

INSIDE CAMERON ISD

Knowledge, Integrity, Truth, Wisdom, Honor, & Ethics

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- *Cameron ISD Lowers Tax Rate*
- *Senior Yoemen Club Card*
- *Texas Kids First Insurance*
- *CISD Scholarship Foundation Gives to Graduates*

Superintendent's Message

Congratulations to all CISD employees, students, and parents for making the school start and the first weeks of school successful. Once again, I was impressed by the organizational procedures of each campus and various departments in working with our children at the beginning of school through the next weeks.

We begin another school year with over 1600 students and 238 employees. Everyone is working diligently for academic success. Our staff will continue to provide a safe and disciplined learning environment for our students. Cameron ISD has a vision for students that include both academic and character development. Along with emphasizing high academic standards, we encourage our students to be involved in extra-curricular activities to fulfill this vision.

Our outstanding students deserve the very best that our staff, parents, and community have to offer. Please feel welcome to visit our schools and extra-curricular events in support of our children.

Sincerely,

Rodney Fausett
Superintendent

CAMERON ISD LOWERS TAX RATE

The Cameron Independent School District conducted a Public Hearing and set the Tax Rate and Budget for the 2009-10 school year. The Tax Rate was adopted in two separate components, \$1.04 for Maintenance & Operations and \$.27 cents for Debt Service. The total Tax Rate for the 2009-10 school year was recommended by Superintendent Rodney Fausett to be set at \$1.31, which is a decreased of \$.03 cents from last year.

The 2009-10 Budget for the year was approved by function in the amount of \$12,813,774.00. The budget will provide a per pupil expenditure of \$6,067 in instruction, an increase of over \$500 from last year. With the rising cost of insurance, the District will provide an additional contribution to each employee.

“The 2009-10 budget provides a quality educational environment for our students and staff in difficult economic times without placing any additional burden on our taxpayers by lowering the tax rate.”

YOEMEN COLLEGIATE ATHLETES

The Cameron Independent School District would like to recognize former Yoe graduates who participated in college athletics. We are asking individuals to provide an 8X10 college photograph to be placed in the Yoe Field House. Photos may be mailed or delivered to Cameron ISD Administration Office or the Yoemen Field House. If you have any questions, please contact Superintendent Rodney Fausett or the Athletic Director, Rick Rhoades.

“TEXAS KIDS FIRST” INSURANCE

Our school district has purchased an All School Blanket Insurance policy for Student and Athletic accidents. It has been done without any cost to you as parents. This policy covers all school activities including classroom, supervised UIL activities, vocational, PE, playground, etc.

The blanket plan is secondary to all insurance (except C.H.I.P., Medicaid, Military or other government insurance). If parents have other insurance, theirs will be primary. If they do not have insurance, our blanket policy becomes primary.

There are a number of network providers that are available to our students (especially if they do not have any other insurance). The Cameron ISD cares about its children.



Character Education

Cameron ISD is continuing our district-wide character education program this year focused on the Yoemen Pillars of Character: *Ethics, Honesty, Knowledge, Wisdom, Integrity, and Truth*. Students receive weekly age-appropriate instruction aligned with one of the pillars during a six week period.



Teddy Roosevelt once stated “To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society”. Cameron ISD realizes that success in life requires academic skills working in conjunction with refined character traits. A 2006 research article in Phi Delta Kappan emphasized the need to teach character education in both extra curricular activities as well as within the core

classroom. The Peaceful Schools Project recently cited that schools who have implemented character education program have higher academic achievement than those who do not. Also, research emphasizes the need to involve the community in character education initiatives and our district ask you to engage our youth in discussion centered around the Yoemen Pillars of Character when they are in the community.

SENIOR YOEMEN CLUB CARD

Any Cameron Independent School District citizen over 65 years of age is eligible for a Senior Yoemen Club Card. The Senior Yoemen Club Card will allow citizens to come to any Cameron ISD sponsored extra-curricular event free of charge. CISD wants to encourage our Senior Yoemen to attend all school events. To obtain a Senior Yoemen Club Card, visit the Yoe High School kiosk or front desk and present your Drivers License. Any questions or further information may be obtained from Rodney Fausett, Cameron ISD Superintendent.



Cameron Elementary Holds Grandparents Day Luncheon

Cameron Elementary School held it's annual Grandparents Day Luncheon on Monday, September 14th. Grandparents of students were invited to come and eat lunch with their grandchild and enjoy a meal of enchiladas, beans, salad, peaches, and their choice of milk or iced tea. Over 130 guests attended the luncheon and enjoyed food and fellowship with their students. Students and grandparents alike enjoyed the time they were able to spend together over a hot tasty meal.

New Certification Courses

Yoe High School has initiated two new courses this year which will allow students to work toward industry licensure. The Veterinary Pathway is a sequence of three courses which will provide students the opportunity to learn about small and large animal care as well as graduate with a Veterinary Assistant Certification. The courses are taught by Lana McDermott.

