July 11, 2023

Dear Families of Pharr Elementary School,

On behalf of the administrative team, we write with enthusiasm to welcome you to an awesome school year. It is our hope that you are having an amazing summer and taking every chance to have fun with family and friends. Our school theme this year is “A Wonderful Place to Be Making Magical Things Happen.” We are looking forward to continuing our efforts and commitment to maintaining and building upon a fun and exciting learning environment for our students, teachers, staff, and families.

We continue to develop a learning environment with the understanding that every door at Pharr Elementary is considered one door. Behind that door is the absolute value of successful students and teachers working together with staff members and parents to collectively make our learning community excellent in everything we strive to do as a school family.

Every year it is a great feeling to welcome our new family members to Pharr Elementary. You are getting ready to experience a Rams learning community that is dedicated to Excellence in Education. You are joining a great group of parents who are committed to supporting the Pharr learning community led by remarkable PTA Co-Presidents, Tamika Saba and Virginia Watkins. I am asking that at least one member from each family joins the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). It is my hope that families will embrace the many opportunities to volunteer in your child’s class and be actively involved in our school events. I want your support and look forward to working with you at Pharr.

Over the next couple of weeks, the school district should be done with installing a fence in the back of the school that will enclose the perimeter of the school’s property.
We will have our annual **Ice-Cream Social at Pharr for all students, staff, parents, and community members Wednesday, August 16, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.** on the basketball court. We encourage you to come on out and enjoy a pleasant time socializing as a school family eating ice-cream.

Listed below are some important information and dates for you to remember and hyperlinks for you to click on to help plan for a very productive start to the school year.

**Open House/Registration Friday, July 28, 2023**

- **9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.** Orientation/Registration for last names A-M
- **10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.** Orientation/Registration for last names N-Z

**Parent Portal**

Parents may update information for their child(ren) by using their parent portal. If you do not have a parent portal, please contact the registrar, Lisa Jackson at **lisa.y.jackson@gcpsk12.org**.

**Registration**

Registration for the upcoming school year may be accessed by visiting the Pharr website or by clicking here [registration](#). You can click on the link for registration. You may bring your required documents to complete this process during the week on the following days **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.**

**Expired Residency Affidavits and Leases** - If your child attends Pharr Elementary on a Residency Affidavit, you should have received a new form in the mail for the 2023-2024 school year at the end of May 2023. This form must be resubmitted each year along with the supporting documents. All forms must be returned prior to **July 21, 2023**, to keep your student on a class roster.

**Expired leases** need to be updated and returned to our registrar Lisa Jackson. All residency information needs to be up to date to attend Open House and the first day of school. If you have any questions, please contact the school at (770) 985 - 0244 press 2.

**Transportation**

- All Car Riders will receive a new car rider number and tag
- All families (new and returning) must complete a new car rider form

**School Supply List:**

[https://www.gcpsk12.org/domain/8226](https://www.gcpsk12.org/domain/8226)

**Free and Reduced Priced Meal Application**

[https://admin.nlappsccloud.com/statuslookup/SelectDistrict](https://admin.nlappsccloud.com/statuslookup/SelectDistrict)

**MyPaymentPlus**

[https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome](https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome)

Go Rams!!!

In the Pursuit of Excellence,

Shamarlas G. Allens, Ed. D.