

Hello,

As the superintendent of AISD, I want to welcome you to the 2011-2012 school year! This new year is going to be a very productive, very exciting year for students and staff. Each year brings new challenges and new adventures. All children come to school eager to learn, and educators in our district are committed to making sure that the learning environment allows them to continue to be enthusiastic seekers of knowledge. Teachers accept nothing less than the best from all students and hold fast to their dreams of what students can become.

Teachers recognize that every student has unique characteristics and that instruction must be differentiated to meet their needs. Teachers are role model for students, both at school and away from school.

There have been significant financial challenges across the state this year; in AISD we are starting the year with three less teaching positions, four less paraprofessional positions, and one less maintenance position.

We are continuing this year with two Pre-Kindergarten classes. Pre-Kindergarten provides an excellent learning opportunity for students. AISD will continue to serve students who qualify as economically disadvantaged, English Language Learners, homeless, or children of military families in Pre-Kindergarten. Additionally parents may pay \$110 per week for a student who does not meet eligibility criteria to attend Pre-Kindergarten. This is an increase of \$20 per week over last year. Pre-kindergarten allows students to develop language skills and other readiness skills and be ready for kindergarten.

Maintenance projects at MS/HS over the summer have included six rooms of carpet at MS/HS, painting in classrooms and inside buildings, library renovation, teacher workroom renovation at MS, and completing a cover for bus students at AIS.

Reserved seating for football games will be sold for the third time this year. Reserved seats will be available to the public beginning August 16. You may buy at the administration building. Tickets for the season are \$50 and include all the home games.

State accountability ratings were released July 29. Argyle Intermediate School, Argyle Middle School, and Argyle High School are all exemplary; Hilltop is academically acceptable.

District state accountability rating was recognized. Federal accountability showed the district and all campuses meeting adequate yearly progress (AYP).

Argyle High School finished second in 3A for the Lone Star Cup. Lone Star Cup represents the accumulation of the largest number of UIL points in the state in 3A. Academics, athletics, and fine arts are all included.

I became your superintendent in January of 2009. My own background of experience includes teacher, counselor, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent. Please feel free to contact me at any time. I am honored to serve you and your children.

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