

The Zwink Link

High Expectations...High Support!

June 2015

Welcome Zwink's Next Counselor!

After 42 years of service in public education, our wonderful Zwink counselor, Janet Watson, is retiring. Janet's leadership has been instrumental in successfully establishing our Zwink core values and in receiving the National School of Character distinction this year. We will all miss Ms. Watson's warm smile and wisdom, and we wish her nothing but the best in this next season of her life!



Several weeks ago, a team of Zwink educators--including Mrs. McGown, Ms. Watson, and Ms. Turner-- interviewed Ms. Collier and immediately knew she would be the perfect person to serve Zwink in this role. Ms. Collier is looking forward to serving the Zwink community by providing "high support" to students, families, and faculty. She is a Klein ISD graduate and is proud to serve the community in which she was raised. She graduated from Texas A&M University and began her teaching career as a kindergarten teacher in Houston ISD. It was not long before she began her career in Klein ISD as a kindergarten teacher at Schultz Elementary and school counselor at Roth Elementary. This year concludes her 13th year in education, four as a teacher and nine as a school counselor. Ms. Collier has been recognized as the first educator in Klein ISD to receive the Walter Kase Award, as a Distinguished Educator Nominee by Sam Houston State University, awarded the Above and Beyond Recognition by the Spring Klein Chamber of Commerce, Klein ISD Board Employee Recognition and Campus Support Staff Person of the Year. She enjoys watching Texas A&M football and baseball with her husband, Aaron and son, Hayes. She shares that "she is looking forward to building a meaningful relationship with the Zwink team by living and leading the Zwink core values!"

Meet the Teacher, August 20th, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Meet the Teacher in August. At this come-and-go event, you can meet your child's teacher, purchase spirit shirts, join the PTO, and get signed up to volunteer. We hope to see all of your smiling faces in August!

School Supplies

Please remember to order your school supplies **online**. They are only for sale online this year and all ordered supply packs will be delivered to your child's classroom prior to Meet the Teacher on August 20th. The deadline for ordering is **June 30th**. Go to www.epipacks.com. The school ID is ZWI000.

A complete list of the supplies for each grade level is also posted on the campus website.

Summer Reading Program

Zwink Elementary led the way in KISD by providing a fun and motivating summer reading program for our wonderful zebras. Research has shown that children who do not read during the summer will LOSE reading skills! It is called the "Summer Slide" for a reason: *students can slide down two to three reading levels (or more) if they skip summer reading!* Because we know that reading is the basis for all other learning and future success, we have a program designed to make summer reading fun for our Zwink Super Leaders! Please visit our school website at zwink.kleinisd.net to learn about the 20 activities you can complete as you read during the summer. Complete **at least 11** of the activities (one for each week of summer) to participate in our summer reading celebration held in September! Keep reading, Zebra League! 😊

Be the One Wherever You Are!

Wherever you go and whatever you do this summer, Zebras, be the one wherever you are! Think about our core values of educational excellence, prized relationship, collaborative community, an attitude of gratitude, and intentional loyalty in all that you say and do. Our Zwink core values are values we can live and lead no matter where we are or what we are doing. Good luck to our amazing fifth graders as they head off to middle school—we are proud of you and will miss you! We hope everyone has an incredible and safe summer! 😊

I Will Miss You, Zebras! * A Note From Mrs. McGown

There are not enough words to express my "attitude of gratitude" for all the love, support, and kindness the entire Zwink community has shown me since we first opened this amazing school together three years ago. Thank you for being the most incredible students, parents, and community in the world! I celebrate all that we have accomplished together for our zebras, and I know that Zwink will continue to be a leader in educational excellence and student character in the future. I wish nothing but the best for Zwink, and I'll always be a Zwink zebra at heart! Continue to live and lead our core values in all that you do!

It has been a true joy serving Zwink as your principal!

Love, Mrs. McGown