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Mrs. Bates

John Whiteside 6th

Mrs. Bates is our new sixth grade science teacher! Mrs. Bates came from Arkansas and was a science teacher there. So far she really likes the kids. She was born in Brownwood but grew up in De Leon. She graduated from De Leon High School in 1999. Here is some quick facts for all of you students who don't know her yet- She loves to go shopping, watch football games, eat Mexican food, and teaching. She also has a daughter named Kinsey. Mrs. Bates is currently working on her master's degree at Tarelton.

Back To School

Ali Cotton 5th

Hey, are you excited? Why would you be excited? We're Back to School. On the first day of school I saw a lot of new kids and teachers.

Penny Smith works with Mrs. Hicks that teaches Special Ed. Mrs. Smith does activities for the challenged kids. Mrs. Smith told me that she really likes her job. She said she came all the way from Amarillo, Texas.

There are more new personnel like Jennifer Holland who is the assistant principal at Middle School and Elementary, Nancy Holland is the new PIEMS clerk. They work in the office.

Gary Dutch is a new janitor. His wife teaches math at High School. He and his wife moved from Odessa. Have a great year!

9-11 Program

Jacey Biggs 6th

Friday, September 11, was the 8th anniversary of the horrifying 9-11. That Friday there was a program about 9-11 presented to the Middle School by Mr. Ronnie Clifton. A video was shown about the World Trade Center (Twin Towers) being hit and destroyed;

people being put into ambulances; and most importantly, it showed the policemen and firefighters who risked their lives for ours.

Mr. Clifton explained to us the events that took place on 9-11. Mrs. Quast sang "God Bless America", while Mrs. Henry played the piano. We thank the people who put this wonderful program together.



New 4th Grade Teacher

Jasmine Suniga 4th

There's a new fourth grade teacher in school, and her name is Mrs. Wilkerson! Mrs. Wilkerson has been teaching fourth grade for one year, that means it's going to be her second year. Mrs. Wilkerson is fun, kind, and beautiful. She has a big room, and nice shiny desks. She has lots of games for us to play when we're done with our work. She has games on the computer, scrabble, hangman, and all kinds of things for us to play with. Mrs. Wilkerson is really nice and respectful to us, and so are all the other teachers in this school, can you do the same thing back?



New Superintendent

Angie Evans 5th

We have a new superintendent. His name is Tony Daniel. He is a great person. I think the school board picked a good guy to be the new superintendent. He attended our *101 Places . . .* book celebration. I believe that was a great honor. To us it was anyway.

Mrs. Daniel

John Whiteside 6th

Did you know there is a new sixth grade math teacher? Her name is Mrs. Daniel. She is extremely nice and a great math teacher! So far she likes the school and all of her students.

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First Day of School

Jasmine Suniga 4th

On Monday, August 24, was the first day back at school! Summer break was over, so we all came back to school. Before school started, we had to sit in the front hall. After that Ms. Carruth called all the grades one by one. First she called all 83 fourth graders, and then she called all 113 fifth graders, then all 103 sixth graders. That makes 299 kids. That's almost 300 kids!

On the first day we didn't do much because the teachers were just getting to know us. Then we

all got to know each other and we had fun. The new school is really big, and it was fun. The homerooms were really big and cool. They have a lot of stuff in the rooms. The science rooms are the rooms with the most animals in them.

In the fourth grade science room we do lots of fun things, like making play putty, we get 15 minutes of discovery with the animals, and we get to test and tell our hypothesis to tell which one of 5 gum & super bubble gum lasts longer. I know this year is going to be fun. Don't you?

New Band Director on the Block

Rachel Lilley 6th

Did you hear about Mr. Tapley? Well he is our new band director. What does he do you ask? Well, he is the brass director. I would know. I play the trumpet. And if you don't know your band instruments that is a brass instrument. He plays the tuba, which isn't as large as you think.

Mrs. Reedy still is the band teacher, but she does woodwinds. But they switch every once in a while. So if you are ever around the Middle, Junior, or High School look for Mr. Tapley.



Ms. Plumlee

Kendyl Estrada 6th

Ms. Plumlee was born in Garland, Texas, and moved to Comanche in grade seven. She is graduating from Texas A & M in 2010. She has a dog named Pan. She got the name from a book so it doesn't mean frying pan. She is a student teacher for Mrs. Armstrong in the sixth grade.