

Eagle Talon

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year! On January 3rd we welcomed our 3rd through 12th grade students to the beautiful new campus and plans are being made to have our Pre-K through 2nd grade students join us in a few short

weeks. Thank you for all of your support and patience as our brand new facilities are being completed. Your support and

encouragement is vital to the success of our school and we are thankful for all of our parents and students at Advantage Academy Grand Prairie! 2012 is going to be great!



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PTO

PTO will not be meeting during the month of January to allow our teachers and staff time to settle in here at the new campus. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to meeting again at a later date!

THE DISCIPLINE CORNER

Parents, thank you so much for your cooperation with our traffic management plan and procedures and it will continue to improve as time passes. For now, continue to form two lanes, with the inside

lane (right lane) being used for the pickup/drop off of students and the outside (center) lane for passing and exiting only. We ask that you please slow to 5 miles per hour as you enter and exit the

school. Again, thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to the new traffic management plan.

PRINCIPAL'S PLACE

Greetings Parents!

Happy New Year! I am very excited about this New Year, especially about moving into OUR new campus. We are working very hard to complete construction to the Secondary (6th-12th) building, therefore, we are asking that you be patient with us during this time. I am anticipating tremendous growth in our students, our staff and our relationship with the families of our school and community. I am committed to stepping up my prayer life in these areas and encourage you to join me in interceding for our students, school, and district.

Thank you for your partnership in this endeavor. We are working very hard in the classroom to help all of our students be successful. Together, our efforts will reap great rewards!

Building Champions with a Future and a Hope!

Herbert H. Fitzpatrick
Principal

*"Do what you
can with what
you have,
where you
are."*

-Theodore Roosevelt

RACHEL'S CHALLENGE

We are excited to be at our new campus! With the move and Winter break, we are anticipating our next meeting. Our club meetings will start back up on Wednesday, January 11th from 3:55-4:30. Our meetings will follow every other Wednesday. We

have several students participating in FOR club and we are excited about impacting our school and community with random acts of kindness. For our January project, we are finalizing the mitten drive. If you would like to send a pair of mittens to help

us contribute to this effort, we would greatly appreciate it.

For February, we will be making valentines cards for our local police and fire departments. If you would like to help, please email Mrs. Gonzalez at kgonzalez@advantageisd.org.

THE NURSE'S NOOK

Medication Procedures:

Any medication, whether over-the-counter or prescribed, **MUST** be brought to the nurse's office by the parent/guardian—not the student.

A medication administration form will need to be completed and signed by you before your child will be given any medication.

Please bring the medication in the original

container and have your child's name written on it. We appreciate your help in making sure we guarantee your child's health and safety when in our care.



January 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Student Holiday Staff Development	3 Welcome back to school!	4	5 Tutoring	6	7
8	9 Tutoring	10 Tutoring	11 Elementary Character Rally 8:15	12 Tutoring Freshman STAAR Meeting 7pm in cafeteria	13	14 Saturday School 9:00-1:00
15	16 Martin Luther King Day—Staff and Student Holiday	17 Tutoring	18 Secondary Character Rally 8:30	19 Tutoring	20 EARLY RELEASE K-5 at 12:30 6-12 at 1:00	21
22	23 Tutoring	24 Tutoring	25 Elementary Character Rally 8:15	26 Tutoring	27 Report Cards Issued	28 Saturday School 9:00-1:00
29	30 Tutoring	31 Tutoring				
					DOLLAR JEAN DAYS EVERY FRIDAY—<i>No</i> <i>holes in jeans!</i>	

FRESHMAN STAAR PARENT MEETING

There will be a very important meeting for all freshman and their parents to provide information about the upcoming STAAR testing that will be here soon! Please make plans to attend this

important information session so you and your student will be prepared for this brand new state test. If you have any questions, please contact the front office!

The meeting will be on January 12th at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria of the new Grand Prairie campus.



FRONT OFFICE NEWS

Now that we are here on our new campus there are a few things you should know about our campus policies:

Late Arrival:

If you arrive at school after 8:00 am, please check in at the Front Office. It is located on the east side. As you enter the campus, it is the white stone building on your right.

Tardies:

If a student is tardy to any of their classes after 1st period, they are to come to the secretary's station, located in the center of the elementary building.

Visitors:

All visitors will need to check in at the Front office and receive a visitor's pass. You will need to present your driver's license or photo ID at the time of check-in. After the visit, please return to the front office and surrender your visitor's pass to check out.

Lunch:

If you would like to drop off lunch for your student, please do so at the Front office. The lunch will be delivered to your student by the staff. If you would like to have lunch with your student, you will need to check in as a visitor in the Front Office.

Early Check Out:

If you need to pick up your student early, please go directly to the Front office. Your student will be called from their room and sent to the front office to meet you there.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We are here to help and welcome the opportunity to be of service to you.

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