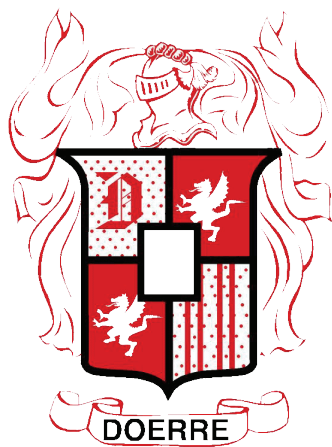


Doerre Smoke Signals

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From the Principal's Desk

The 2009-2010 Doerre school year has opened with an enrollment of 1331 students, and the first six-weeks have already come and gone. Perhaps the most exciting news for parents is the initiation of a new parent tool called Parent Connection. This is an online access to student grades and attendance. As soon as teachers enter their grades into an online grade book, parents have access to their child's daily/major grades. A letter was sent home in September outlining the steps necessary for a parent to gain access. Parents need only visit our website to set up an account. It is also easy to select triggers that will notify them via email if their child's grade falls below a certain level.

So far, the reviews are overwhelmingly positive. Parents are very much appreciative of the capability to monitor their children's daily/major grades at any given time of the six-weeks. Some parents are signing on daily to check progress. Teachers like the communication this opens up for them. Parent's need only click one button to e-mail the teacher if they have questions or concerns about any of the grades.

What a powerful tool this has turned out to be. In this age of technology, Klein has taken the extra step to provide academic information at the fingertip of every caring parent. Doerre parents, as always, are supporting their children by monitoring academic progress.

Parents may contact our front office if they have questions or are having difficulties signing on. Parent Connection is one more Klein tool that will ensure success of all students.

E.Z.E.

Erase Zeroes Entirely (E.Z.E.) is a program at Doerre that strives to help students finish incomplete or missing assignments. In E.Z.E. a student is given the opportunity to complete late work during their lunch period. This assignment will be turned in to the student's teacher for partial credit.

On a student's assigned day(s) of E.Z.E., he or she may choose to bring a sack lunch from home, or the student can purchase a box lunch from the cafeteria. Students will work and eat simultaneously until the assignment has been completed. The student may return to the cafeteria on the day following the completion of the E.Z.E. assignment.

Help Support the PTO

T Jin's Night Oct. 14, Nov. 11, and Dec. 9
 Lenny's Night Oct. 20, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16
 Red Ribbon Week Oct 19 – 23

Look for Spirit Items to be Delivered Soon!

Counselors' Corner

Doerre's Counselors Are Here to Help!

Following is the listing of Doerre's counselors. Students are assigned alphabetically by the first letter of their last name:

A – F: Ms. Scott
Gr – Ma: Ms. Lakin
Mb – Sn: Ms. Luedeker
So – Z: Ms. Kirk

Special Ed. Case Manager
Ms. Lesley Fontenot

Progress Report Dates:

October 29, 2009
December 17, 2009
February 11, 2010
April 1, 2010
May 13, 2010

Report Card Dates:

October 9, 2009
November 20, 2009
January 22, 2010
March 5, 2010
April 23, 2010
Final report cards will be mailed.

Report Card Copies

There will be a \$.50 fee for each lost report card that must be replaced. See Mrs. Maxwell in the counselors' office if you need a duplicate copy.

Upcoming Activities:

October:

Red Ribbon Week

January:

January 26, 2009: Open House
High School Course Selections
8th Grade Parent Conferences

February:

7th Grade Course Selections
6th Grade Course Selections

Student Attendance

If a student is present during the school day but leaves for a doctor/dental appointment, his absence(s) will be removed for the periods missed that day if he presents a note to the attendance office from the medical professional immediately upon returning to school (before returning to class).

If a student misses more than 15 minutes of a class, he is considered absent from that class.

