

# Eagle Talon

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## WELCOME!

Welcome to a new school year here at Advantage Academy, Grand Prairie! There are many new faces and many new and exciting adventures awaiting every student this year.

We want to thank all of the parents and students who have been patient as we work out all of the glitches that come with change and your campus has had a lot of changes to prepare for this year! From adding a new Pre-K class, to a accommodating nearly 700 students, to preparing for the move to the new campus, we are excited

and working hard to meet these challenges head on while maintaining our high standards of education for your students!

Please be sure to check out this newsletter for more information on PTO, campus happenings, senior news and the calendar.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to get to know our parents and students this year!

If you have any questions, need to schedule a conference or have a special situation that you feel our staff needs to be aware of to better serve

your family, please stop by the front office and let our administrative team know—they will be happy to help in any way possible!



Again, welcome to a brand new year at Advantage Academy Grand Prairie!

## PTO

PTO will meet on Tuesday, October 11th at 5:30 in room 103. Officer Elections will be held and planning will begin! Please come be a part of this vital program to help make our school the best that it can be!

## THE DISCIPLINE CORNER

Please refer to the Student Code of Conduct, which can be found on our website, and read over the dress code with your student to help ensure they are in compliance with the District policies.

If a student is out of compliance, parents will

receive a phone call and the issue will have to be corrected. In some cases, students will not be allowed back in class until the violation is corrected, especially in reference to hair styles and uniforms.

Solid brown or black belts must be worn if belt loops

are present.

Solid blue, gray, black or white jackets or sweaters are the only ones that can be worn inside the building. All others must be removed upon entering the classroom. All hoods or hats must be removed while on campus.

# SENIOR NEWS

Seniors—mark these important dates on your calendars:

- **10/14**— Homecoming
- **10/25**- Jostens Jr/ Sr Meeting at 8:30 in the 29 Building.
- **11/01**—Josten’s will be taking orders in

the 29 Building for rings and graduation regalia.

- **12/14**—Jostens will deliver class rings at 9:00
- **03/21**—Jostens delivers graduation announcements at 9:00

- **05/03** — Jostens will deliver cap and gowns at 9:00



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# YEARBOOK NOTES

*“And in the end  
it is not the  
years in your life  
that count, it’s  
the life in your  
years.”  
-Abraham  
Lincoln*

Now is the time to purchase your yearbook! The cost is only \$40.00 and you can pay for it at the front office.

We have a great yearbook staff this year and the yearbook will

be awesome!  
It will be a 152 page hard cover with full color photos. Senior parents can buy space to write messages or display favorite childhood photos. Business ads will be available

for purchase and the students will design them free of charge. The student’s name can be stamped on the yearbook cover for \$5 extra.

# THE NURSE’S NOOK

## DON'T GET SIDELINED BY THE FLU!

Flu outbreaks among school children are a major concern every year, and with flu season upon us, it is important that we take the necessary precautions to keep our children healthy!

Here are some ways to keep the flu away from our school:

1. Always keep your hands clean. Wash with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer frequently
2. Cover your coughs and sneezes
3. STAY HOME IF YOU HAVE A FEVER OF 100° OR ABOVE the night before or the morning of school



4. STAY HOME if you are sick
5. Get a flu vaccination if possible

Symptoms of the flu may include: Fever, Chills, headache, weakness, feeling achy, sore throats and sometimes congestion. See your doctor if child is displaying symptoms of the flu.



# ADVANTAGE ACADEMY GP

# October 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>GO EAGLES</b>		<b>DOLLAR JEAN DAYS EVERY FRIDAY!</b> Wear your jeans and your spirit shirt or uniform shirt for \$1.00	1
2	3 TPRI Testing –KG Hearing/Vision Screenings Tutoring	4 TPRI Testing –KG Hearing/Vision Screenings Tutoring	5 TPRI Testing –KG Hearing/Vision Screenings Character Assembly for K-5th	6 TPRI Testing –KG Hearing/Vision Screenings Tutoring	7 TPRI Testing –KG Hearing/Vision Screenings Pep Rally 3:20 with Homecoming Court Presentation	8
9	10 STUDENT HOLIDAY  STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	11 Hearing/Vision Screenings Tutoring Dress Up Day  PTO:5:30	12 Hearing/Vision Screenings Tutoring PSAT 9-NOON Character Assembly for 6-12th Dress Up Day	13 Hearing/Vision Screenings Tutoring Dress Up Day	14 Hearing/Vision Screenings Tutoring Pep Rally @ 3:20 HOMECOMING	15
16	17 Tutoring	18 Exit Level TAKS For ELA	19 Exit Level TAKS For Math Character Assembly for K-5	20 Exit Level TAKS For Science	21 Exit Level TAKS For Social Studies	22
23	24 Red Ribbon Week Tutoring	25 Red Ribbon Week Tutoring Jr/Sr Josten’s Meeting at 8:30	26 Red Ribbon Week Tutoring Character Assembly 6-12th	27 Red Ribbon Week Tutoring	28 Red Ribbon Week  EARLY RELEASE	29
30	31 Tutoring					

# PRINCIPAL'S PLACE

Greeting Parents,

Our new school year is off to a great start in spite of some changes in scheduling and personnel. I want to personally thank you for your patience as we work through these "beginning of school" challenges.

I am so proud of our students for coming to school with respectful attitudes and complying with Advantage Academy rules, policies and procedures. We have an amazing student body and as educators it is our number one goal to see that every student succeeds. Our motto for the Grand Prairie campus this year is "Closing the Gap" in academic excellence, parental involvement and communication.

Our mission is to build champions with a future and a hope and it is with great joy that we partner with you to ensure this is a mission that is accomplished.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation and for allowing us to partner with you for success.

Warmest Regards,

H. Fitzpatrick,  
Principal

## SPORTS PAGE

### Volleyball Athletes of the Week

Marcy Morales  
Sarah Stevens

Marcy and Sarah had awesome games in their first district game. Marcy, who is a freshman, continues to improve and prove that she belongs on the varsity team. Sarah is well on her way to being the best setter in the district with her consistent play.

### Football Athlete of the Week

Antonio Peralta

Antonio had an awesome game against Dallas The Winston where he recorded 3 solo tackles and several other key plays throughout the game. He received the game ball after his performance.

### Student Athlete of the Month of September

Taylor Bass

Taylor is the Captain of the cheerleading team and also a starter on the Varsity Volleyball Team. She is an "A" student with a bright future.

### Model Student Athletes of the Week

Danielle Lopez  
Zach Compton

These student athletes went above and beyond the call of being model student-athletes. Both are great role models in and outside of the classroom. Danielle is a Senior who continues to be a great leader. Zach has charisma and a great personality who is great to be around.

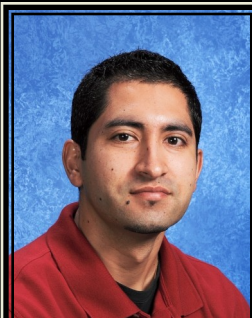
Congratulations to all of these students for a job very well done!



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