



August 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Patterson Elementary! I hope you had a great summer. We are ready for 2017-2018. We believe in a team effort; students, parents, and teachers working together to assure the best education for our students. We want this to be a happy and productive year for your child. Please come to visit the school and join us in our mission to help every child reach their potential. We are proud to share our school and that you are part of our Patterson Family.

Unleash Your Potential Campaign: This year, our motto for staff and students will be “Unleash Your Potential”. We encourage our teachers to be lifelong learners and bring exciting opportunities into the classroom every day. We want the same for our students and we expect them to learn at least one new thing a day. Asking your student, “What did you learn today that you didn’t know yesterday?” will help foster the environment that we are all growing and adding to our true potential. You can also ask, “Did you make any errors today? And how will you be better tomorrow?” We do not expect perfection, but we do expect one to learn from their mistakes.

Class Placement: Class placement will be distributed via InfoSnap, our new online system. This system helps our district go paperless and save money yet it requires everyone to have an email and to login to access information. Please join us for Meet the Teacher Night on Monday, August 14, 2016 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. If for some reason you do not receive the information via InfoSnap, we will have a table set up at Meet the Teacher in the foyer to help. We will not give placement information over the telephone.

Meet the Teacher Night: Monday, August 14th from 5:30- 6:30 pm.

Bring your children and enjoy the opportunities to:

- Meet your teacher and Patterson Staff
- Visit your child’s classroom
- Explore the building layout
- Pick up your 1st day of school information
- Meet the PTO
- Sign up for Parent Access Center (PAC)
- Drop off medications to the Nurse (if needed)

Meet and Mingle: Monday, August 14, 6:30 – 8:00

This is a come and go event after you meet your teacher. Join us in the area adjacent to the school for games, bounce houses, food, and fun. This is our way of saying welcome back to the new school year.

Mark your calendar for Parent Information Night on, September 5th 5:00 – 7:00 pm.



There will be repeated sessions that evening starting at 5:00 for Grades Pk, K, 1 and 2. Then 3rd and 4th grade will begin at 6:00pm. If you have multiple students that attend our school, you can visit the different grade levels or teachers for a repeated session. Join us for our most important meeting of the year. Teachers will present an overview of grade level curriculum, assessments, and events. Parents will sign up for volunteer opportunities and even PAC for information related to grades, attendance, and behavior. Due to limited space in our classrooms and to allow parents time with the teachers, we ask that ONLY PARENTS attend.

School Supplies: If you pre-ordered the EPI supply packs, they were delivered to the student's classroom by PTO. If you did not pre-order supplies, please purchase the items and bring them to *Meet the Teacher*. Our supply list is on our Patterson Webpage.

Cafeteria Information

Meal Prices

Breakfast \$1.35 Lunch \$2.85

Menus are located on the Child Nutrition website and posted in the cafeteria.

Online payments can be made at www.myschoolbucks.com.

Free and Reduced Meal Applications

Any questions regarding applications, please contact our Free and Reduced Specialist at 936-709-8197.

Volunteering at Patterson: If you are planning to volunteer at Patterson, you must register and be approved. Registration is available on the CISD website under the Parents/Students tab by clicking on "Parent Access Center." You must register each year.

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook: If you want to see great things happening at Patterson in our classrooms, follow us on Twitter @PattersonCISD or on Facebook at Patterson-FB.

Join PTO: Our Parent Teacher Organization is a vital part of our school. Please consider joining! PTO is for all parents; working and/or stay at home parents. It provides many avenues to volunteer, participate, and to be involved in our school. Last year the PTO raised funds and were able to buy a shade for the playground. We hope to do the same this year.

FIRST WEEK: The first week of school EVERYTHING take a little more time. We appreciate your patience as we perfect our systems. Don't hesitate to contact me if I can help you or your child in any way. I am looking forward to seeing you all at *Meet the Teacher* very soon!

Sincerely, Julie Miller, Principal