Withdrawing a Student from School

Parents who are planning to withdraw their children from Doerre should contact the Doerre Registrar, Mrs. Maxwell, as soon as you are aware of the move. There is a form required by the State of Texas that needs to be completed and signed by the student's parent **BEFORE THE WITHDRAWAL PROCESS CAN BEGIN**. The withdrawal process itself takes an entire school day. At the end of the day, the student will have the withdrawal papers necessary to enroll in the new school. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Maxwell at 832-249-5687 or email her at jmaxwell1@kleinisd.net.

Promotion Policy

To be promoted in grades 6-8, a student must attain an average of 70 or above in language arts (including reading improvement if it is taken) and mathematics (including mathematics improvement if it is taken). In addition, the student must have 70 or above in science and a 70 or above average in social studies. Finally, the student must have an overall average in all subjects of 70 or above. 8th graders must pass both the TAKs Reading and TAKs Math. Those students who do not meet the promotion guidelines will be retained in their current grade.

New Student Breakfast

The counselors hosted a New Student Breakfast on September 25, 2009. It was a great success! This provided the new students a wonderful opportunity to meet other new students. We had drawings for Doerre spirit shirts. We are so excited to welcome our new Doerre Warriors!

Getting 6th Graders Organized

On September 16, 2009 counselors presented organization tips for locker, notebooks and binder-reminders to the 6th graders through their social studies classes. Students also received a handout with tips on becoming a successful 6th grader.

Credit by Exam

Klein ISD students enrolled in grades 6-12 may earn credit for courses for which they have had no prior classroom instruction through a process known as "Credit by Examination" or CBE. An example of "Credit by Examination" might be a native speaker in a foreign language, such as Spanish or French. The student is awarded credit by earning a grade of 90 or better on the exam. The credit is posted on the student's transcript; however, the test grade is not calculated in the rank in class. Students may obtain more information about CBE from their school counselor.

The clinic has Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) forms. Please call (832-249-5678) or email Mrs. Nauman (knauman@kleinisd.net) to receive a form.

Credit by Exam Schedule for 2009–2010

In 2009–2010, KISD secondary students may attempt to earn Credit by Exam without prior classroom instruction on eight possible dates throughout the school year.

Date of Exam	Registration Period	Test Location	Time
Tuesday, October 6, 2009	August 3—September 4	TBA	4:30–7:30
Tuesday, November 10, 2009	September 7—October 2	TBA	4:30–7:30
Tuesday, January 5, 2010	October 5—November 6	TBA	4:30–7:30
Tuesday, February 23, 2010	November 9—January 15	TBA	4:30–7:30
Tuesday, March 30, 2010	January 18—February 19	TBA	4:30–7:30
Tuesday, May 4, 2010	February 22—March 31	TBA	4:30–7:30
Tuesday, June 1, 2009	April 1—April 30	TBA	4:30–7:30
Tuesday, July 6, 2009	May 3—May 30	TBA	4:30–7:30

Parent Reminder

Please assist us in the handling of custody related issues. It is the responsibility of the parents to provide the principal a certified copy of the court order affecting any other person's right to their children. Should you have any questions please contact: Ms. Saccomanno at 832-249-5700.

Being Neighborly

Parents attending activities on Doerre property are asked to refrain from parking on the following streets adjacent to the school: Knurled Oak, Silver Shadows and Trace Forest. We appreciate your co-operation in helping maintain positive, amicable relations with our neighbors.

Zero-Tolerance Policy

Any fighting that occurs involving students enroute to or from school, or on school property, could result in an immediate suspension from school and a referral to law enforcement authorities.

Make Up Work

If your child has been absent from school please check teacher websites for work missed. If your child has been absent three or more days and you would like to request any additional assignments please contact Janice Oettmeier at 832-249-5701.

Physical Education Make-Up Work Requirements

There have been some questions and misunderstandings concerning make-up work for absences. Beginning with the 2nd six weeks, whenever a student is absent, the student will be marked with a zero for the daily grade for that day. The student will be required to write a one page (front only) report on: A) The current PE unit; B) Any type of sport or C) A health related issue. The student will be required to write the one page report for every day of absence. The student will have until the end of the six weeks to complete the report. When the report is turned in, the daily grade will be restored to a 100. If the report is not done, the grade will remain a zero. This will apply to both male and female students. There will be a new set of PE rules coming home to parents with the above information included.

