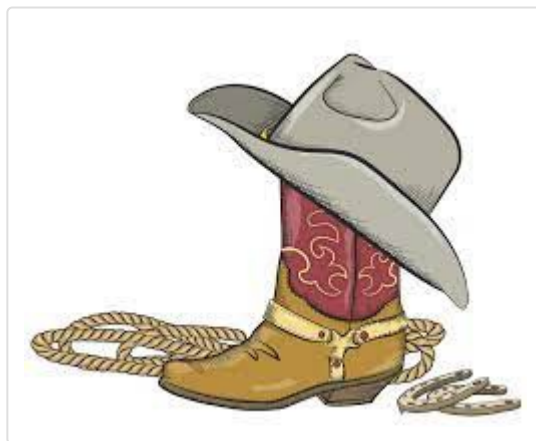


Welcome Back NHES Community 23-24

August 2023, from Monica Granados, Campus Principal



School starts on MONDAY- August 14th. We are eager to see you.



Welcome Back Wildcat Families to a New year

Family and Parents, Are we prepared to begin a magnificent year? We can't wait to see every wildcat on campus again. Our district is working hard to provide your child with the most valuable educational experience possible. This ensures that your child receives elite instruction, personalized coaching, and cutting-edge technology. This year, all students will receive iPads, and teachers will use interactive learning with upgraded smart boards that connect to student devices.

We are thrilled to announce that Natha Howell Elementary has achieved significant academic progress and is on track to get an A rating from TEA this year. Your children are in the capable hands of highly qualified experts and instructors.



Natha Howell Mission and Vision

MISSION AND VISION

Core Values: Ready to Lead and Learn at All Times

Original Oak Knoll Value: R.O.A.R~*Respect, Ownership, Attitude, and Responsibility*

Our Mission- is to provide the highest quality education for college and career preparedness to all students in conjunction with their parents, staff, and community in order to prepare them for a rapidly changing future.

Vision- Natha Howell Elementary's team is committed to meeting the needs of ALL children by fostering a learning environment in which each child may achieve social and academic success while also developing a love of learning. Through the acts of peers and the school community, children learn to model respect, ownership, attitude, and responsibility. Pride in being a wildcat is our daily motto.

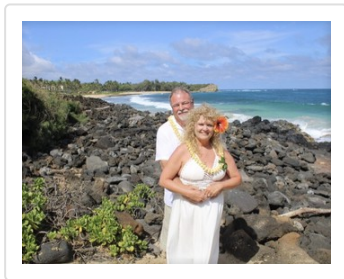


Meet the Teacher was August 10th

On **August 10th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**, we held our annual Meet the Teacher event. Thank you for joining us for a chat and refreshments. All families and teachers had the chance to connect at this event before the start of the school year. All parents were invited to visit the classroom, meet the staff, and interact with the NHES community,



Welcome New Staff to our Campus



Ms. Paula Hootman PK ESL Classroom

I am newly married, with three children and five spunky granddaughters. I graduated from Texas Tech University with a BFA in Art Education. My teaching career began with teaching elementary art. After teaching art for three years, I took a long break from teaching to stay home with my children and start a freelance design business. During my time off from teaching, I found a love for teaching four-year-olds that led me to teach PreK for the past eighteen years.

Favorite snack: Diet Dr. Pepper and chips and salsa.

T-shirt size: Medium



Ms. Elia De Los Santos - PK DLE Teacher

I am Elia De Los Santos García. I have 15 years of experience teaching in a bilingual classroom. I worked as a Pre-Kindergarten Dual Language teacher for 10 years, 2 years in a Two-Way Kindergarten classroom, and 3 years in a Dual-Language Kindergarten classroom.

My love for children and my journey as an educator has helped me understand the behavior and psychology of young minds and adapt my skills to their specific needs using a patient approach.



