



DID YOU KNOW?



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An update from the Deputy Superintendent's Office...

This publication provides updates from various departments in the district. If you ever have a topic you would like addressed, please feel free to let me know. I will try to include it in an upcoming issue.

Thank you—Randy Meyer

HR Department News

The HR Department welcomes Mrs. Lynn Dannhaus as the HR Coordinator for Wharton ISD. Mrs. Dannhaus replaced Megan Wilcox who left the district in October to join Wharton County Junior College. Mrs. Dannhaus served as a teacher and coach in area public schools for 16 years and as an HR Business Partner in the private sector for the Yokagawa Corporation for the past five years. Mrs. Dannhaus will be your contact for questions about personnel records, certifications, FMLA, and general HR issues. Mrs. Dannhaus is very proud to be a Wharton Tiger!

New Faces to Wharton ISD

Wharton Junior High School is very pleased to have Mr. Jerrell Barron join Wharton ISD as the new principal of Wharton Junior High School. Mr. Barron has been serving as an Assistant Principal with El Campo ISD. Mr. Barron has served as a teacher and coach prior to becoming a school administrator. We welcome our new principal and know that great happenings will be taking place at Wharton Junior High School.

Other new Tigers Include:

Sivells Elementary

Ashley Gabrysch – Assistant Principal
Amelia Cleveland – Instructional Aide
Guillermina Manriquez – Instructional Aide

Wharton Elementary

Michelle Kubecka – Assistant Principal
Teresa Brown – Life Skills Teacher
Lauren Krenek – 5th Grade Teacher
Samantha Yackel – 5th Grade Teacher

Wharton Junior High School

Jerrell Barron – Principal

Wharton High School

Linda Tompkins – English I Teacher
Paul Lopez – Instructional Aide

Maintenance Department

Bobby Gonzales – Maintenance Worker

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

Bus drivers now earn \$15 per hour. Information sessions will be held at each campus for District Employees who would like information about driving a school bus before or after school.



Bus Driver Information Sessions

Director of Operations, Steve Wernecke, Transportation Supervisor, Kenny Svatek, and Operations Secretary, Caleen Moffett will be on each campus in January to hold Q & A sessions for anyone interested in learning more about becoming a substitute bus driver. Check your campus calendars for more details.



Happy Retirement:
Kim Barnes
Beth Kalinowski
Wayne Krenek

Policy Updates

Leaves and Absences Forms Update

The Business Department has updated its Leaves and Absences Forms and has provided information regarding Leaves and Absences. Here are a few points of interest of policies and regulations that have been in place.

- All absences from school require advance notice when at all possible. This includes absences for professional development, UIL travel, and Athletic events travel.
- All WISD employees are required to submit an Absence from Duty Form the first day back from any absence. This includes absences for professional development, UIL travel, and Athletic events travel.
- Use of State Discretionary Leave (Personal Business) requires a written request at least five school days in advance. (Campus secretaries have this form.) State Discretionary Leave may not be used the day before or after a holiday and may not be more than 3 consecutive days.
- An employee may choose to use either Local Sick Leave or State Discretionary Leave for illnesses, but must indicate this on the Absence from Duty Form due the first day back. District policy requires deduction from Local Sick Leave if no selection has been made.
- For more information regarding Leaves and Absences policy, see DEC Legal and DEC Local.

Go Tigers!

Current Employment Opportunities at Wharton ISD

Professional

8th Grade ELA Teacher
7th & 8th Grade ELA Teacher

Support

Maintenance Worker (Plumber)
Cafeteria Worker
Substitute Bus Drivers
Substitute Bus Monitors/Riders
Substitute Food Service Workers