

Education Extra

Point Isabel Independent School District

Point Isabel I.S.D. Regional School Board of the Year!

Region One Education Service Center Announces the Regional School Board of the Year.

The Region One Education Service Center announced the selection of Point Isabel Independent School District Board of Trustees as the Regional School Board of the Year. As a regional winner Point Isabel Independent School District Board of Trustees will represent the region in this year's Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) School Board Awards Program.

The School Board Awards Program recognizes those school boards across the state that have demonstrated outstanding dedication and rendered ethical service to the children of Texas.

Members of the 2010-2011 Point Isabel ISD Board are Merced Cantu, III, President; Jennifer Pinkerton, Vice-President; Ann Schroeder, Secretary; Olga Vega-Carter, Assistant Secretary; Rene Valdez, Trustee; Joseph "Mickey" Furcron, Trustee; and Cecilia Castillo, Trustee.

Nominations were submitted to the Region One Education Service Center and were reviewed by a committee of



Region One School Superintendents. "The Point Isabel ISD Board of Trustees has demonstrated through its actions and leadership how a school board should effectively function within a school district. We congratulate the Point Isabel I.S.D. School Board members on their receipt of this prestigious award and are proud to have them represent the Region One area," said Jack Damron, Region One ESC Executive Director. Five school boards from the State's twenty service centers will be selected and recognized as Texas Honor School Boards by the Texas Association of School Administrators.

Article by Annette S. Garcia, Region One Education Service Center

Welcome

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! We look forward to a wonderful year! This issue provides some reminders on Parent Portal, Blackboard Connect and school hours.

If you have any questions about our programs, or how you can become involved, please call any of our campuses at the following numbers:

Garriga Elementary:

956-943-0080.

Derry Elementary:

956-943-0070

Port Isabel Junior High:

956-943-0060

Port Isabel High School:

956-943-0030

We invite you to subscribe to our Education Extra District Newsletter. You can subscribe by visiting our school district website at www.pi-isd.net.

We look forward to a great 2011-2012 school year!

School Events

September 6

High School Senior presentation "Making College Count" at Auditorium at 9 a.m.

High School Junior presentation "Making Your College Search Count" at Auditorium at 10 a.m.

September 7

9th grade Parent Meeting at High School Library at 5:30 p.m.

September 14

Mr. Romero presenting "Homework Issues" (English) at Garriga at 1:30 p.m.

Progress Reports go out

September 15

High School Jazz Band Auditions at La Feria at 4:30 p.m.

September 17

High School Jazz All-State Taping at La Feria at 4:30 p.m.

September 19

Kindergarten - 2nd grade Beginning of Year TPRI Testing at Garriga

September 20

Regular School Board Meeting at Central Office Board Room at 6 p.m.

September 28

Mr. Romero presenting "Homework Issues" (Spanish) at Garriga at 1:30 p.m.

September 30

End of Six Weeks

Garriga Welcomes New Principal



True educators are always willing to improve and take on new challenges, Karen Harper has been with our district for 20+ years. Prior to moving to South Texas she taught special education and fifth grade in Memphis Tennessee.

She took a sabbatical from teaching to work in the aviation industry and begin her family (three fantastic PI Tarpons).

Karen found she really missed teaching and joined the Tarpon family. She has worked as a teacher at Derry and the Junior High. She was the first Region One GEAR UP facilitator for our district. She has been an administrator in the district, serving at the Junior High, High School and Central Office. We are glad she has found a home at Garriga!

School Hours:

These are the hours for the 2011-2012 school year. To confirm the hours for a particular school, contact the Point Isabel I.S.D. Central Office at 943-0000 or contact your child's school.

Garriga Elementary

7:45 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.

Derry Elementary

7:45 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.

Port Isabel Junior High

8:25 a.m. - 3:44 p.m.

Port Isabel High School

8:10 a.m. - 3:55 p.m.



Blackboard Connect-ED Service is an alert and notification service in which our schools can send periodic and personalized voice messages to parents within minutes.

Connect-Ed is used to complement our emergency preparedness procedures and to inform parents of upcoming school events such as statewide testing, fund-raisers and meetings.

It is very important that your child's school has the correct phone number. More information about Connect-ED may be found at www.blackboardconnect.com.



Parent Portal is a service which allows parents an opportunity to view their child's attendance, grades, assignments and schedules.

