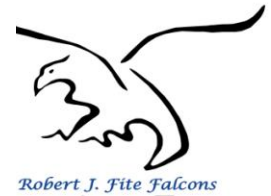




Robert J. Fite Elementary



Elizabeth Rueda, Principal

August 16, 2010

Falcon Families-

On behalf of the teachers and staff at Robert J. Fite Elementary, I would like to welcome you back to the start of the 2010-11 school year! I hope everyone had a fabulous break. We have many positive learning experiences to look forward to in the year ahead!

With the new school year comes change. We will be implementing some new programs and procedures this year to help make our campus an even more positive learning environment than it already is! Student incentive programs will be implemented to provide additional opportunities for our students to be recognized not only for academic growth and success, but also to acknowledge their wonderful citizenship attributes. Additionally, opportunities to increase our parental involvement on campus will also be provided through new programs such as WatchDOGS (Dads of Great Students) and MOMS (Mothers of Marvelous Students). More information about both of these programs will be discussed at our Back to School Night on August 19th.

Now is the perfect time to set your school year goals for your children. You may want to talk about your expectations of completing homework nightly including reading, respectful behavior, grades, and attendance. We need to set high expectations for all students- Children will rise to the occasion. Some ways you may support your child's education: provide all the tools needed for children to complete their homework (quiet place, light, pencils, etc.), check homework, ensure that your child gets plenty of sleep, help them develop organizational skills, check in regularly with your child's teacher, attend Back to School Night, join the PTO, volunteer in the classroom, provide encouragement, establish routines, and limit screen time (tv, video games, computer time, etc.).

We look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night on Thursday, August 19th, and we look forward to another great year at Fite!

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Important Dates

August 2010

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| August 16 | Welcome Back!
First Day of School
Minimum Day
1 st - 6 th 8:00- 12:30 p.m.
All Kinder- 8:00- 11:30 a.m. |
| August 19 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Kindergarten
Orientation – Classrooms |
| August 19 | 6:00 – 7:35 p.m. – Back to School
Night |
| August 20 | Summer Reading Program
Contract due (for those students
who returned the signed Agree-
ment in June) |
| August 25 | Great American Fundraiser
Kick-off |

A calendar with our new schedule is posted on the district's website calendar page at <http://www.egusd.net/calendars/index.cfm>. Scroll down and click on the 2010-2011 school year calendar to view. Hard copies of the new calendar will be sent home with students the first week of school.



Schoolwide Theme – Respect

NO Excuses
Go to School

Avoiding Classroom Interruptions

One of the most important goals at Robert J. Fite Elementary School is to enable teachers to teach and children to learn. In order to accomplish this goal, we are always looking for ways we can protect the valuable instructional time in the classroom from unnecessary interruptions. Parent requests to get messages to their child or teacher during the instructional day can significantly interrupt the teacher's ability to keep a concentrated focus on instruction. In an effort to cut down on classroom interruptions, we are asking our parents to help us by making every effort to set your day's plans with your children before sending them to school each day. Make sure they have their lunch or lunch money.

Every time a request is made for a message to be relayed to a student or teacher in a classroom, the office staff must relay the message by calling the classroom and interrupting the class. Since there is no way to determine if it is a time that would not disrupt learning in the classroom, sometimes these calls are made during important lessons or tests, or even when there are guest speakers.

Another way parents and guests can reduce classroom interruptions is to be sure to turn off cell phones (or put on silent) and avoid making phone calls or texting when visiting classrooms.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to preserve valuable instructional time. Your support is greatly appreciated by all!

- Fite Falcon Staff



Please take a moment to look at the PTO website. They did a fantastic job!

www.fitepto.org

New Programs and Incentives...

With the new school year comes change...new programs and incentives to help promote excellence in our students. Attendance, academics and citizenship are three areas that significantly impact our students' experiences in school. School should be a safe place where students are free to learn and express themselves in a positive environment. It is the hope of the staff of Robert J. Fite Elementary to promote excellence in these three areas:

- Attendance...We want our students to be here on time every day, as much as their good health and ability allows. Students' good attendance and punctuality will be acknowledged and rewarded.
- Academics...Every child achieving to their fullest potential. That doesn't mean everyone will be a straight-A student, but it does mean that everyone will do their best in their school work. Achievements can't be made without trying. Students will be encouraged to try their best on everything in every subject. Every student will find success in something just as every student will struggle in something. The key to success: Try, practice, try again.
- Citizenship/Social Development...Attendance and academics aside, the underlying vision for our school is that all students feel appreciated and valued. Kindness, consideration and good citizenship are integral parts to making that happen. Each month we focus on one character theme that umbrellas many smaller ones. For example, our first theme is RESPECT. Within respect, there is respect for oneself, others, environment, property, etc. Together, I know we will all have a fabulous year filled with success and positive experiences!

School Hours

Regular Day Schedule 1st – 6th

School Start Time 8:00 a.m.

School End Time 2:10 p.m.

Minimum Day Schedule 1st – 6th

School Start Time 8:00 a.m.

School End Time 12:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Hours:

AM Start Time 8:00 a.m.

AM End Time 11:30 a.m.

PM Start Time 10:40 a.m.

PM End Time 2:10 p.m.