Unite For Understanding
Council Meeting Dates 2009-2010

October 15, 2009
January 14, 2010
April 8, 2010

We need Doerre parent representation!

All meetings are held at the Vistas High School Program Building
12550 Bammel North Houston
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Karen Kulhanek-Rochin if you would like to represent Doerre at these meetings.

Klein School Board Candidates' Forum

The Klein ISD will sponsor a trustee candidates' forum for voters on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Klein High School auditorium at 16715 Stuebner-Airline Road.

Culture Club

Doerre Culture Club will be hosting an International Festival on January 26th, 2010 at Doerre, the night of our Open House in the cafeteria. We need your help! We are in need of rice dish donations. Our theme this year is based on the Norah Dooley book, "Everyone Cooks Rice". This is a story about Carrie, a young girl who notices while walking through her neighborhood looking for her brother in the evening, that every family cooks rice. This is a story of commonalities that bring us together. Please email kkulhanek1@kleinisd.net if you can make a rice dish for the event or know of a restaurant willing to donate.



Meeting Schedule 2009-2010

November 3	Germany & Austria	Mr. & Mrs. Collins	4:15 p.m. Library Museum
Jan. 9	Display boards due		4:15 p.m. Library Museum
Jan. 26	Doerre Open House		6:00 p.m.
Feb. 12	Klein Cultural Festival		6:30 p.m. Klein High School
March 2	India	Mrs. B. Poduval	4:15 p.m. Library Museum
April	NO MEETINGS TAKS testing preparation		
May 5	Cinco De Mayo Celebration/End-of-Year picnic		4:15 front of school

Email Mrs. K at kkulhanek1@kleinisd.net if you'd like to present. We can add meetings throughout the year!!

Cross Country

Cross country is up and running! We have had several meets already and looking forward to the last couple of meets along with districts.

Our first meet was at Klein Intermediate School on September 11. Top finishers at this meet were K. Solis, A. Vollands, J. Johnson, C. Khim, A. Cossick, N. Dorbin, S. Sanders, A. Troscinski, D. Baptiste, and G. Vance.

Our next meet was hosted by Kleb on September 18. Top finishers were S. Wicklund, K. Solis, M. Mallick, A. Vollands, J. Johnson, T. Reed, M. Vance, M. Dillemath, J. Valley, Z. Creamer, T. Cooper, R. Langham, O. Fearon, A. Cossick, N. Dorbin, S. Sanders, A. Troscinski, D. Baptiste, and G. Gornall.

Doerre hosted the next meet on September 25. Top finishers at this meet were M. Mallick, S. Wicklund, A. Vollands, K. Solis, J. Johnson, T. Reed, M. Dillemath, A. Cossick, C. Khim, R. Langham, N. Dorbin, A. Troscinski, D. Baptiste, G. Gornall, and G. Vance.

For other meet information or results, you may contact Mrs. Bloodworth or check her website.

Doerre Band

The Doerre Bands are off to a great start again this year! We went bowling for our first social activity of the year, and had a great time. We are planning another social activity in January. Look for a detailed letter to come home upon our return from winter break.

Attention Parents! If you have not added or updated your information on “Charms” please do so as soon as possible. This is a great resource for us to get in touch with you, but only if we have your information. Please visit www.charmsoffice.com Enter **doerreband** as the login, and use your child’s 6-digit ID number as your password. This way we can keep in contact through emails and you can stay up to date with forms and calendars.

A big congratulations to the Doerre Honor Band!! The 2008-2009 band sent a CD to the Foundation for Music Education and was awarded the Mark of Excellence National Wind Band Honors. They were one of nine national finalists for Class AA, and their music will be featured on a CD that will be circulated throughout the country. Three individual students from the band were also honored with Outstanding Soloist Awards. They are G. Longworth, B. Roye, and C. Jamieson. Way to go Doerre Band!!

