



# BLACKLAND PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY

Round Rock ISD

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to another fast paced school year! We have been very busy making sure the learning environment at Blackland Prairie Elementary is optimized for your child. We have added some new faces to our staff family and encourage you to meet them and support them in their teaching efforts.

In kindergarten we have added Brittan Hough as a new teacher and have Karen Gustafson moving from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to kindergarten, and Monica Perez-Macias moving from first grade to kindergarten. First grade has three changes: Tammy Brinkley is returning after staying home for a year with her daughter, Lisa McNaron is joining the team after completing her Master's in reading and literacy, and Jaclyn Cox moved from kindergarten to first grade. Second and third grade do not have additional changes. In fourth grade we have added Mindy Germany as a Language Arts teacher. She has been in another capacity at BPE in previous years, as well as, Kelli Page whom is joining our Special Education team. Brenda Key has joined our fifth grade team, Alett Rosberg has joined the Wellness team, Macy Kauffman is our new TAG math teacher. Mark Fleming has joined the staff as the new Assistant Principal. He is coming to our campus from out of district where he was a principal. His level of knowledge and leadership will make our campus even stronger. For a campus this size, these few changes are a testament to the support teachers feel in our community.

Our Fall Festival is approaching in October and we are anticipating a great turn out for the event. If you are new to the campus you will be amazed at the level of participation and fun; if you are returning you will not be disappointed. PTA does a phenomenal job of making this festival memorable for everyone.

Parents that participated in the Donation Drive sponsored by PTA, we thank you for your generosity. PTA will have details about the drive in their newsletter. From all reports it was successful and catalog sales will not be part of our activities this year.

If you have not taken the time to read the Parent Handbook as it deals with traffic please do so. We have added additional Kiss Goodbye Zones and would appreciate your adherence to the guidelines as conveyed by teacher newsletter. We are concerned that some parents are still crossing the street at intersections that do not have crossing guards. We have asked our students to follow the rules; it is important for parents to model rule following and help keep our students safe.

Flu season is upon us and we encourage parents to follow the guidelines for keeping students home if they are running a fever or vomiting. We do not want widespread illness to strike. Our custodians are being diligent about the cleanliness of the desks and the rooms. Handwashing is also practiced with diligence.

I know this year will be the best year yet for Blackland Prairie and the community. Thank you for your continued support and suggestions as we progress toward an exemplary learning environment.

**Motto: Parents, students, and staff working together for academic excellence.**