

Hello Ross Families,

I am Susan Hendricks, the proud principal at Ross Elementary in Odessa, Texas. I would like to take a few moments to share a great opportunity our campus is a part of this year, and what it has done for our and campus. We are now an Opportunity Culture campus. This means that our campus is funding exceptional teachers, called Multi-classroom leaders, in each grade level 2nd-5th, who coach, train, co-plan, and closely teach beside other teachers on their grade level and across grade levels. This is helping build capacity and excellent teachers so that your child has challenging, quality learning in every subject and every grade level. To this point, we have seen some great gains in our students. Our number one AI

Also, Ross is a Title 1 campus. If you are not aware, Title 1 is a federally funded program that provides supplemental funding to state and local educational agencies so they can receive additional education resources serving high numbers of students in poverty. This number is determined by the number of students we have here at Ross that qualify for free and reduced meals.

Title 1 helps ensure that ALL children at Ross, regardless of their economic status, are able to achieve at high academic standards with challenging curriculum. Title 1 requires campuses to spend their funds in a particular way. This year, at Ross, we have used our Title 1 monies to fund many of the resources your child uses on a daily basis. These include SeeSaw in Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades, Lonestar Math and Reading for all grades, which is used to repeat the teaching of hard to teach standards, and tutoring for those who need more growth opportunities based on data. Because growth is one of our biggest goals at Ross, much of our Title 1 funds has gone toward tutoring and tutoring materials.

Two other things required by Title 1 are the Ross student/parent/teacher/and administrator compact and Parent Involvement Policy. These are posted on our Ross website for your review.

When you get a chance review our Ross Campus Improvement Plan. We are always looking for ways to improve, so any feedback you have is greatly appreciated. You can email me this feedback at susan.hendricks@ectorcountyisd.org.

I am truly honored to be the principal at Ross Elementary and can't wait to see all the wonderful things to come.