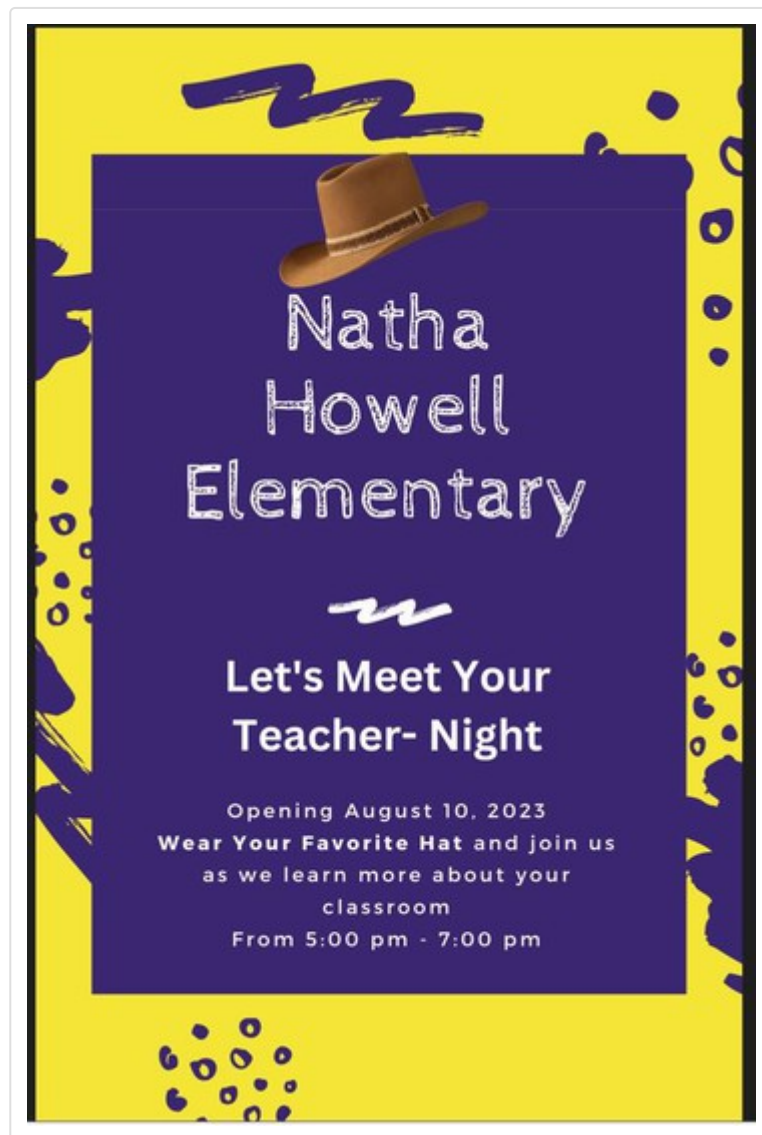
Ms. Mackenzie Solis- SEAS Teacher

Hello, my name is Mackenzie Silos and I will be the Behavioral Teacher for Natha Howell Elementary School. I've always wanted to come back and work within the school system again because being an educator is a great start for what I aspire to be long term, which is a School Counselor. After I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at Tarleton State University, I immediately went into the school system and worked as a Life Skills Specialist. I worked as a Life Skills Specialist for a year at an Elementary/ Middle School and once I came back from Indiana and moved to Fort Worth I began to work for a clinic and provided ABA therapy. I worked with clients that were on the spectrum for autism for 3 years as well as working with clients that had ADHD, Anxiety, Depression, and Oppositional Defiant Disorder.

My true passion has always been to work with kids to help them with their behavioral and disability needs because they are just as important as any other kid. I plan to further my career at Natha Howell and receive my teaching certificate

go back to school and receive my Master's in Mental Health Counseling.

I have overall worked with kids for 4 years and have loved every bit of it, I am looking forward to starting this new chapter in my life and hopefully, one day becoming a credentialed Counselor. In my free time, I love to go dancing with friends, hang out with family, and definitely have some downtime with my husband and our amazing dog Rex





H.A.T.S
(Helping all to Succeed)



Visit our school community!

