



# China Elementary School

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To our Parents and Patrons:

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year at China Elementary. This will be our 5th year in this beautiful new building. We are all still so excited about the opportunity to teach in such a wonderful facility and are appreciative of the parents and patrons who supported our 2011 bond issue to make this dream a reality.

We have a great group of students who work very hard, and their efforts were well rewarded last year. CE received a "Rewards Campus" rating from TEA. We are proud of this rating because it is given to the campuses that show significant progress in student academic growth. We know that this year will be another year of record-breaking events. We will begin by introducing our new staff. We are so excited to have them join our team of outstanding educators and are happy to welcome them to our CE family.

### **Renee Cash**

Assignment: 5<sup>th</sup> grade math

Renee graduated from PNG high school. She attended LU and graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. She is certified Generalist EC-6 and Math/Science 4-8 and has an ESL Certification. She has a total of 4 years experience at West Hardin Elementary. She lives in Pinewood.

### **Sharon Smalley**

Assignment: Special Education

Sharon graduated from French High in Beaumont, attended LU and has her degree in Special Education. She has completed 39 hours toward her Guidance and Counseling degree. She has spent 22 years in education, always teaching some area of SP Ed She has taught in Brazos ISD, Katy, ISD, Lamar CISD, and was formerly a special Ed teacher at our Henderson Middle School for 12 years (75-87). She has been our Para in our behavior unit for the last year. She lives in Nome.

### **Natasha Hargraves Easley**

Assignment: Technology

Natasha graduated from HF high school. She attended LU and graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree in Family Consumer Science. She is certified Generalist EC-4, Generalist 4-8 and Business Education 6-12. She has a total of 6 years experience at BISD, Vidor and Clear Creek. She spent three years at Clear Brook High School where she was part of the staff in the on-campus pre-school program. She has taught BCIS, Keyboarding in the high school and Technology electives to 5-6 grade students in Vidor. She just got married and she and her husband live in Beaumont.

### **Krystan Morrell**

Assignment: Special Education Para-professional

Krystan graduated from West Brook and attended U of H where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology. She has an Elementary Physical Education (K-8) certificate and is working on her Special Education one. We will share her with the high school; she is our swim coach for the high school swim team. She lives in Beaumont.

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## **Theresa Benoit**

Assignment: ESL Para-professional

Theresa graduated from Dickinson High School and earned her Bachelor of Science degree from LU, majoring in Health. She has an EC-6 Generalist certification. She lives in China with her husband Chuck and two children, both who attend CE.

**Changes:** Trish Mattison will teach P.E. Nancy Shipman will be our nurse and Susan Allen will be our Instructional Technologist. Even though the VI teacher and student have moved to the middle school, their transcriptionist, Shelly Ardoin, will be housed on our campus – at least for the time being.

We are also excited to welcome an increasing number of new students. Here is a brief look at our schedule and procedures to inform our new parents and to remind our “old” parents. In the mornings, all students will go to the cafeteria when they arrive. At 7:30 those who do not eat school breakfast will go to the gym. Car riders who arrive after 7:30 will go to the cafeteria even if they do not eat school breakfast. Breakfast is served beginning at 7:15. Opening exercises (Pledges, Motto, and Moment of Silence) will be held in both the cafeteria and gym. Classes will begin at 7:55. We ask that parents in the halls during opening exercises please observe this routine with us. We want our students to see all adults showing respect for our flag.

You received a packet of papers on the first day. Please fill them out and return as soon as possible. Some of you will look at the registration form and remember that you have already filled it out. We are sending it home again to be sure that we have the most current information for you. It is used as the emergency care card. Only the persons you list on this form will be able to pick your child up. They will need identification when they come to pick up your child. You can't have too many emergency numbers. If any of the information changes during the year, please call and give the changes to Ms. Corbello. The Parent-Student Handbook for our district has been posted to [www.hjisd.net](http://www.hjisd.net). The second page of the registration form has a signature page that tells us that you have reviewed this document. If you don't have Internet access, please send a note to your child's teacher, and we will send you a paper copy.

Our time schedule is the same as last year. The bell sounds to begin classes at 7:55. The tardy bell rings at 8:05. If you arrive after 8:05, we ask that you come in with your children to help them get their tardy slips. The dismissal bell sounds at 3:25. Kindergarten through fifth grade classes will be in instructional mode until 3:25, and we ask that you help us by not picking your child up before 3:25. However, prekindergarten children may be picked up at 3:00. Personnel will be in place at 7:00 and remain until 4:00 to help accommodate working parents.

We have several additional changes and plan to send that information to you in the next few days. Our web page is a great place to get information about our campus.. All letters and important information that we send to parents will be archived on this page. Be sure to like our Face Book page, China Elementary. If you are not getting e-mail messages from our office, be sure to send a message and ask to be added to our campus contact list.

We are excited about the possibilities this new school year offers. There's just something so energizing about new crayons and pencils and excited little faces! We thank you in advance for the support we have come to depend on from you. Remember that we have an open door policy on our campus. We know that our students will do well when we all work together. If you have a concern or question at any time in the year, please call or stop by. We look forward to seeing you during the year as we work to make this an EXEMPLARY year at China Elementary!

Sincerely,  
Sandra Sherman, Principal  
Dianne Timberlake, Assistant Principal