who start such classes with the 11:40 a.m. bell must bring the student to school. Bus transportation is not furnished at the end of the morning pre-K and K classes nor for the beginning of the afternoon pre-K and K classes.

### Vaccination changes for school children

Children now need one less trip to the doctor for vaccinations, which should bring smiles to them and their parents alike.

This recommendation, recently released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, combines two vaccinations previously given three months apart. This should not only save money, but also make it more likely that more children will be immunized, or at least partly immunized, if fewer trips to the doctor are required.

The following is the CDC's new recommended vaccination schedule: 2 months old, first diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP) and polio (OPV); 4 months, second DTP and OPV; 6 months, third DTP; 15 months, measles-mumps-rubella, fourth DTP and third OPV; 4-6 years, fifth DTP and fourth OPV vaccines.



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