Activities:

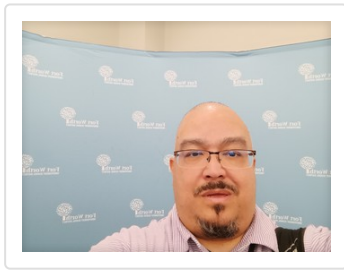
Class Rosters and
Schedules
Posted by Classrooms
Teacher Presentations



Features- outstanding Teachers:

Refreshments & Snacks for
Everyone

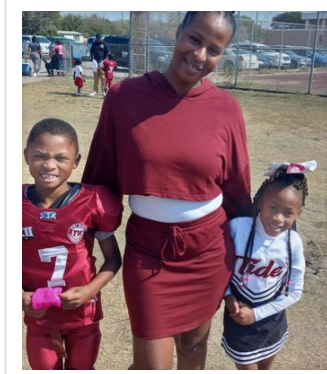
Visit the Spirit Shop
Meet your Teacher
Label Your Supplies



Mr. Samuel Estrada-Aguilar- 2nd Grade Mathematics and Science

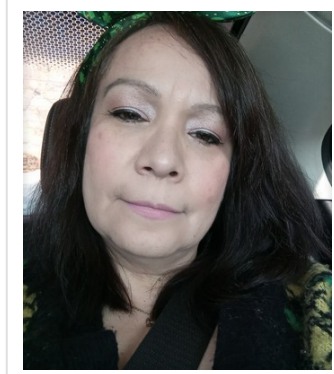
Howdy! I am Samuel D. Estrada Aguilar. I have been teaching in K-12 for over a decade. I have been truly fortunate to be in and around education for two decades in one form or another. I love to teach and enjoy being in the classroom, as well as on any sports field, diamond, pitch, hard court, and/or dirt track. I love to learn and look forward to every opportunity I can to enrich my life by learning from others.

I love to travel and learn about other cultures, languages, and history. My educational background is as eclectic as I am, as well as the music and dance I enjoy. I look forward to meeting my new students, parents, and colleagues.



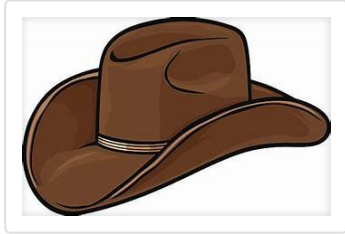
Ms. FeLicia Frazier - TA II for Sped Services

Hello! My name is Ms. Frazier. I am a loving mother of 2. I have a degree in liberal arts and a background in juvenile justice and childhood education. I love to play video games and cook with my children. I am looking forward to getting to know you all!



Laura Guadamuz- Kinder DLE Teacher

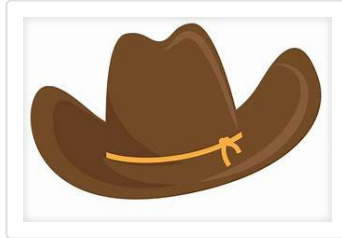
Hi, my name is Laura Guadamuz (Mrs. Guadamuz). I graduated from Texas Woman's University. This is my 5th year teaching. I taught 1st grade for 3 years and 2nd grade for 1 year. This year I will begin a new adventure in kindergarten. I am very excited to get to work alongside my new students and parents!