Parents are invited to utilize the District's txConnect (Parent Portal) Program for the 2011-2012 school year. The Parent Portal provides parents and guardians access to school-related information about their child's grades and attendance.

This information is available for access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via internet connection.

The parent(s) must contact the designated campus txConnect (Parent Portal) administrator to obtain their child's Parent Portal ID. The parent or guardian must pickup their child's portal ID from their child's campus to receive instructions on setting up a txConnect account.

Once the parent or guardian receives their child's Parent Portal ID, please visit www.pi-isd.net webpage and click on txConnect (Parent Portal) icon to access the Parent Portal website.

If you have any questions, please call your respective campus:

Port Isabel High School - 943-0030
Port Isabel Junior High - 943-0060
Derry Elementary - 943-0070
Garriga Elementary - 943-0080

Garriga da bienvenida a nueva directora



Karen Harper ha estado con nuestro distrito durante más de 20 años. Antes de trasladarse al sur de Texas fue profesora de educación especial y quinto grado en Memphis, Tennessee. Ella tomó un año sabático de enseñanza y trabajo en la industria de la aviación y comenzó su familia (tres fantásticos PI Tarpons).

Karen reconoció que ella realmente extrañaba la enseñanza y se unió a la familia de los Tarpons. Ha trabajado como profesora en Derry y Junior High. Ella fue la primera Facilitadora en GEAR UP Regional para nuestro distrito. Ha sido una administradora del distrito, sirviendo en Port Isabel Junior High, Port Isabel High School y la Oficina Central. ¡Nos alegramos de que ella ha encontrado un hogar en Garriga!

Horarios Escolares

Este es le horario para el año escolar 2011-2012.

Para confirmar el horario de una escuela en particular puede contactar la Oficina Central al 956-943-0000 o llame a la escuela de su hijo/a.

Garriga Elementary

7:45 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.

Derry Elementary

7:45 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.

Port Isabel Junior High

8:25 a.m. - 3:44 p.m.

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Blackboard Connect-ED, es un servicio de alerta y notificación. Con Connect-ED, nuestras escuelas pueden enviar mensajes personalizados periódicamente a los padres en cuestión de minutos.

Connect-ED se utiliza para complementar nuestros procedimientos de preparación para emergencias y para informar a los padres de eventos escolares. Es muy importante de que la escuela de su hijo/a obrenge los numeros telefonicos correctos. Para obtener mas informacion acerca de este nuevo sistema de Connect-ED, visite la pagina de internet www.blackboardconnect.com.



El Parent Portal es un servicio que permite a los padres la oportunidad de ver la asistencia, grados, las asignaciones y horarios de sus hijos.

Los padres están invitados a utilizar el programa TxConnect (Parent Portal) del distrito para el año escolar 2011-2012. El Parent Portal proporciona a los padres y guardianes acceso a la información relacionada con la escuela acerca de grados y la asistencia de sus hijos. Esta información está disponible para acceso 24 horas al día, 7 días a la semana a través de la conexión a internet.

Los padres podran ponerse en contacto con el administrador designada para obtener una identificacion de Parent Portal para su hijo/a. El padre o guardián debe recoger la identificacion de sus hijos para recibir instrucciones sobre cómo configurar una cuenta de txConnect. Una vez que el padre o gaurdian recibe una identificación de Parent Portal del estudiante, visite la página Web www.pi-isd.net y haga clic en el icono de txConnect (Parent Portal). Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor, llame a la escuela respectiva de su hijo/a:

Port Isabel High School - 943-0030

Port Isabel Junior High - 943-0060

Derry Elementary - 943-0070

Garriga Elementary - 943-0080

E ventos

Septiembre 6

Presentacion de High School Seniors "Making College Count" en el Auditorio a las 9 a.m.

Presentacion de High School Juniors "Making Your College Search Count" en el Auditorio a las 10 a.m.

Septiembre 7

Junta de Padres de estudiantes de 9o grado en la biblioteca de Port Isabel High School a las 5:30 p.m.

September 14

Sr. Romero presenta "Problemas de Tarea" (Ingles) en Garriga a la 1:30 p.m.

Reportes de Progreso

Septiembre 15

Audiciones para Banda de Jazz de High School en La Feria a las 4:30 p.m.

Septiembre 17

Grabacion para banda de Jazz de High School en La Feria a las 4:30 p.m.

