



Special Programs Department 1st Six Weeks Newsletter

Official Welcome

First, let me officially welcome all of you to the 2018-2019 school year. Many of you I have had the pleasure of meeting face to face or speak with over the phone. For those I have not had the pleasure of meeting, I would like to introduce myself.

My name is Sharone Woolen. I have been in education for over 20 years. I am a Marshall native and graduate of E.T.B.U. I have had the honor to serve as both a district and regional teacher of the year. This year, I have the pleasure of serving you and your child as the Interim Special Education Director.

My department and I are excited about this year and the great accomplishments we know will take place with our students. Our department goal is to open the line of communication with our parents, put the needs of our students first, and add value to every child that we have been blessed to work with this year.

We are going to need your help this year to ensure that success is obtainable for the student's that we serve in MISD. Anything is possible when we work together. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

I would love the chance to meet you at our 2nd Annual Special Programs Fair on October 29 hosted at Price T. Young Elementary from 5:30-7:00. This will be a great opportunity to meet the staff, gather information and have some FUN with your child.

Keep It Going

We will continue year two of implementing Co-Teach into grades 3-12. This research based approach to learning has already shown great gain for the students. Our department also plans to continue individual parent training sessions for those who are interested.

Maverick Tip #1

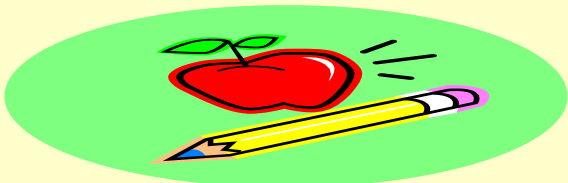
Your child's teachers will be a significant person in his/her life. Build a strong positive relationship with them. This will help keep an open line of communication and ensure that both parties are working together to build your child's learning capacity. Find out when your child's teacher conference will be should there be a need to schedule a conference. Let your child know that you respect his/her teacher.

Maverick Tip #2

Share information with your child's teacher if there is a change in the home that may affect your child's learning. For example, loss of a loved one, new arrival to the family, or major change in the routine.

Maverick Tip #3

Set high expectations from the start. Encourage them to grow this year and enter each day with the mindset of knowing that school is a place for learning and building positive relationships. Check their grades, progress reports, and report cards. Communicate with your child and their teacher about their progress.



Maverick Tip #4

Promote effective study habits. Helping your child build homework and study skills is one of the most important ways you can help them succeed in school. Create a regular time and place to do homework that is quiet and interruption free. Be supportive by holding them accountable for getting it done. If your child is active in sports and other activities, please don't let them think that it is more important than being prepared for school.

Reminders to Students

- Be respectful to your teachers and peers
- Always, always try your best
- Remember You Can Do It!!!



A Special Thank You to BlueCross Blue Shield!!!

Special thanks to the BlueCross Blue Shield team of Marshall, Texas for donating school supplies to the special education department. Our department will also be working closely with BlueCross in promoting a love for reading this year. They will have opportunities to come out and read to our MISD students. We are excited for this new partnership.



Reminders to Parents

Your child will need the following supplies this year:

1. Your encouragement
2. Positive Attitude
3. Consistency
4. Involvement
5. Communication
6. Encouragement
7. Accountability

Dates to Remember

- October 18** – Early Release/Parent Conferences
October 19 – Student Holiday
November 9 - End of 2nd 6 Weeks

COMING SOON!



36th Annual Fire Ant Festival
Saturday, October 13, 2018
Downtown Marshall
Parade begins at 10am

We will feature the Fidelity Communications Main Stage with Concert and Street Dance, expanded Children's area with monster inflatables, TourDeFireAnt long distance bike ride, FireAnt 5K, Toddler Trot, Kids K, FireAnt Festival parade, Diaper Derby, Gurning contest, Chicken Chunkin' contest, Kids Dance Contest and dozens of vendors to delight the young and old alike.

TPAC Meeting

Transition Parent Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 16, 2018
5:30-6:30 @ TSTC-Marshall

A MISD Graduate will be presenting his experiences with College life.
ETxARDC will be presenting information on services they are able to provide.
Childcare will be provided for younger students

Thursday Oct. 25th
FALL FESTIVAL HAYRIDE AND PETTING ZOO
3PM TO 8PM
THE LANDING EVENT CTR.
14278 HWY 322 NORTH KILGORE



2nd Annual Special Programs Fair
October 29, 2018
5:30-7:00 at Price T. Young Elementary

We will have representatives from our department as well as outside resources available to assist you in your child's educational needs for inside and outside of school. We hope to see you there!!!!!!!!!!!!