We kicked off our Express fundraiser on September 30, 2009. The money will be due on October 13. We are trying to get 90% participation this year, and it only takes one sale to participate! The items will be delivered in November, before Thanksgiving.

The Honor Band and a few select Symphonic Band students are working very hard to prepare for their Region Band auditions. There will be a help session held at Hildebrandt IS on Saturday, October 10, 2009. The Brass and Percussion auditions are on Saturday, October 24 at York JH, and the Woodwind auditions are on Saturday, October 31 at Willow Wood JH. We wish everyone who is auditioning the best of luck!

Band Picture Day is on Wednesday, October 28, 2009. Advanced Band students should wear their full concert uniform. Beginning Band students should wear their band T-shirts or dress nicely. The photographer will set up outside if weather permits.

The Honor, Symphonic, and Concert Bands will be performing at Doerre’s first Pep Rally of the year on Tuesday, November 3.

The 8th Grade students who will attend Klein HS and Klein Oak next year got the opportunity to sit in the stands and play with the high school bands at their football game on Friday, October 2. This event was an exciting look into the future for our band students!

The Doerre Bands Winter Concert will be held at Klein High School on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 7 P.M. Look for letters to come home with your child for more information.

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Honor Band Officers for 2009-2010 are as follows:

Presidents: E. Bost & D. Hodgins
Vice President: A. Black
Librarians: D. Yetter
Historians: Z. Creamer & J. Crawford
Spirit Leaders: K. Davenport & M. Nicknish
Quartermasters: M. Stearns, C. Schweitzer, W. Siddiqui, & J. Johnson

Symphonic Band Officers 2009-2010 are as follows:

President/Vice President: C. Conner & J. Coward
Librarians: A. Blackham
Historians: C. Bill & G. Fasula
Spirit Leaders: M. Reid & L. Risher

Concert Band Officers 2009-2010 are as follows:

President: J. Rodriguez
Spirit Leaders: J. Clark, S. Wade, D. Wagner
Quartermasters: S. Lopez, A. Rosas, C. Rowe



Cleff Notes

The combined Kleb/Doerre/KHS Fall Concert at the Centrum in September was a big success for the Symphony and Chamber Orchestras. Mrs. Fishburn and Ms. Mathai had a lot of fun playing percussion instruments to accompany the Orchestras for this concert too!

The fundraiser orders are complete and Mrs. Fishburn and Ms. Mathai would like to thank all of the students and parents who made it such a success! Also, we hope everyone is enjoying their lime green and hot pink *Wild About Orchestra* t-shirts, yard signs and decals while displaying their Doerre Orchestra pride!

The Doerre Orchestra and Choir are looking forward to stepping back into medieval times with a trip to the Renaissance Festival on October 31st. All students are to wear their Orchestra shirts, Doerre spirit shirt, or an approved Renaissance costume. Also, look for details regarding caroling at the Tomball Retirement Home on December 5th in the next newsletter.

Thanks in advance to all of the Orchestra parents for taking pictures for our scrapbook that will be on display at the Spring Concert. If you have extra copies of pictures, please send them to school ASAP to go in this exciting book.

Good luck to all the Chamber and Symphony students who will be auditioning for Region Orchestra on Saturday, October 17th at Oak Ridge HS in Conroe. These students are practicing very hard and have really progressed a lot!

And last but not least, Mrs. Fishburn and Ms. Mathai would like to remind you to.... Practice **only** on the days you eat!

Choir

Parents please print and keep a copy of the Doerre Choir Activities Calendar. The calendar lays out the activities and events planned for the 2009 - 2010 school year.

The Doerre Choir Activities Calendar has been posted to the web page as a PDF file, and can be found below the October Newsletter Link.

Please make every effort to schedule your choir students' other activities (doctor's appointment, etc.) around these dates. The success of our choirs depends on every student participating in each event! Thank you! Also remember: **No Pass, No Participate**, please help remind your student. Danielle Travis –Doerre Choir Director - dtravis@kleinisd.net / 832-249-5782/ (Other information located at charmsmusic.com)