Septiembre 19

Examen TPRI de Kindergarten a 2o grado en Garriga

Septiembre 20

Junta del Consejo Escolar Regular en la oficina Central a las 6 p.m.

Septiembre 28

Sr. Romero presenta "Problemas de Tarea" (Español) en Garriga a la 1:30 p.m.

September 30

Fin de seis semanas

Point Isabel I.S.D. 2011-2012 School Calendar

Port Isabel Tarpons



First Semester (84 Days)

First Day of Instruction: August 22, 2011
End Day of Instruction: December 21, 2011

Second Semester (96 Days)

First Day of Instruction: January 9, 2012
End Day of Instruction: May 31, 2012

Holidays for Staff and Students:

October 10, 2011

November 23-25, 2011

December 23, 2011 - January 6, 2012

March 12-16, 2012

April 6-9, 2012

May 28, 2012

□ Workdays

August 19, 2011
December 22, 2011
June 1, 2012

△ Staff Development

August 15-18, 2011

[] Six Weeks Periods:

1st = August 22 - September 30, 2011

2nd = October 3 - November 11, 2011

3rd = November 14 - December 21, 2011

4th = January 9 - February 17, 2012

5th = February 20 - April 13, 2012

6th = April 16 - May 31, 2012

Progress Reports:

September 14, 2011
October 26, 2011
December 7, 2011
February 1, 2012
March 21, 2012
May 9, 2012

Report Cards:

October 5, 2011
November 16, 2011
January 11, 2012
February 22, 2012
April 18, 2012
May 31, 2012

Bad Weather Dates:

October 10, 2011
May 28, 2012



Point Isabel I.S.D. Board Approved : March 22, 2011

STAAR / TAKS Test Dates

Oct. 18	Exit Level TAKS ELA (retest)
Oct. 19	Exit Level TAKS Math (retest)
Oct. 20	Exit Level TAKS Science (retest)
Oct. 21	Exit Level TAKS Social Studies (retest)
Mar. 5	Exit Level TAKS Social Studies (retest)
Mar. 7	Gr. 10 TAKS ELA Gr. 11 TAKS ELA Exit Level TAKS ELA (retest)
Mar. 8	Exit Level TAKS Math (retest)
Mar. 9	Exit Level TAKS Science (retest)
Mar. 26	Gr. 5 STAAR Math (Eng. & Span.) Gr. 8 STAAR Math STAAR English I Writing STAAR English III Writing
Mar. 27	Gr. 5 STAAR Reading (Eng. & Span.) Gr. 8 STAAR Reading STAAR English I Reading STAAR English III Reading Gr. 4 STAAR Writing (Eng. & Span.) Day 1 Gr. 7 STAAR Writing Day 1
Mar. 28	Gr. 4 STAAR Writing (Eng. & Span.) Day 2 Gr. 7 STAAR Writing Day 2 STAAR English II Writing STAAR English II Reading
Mar. 29	Gr. 10 TAKS LAT Math
Apr. 23	Gr. 3-4 STAAR Math (Eng. & Span.)
Apr. 24	

Apr. 25	Gr. 3-4 STAAR Reading (Eng. & Span.) Gr. 6-7 STAAR Reading Gr. 11 TAKS Math Exit Level TAKS Math (retest)
Apr. 26	Gr. 5 STAAR Science (Eng. & Span.) Gr. 8 STAAR Science Gr. 10 TAKS Science Gr. 10 TAKS LAT Science Gr. 11 TAKS Science
Apr. 27	Exit Level TAKS Science (retest) Gr. 8 STAAR Social Studies Gr. 10 TAKS Social Studies Gr. 11 TAKS Social Studies Exit Level TAKS Social Studies (retest)
May 7	STAAR Algebra I
May 8	STAAR U.S. History
May 9	STAAR Biology
May 10	STAAR Geometry
May 11	STAAR World Geography
May 14	STAAR Physics
May 15	STAAR World History
May 16	STAAR Algebra II

May 17	STAAR Chemistry
July 9	STAAR World Geography STAAR Geometry STAAR English III Writing Exit Level TAKS ELA (retest)
July 10	STAAR Algebra I STAAR English II Writing STAAR English III Reading Exit Level TAKS Math (retest)
July 11	STAAR Biology STAAR English II Reading STAAR Algebra II Exit Level TAKS Science (retest)
July 12	STAAR English I Writing STAAR Chemistry STAAR U.S. History Exit Level TAKS Social Studies (retest)
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