Cisco Networking Academy is a comprehensive e-learning program that enables students to develop valuable information and communication technology skills. Students will be provided the opportunity to earn a Cisco Certification Entry Network Technician licensure after one year of study and earn a Cisco Certification Network Associate licensure after fulfilling two years of study. The course is taught by Kyle Deal.

Both Veterinary Technologist and Networking Systems are listed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as being two of the five career pathways that will show the largest increase in labor demand between 2006 and 2016. Our district is currently exploring the possibility of implementing a High Science Certification program in the future which will meet another high-demand career field. Cameron ISD is proud to be able to provide our students with these opportunities to be workforce ready upon graduation from Yoe High School.



Cameron ISD & The Texas Girls Coaches Association Recognizes Coach Linda Richter

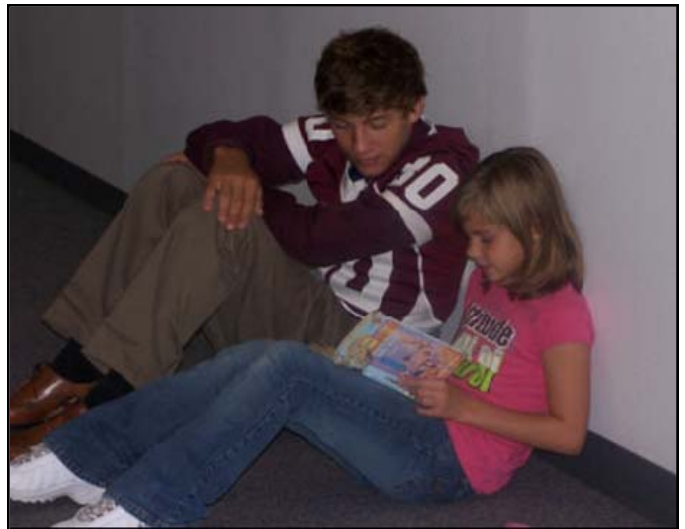


Lady Yoe Head Track Coach Linda Richter was recently acknowledged and received recognition by the Texas Girls Coaches Association and Cameron ISD for Career Victories in Track & Field. Coach Richter has served the CISD for over thirty years. Coach Richter's resume in track includes; 21 District Championships, 3 Regional Championships, 2 Regional Runner-Up Titles, 1 State Runner-Up Title, and 2 Third Place finishes at State. Nine Lady Yoe athletes have been selected as Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Stars along with numerous All-State and Academic All-State athletes. She has also been selected twice the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star Coach in Track & Field.

Cameron ISD is very proud of Coach Linda Richter and her accomplishments. She is an integral part of our school district and athletics.

CAMERON ISD "READ TO SUCCEED"

The Cameron ISD "Read to Succeed" Program is designed to benefit both academic and social needs of our students. Elementary students from Ben Milam and Cameron Elementary benefit from having Yoe High students read to them who they view as role models. The Yoe High students benefit because they see the influence they have on younger students of the district. The long term goal is for our younger Yoemen to aspire to be mentors when they reach high school. This activity occurs periodically throughout the school year on Fridays.





CAMERON ISD ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Mr. Rodney Fausett, Superintendent
- ◆ Dr. George Willey, Assistant Superintendent
- ◆ Mr. Tommy Hooker, Yoe High School Principal
- ◆ Mr. Brian Stork, Yoe High School Assistant Principal
- ◆ Miss Missi Giesenschlag, Cameron Junior High School Principal
- ◆ Mr. Kenneth Driska, Cameron Elementary School Principal
- ◆ Mr. Danny Hoffman, Cameron Junior High/Elementary Asst. Principal
- ◆ Mr. Ronny Welborn, Ben Milam Elementary School Principal

CISD SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION CONTINUES TO GIVE

The school district and community are very fortunate to have a foundation dedicated to provide scholarships yearly to its graduates. Since its creation in 2002, the scholarship foundation has funded \$286,331 in scholarships to Yoe High School graduates. The scholarships are completely funded by the community and its donations. Sixty percent of Yoe High graduates this past year are attending post-secondary institutions.

In 2009, the foundation established the “Commemorative Brick Project” at Yoe Field. The vision to enhance Yoe Field with brick walkways while at the same time raise scholarships funds has been established with success. At Homecoming this year, a dedication for the project was held.

Everyone has the opportunity to be a part of this project which supports Yoe Field and Yoe High graduates. CISD is very appreciative of the work and efforts in financial support the Foundation provides for Yoe High graduates.

Please visit our school website @ www.cameronisd.net

CAMERON ISD BOOSTER CLUBS

Yoemen Athletic Booster Club

The Cameron Yoemen Athletic Booster Club meets each Monday night at 7:00 PM in the Lester & Beatrice Williams Strength & Conditioning Center. All Yoemen supporters are welcome!

Yoemen Band Booster Club

The Band Booster Club meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Band Hall.

Yoemen FFA Booster Club

The FFA Booster Club meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Yoe High School Cafeteria or the Ag Building.

