



# The Mustang News

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*Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning. ~ Mr. Rogers*

## Message from the Principal

Welcome back to another fantastic year here at Palo Pinto Elementary! We are excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. Our mission is to provide the best of instruction for today and for the future. Our students will be prepared to meet the challenges in their lives. With that being said, we have great teachers here who spend hours planning and creating classroom activities to engage our students in learning. Our teachers use research-based best practices and analyze academic data to determine current skill levels and to set goals for growth and improvement.

It is a privilege to be a part of this community where parents, teachers, and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth. Please feel free to contact me at 940-659-2745 or [nrogers@palopintoisd.net](mailto:nrogers@palopintoisd.net).

Natalie Rogers  
Principal

## Upcoming Dates

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Labor Day; No School

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> - Grandparent's Luncheon

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> - Big Kahuna is due

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Bass Hall

Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> - PTO meeting at 3:45

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> - End of 1<sup>st</sup> Six Weeks

## Sharing the Road with School Buses

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. Never pass a bus from behind or from either direction, if you're on an undivided road, if it is stopped to load or unload children. If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop. The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus. Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to be unaware of hazards and take risks.

**A B C**s Of Student Success

**A** is for ATTENDANCE.

Attendance is a critical factor in any child's school success. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that happens on any school day with make-up work. Regular attendance and promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all levels of schooling and in the workplace. This year, make school a priority in your household. Commit to excellence in attendance. Your child's future depends on it!