Pre-Kinder Team

Ms. Paula Hootman
Ms. Elia De los Santos

Teacher Assistants
Ms. Martha Pozos
Ms. Regina Smith



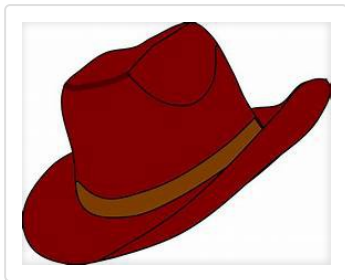
Kindergarten Team

Ms. Tracy Ball
Ms. Joanna Oquendo
Ms. Laura Guadamuz



1st Grade Team

Ms. Rebeka Rumery
Ms. Judith De la Torre
Ms. Graciela Blanco - Davis



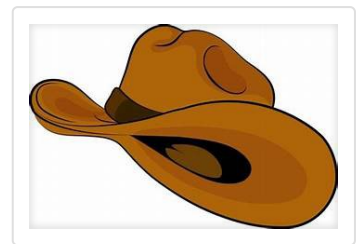
2nd Grade Team

Ms. Sandra Preciado
Ms. Sonya Bowen
Mr. Samuel Estrada- Aguilar



3rd Grade Team

Ms. Delia Hernandez
Ms. Isamar Reyna



4th Grade Team

Ms. Tina Jauregui
Ms. Carmen Guerrero



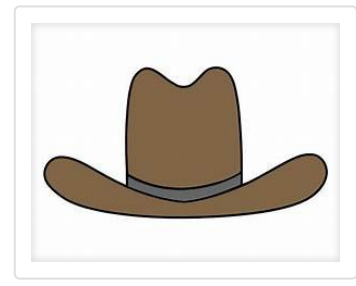
Fine arts, Music, and PE

Ms. Rachel Rogers
Ms. Dawn Jones
Coach Nancy Warters



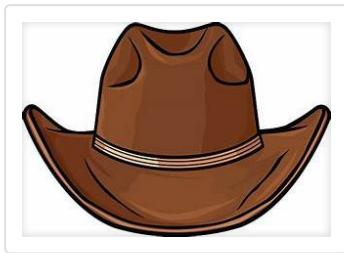
Inclusion and SEAS Staff

Ms. Heather Faaborg
Ms. FeLicia Frazier
Ms. Stacy Downs
Ms. Mackenzie Solis
Ms. Jaylyn Hall



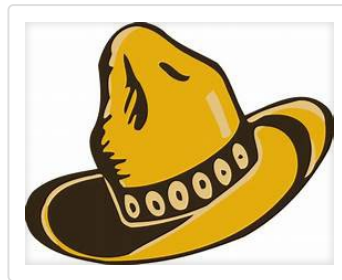
Custodial Staff

Mr. Javier Sigala
Ms. Maria Gonzales



Front Office Staff

Financial Secretary- Ms.
Yolanda Cervantes
Attendance- Ms. Michelle
Maldonado
Family Engagement Specialist-
Ms. Denise Vasquez



Library and Media

Librarian- Ms. Lucia Campos



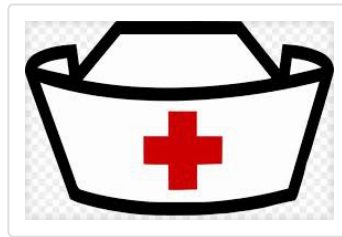
School Counselor, LSSP, Speech Pathologist, and Behavioral Specialist

School Counselor- Vacant
MHMR Navigator- Ms.
Anastasia Braswell
Speech Pathologist- Ms. Ashley
Wood
Licensed Specialist in School
Psychology



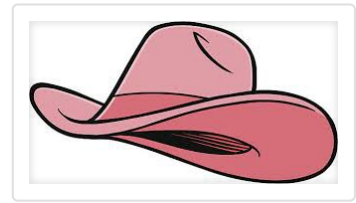
Nutrition Specialists

Nutrition Manager
Nutrition Assistant
Nutrition Assistant



Campus Nurse

Ms. Donna Kuhn



Instructional Coach

Ms. Tia Robinson





Classroom Supplies and Updates- Your child has support from FWISD.

FWISD elementary school families,

You can check to buy school supplies off your summer to-do list!

The Fort Worth ISD will provide free supplies for every elementary school student enrolled for the 2023-2024 academic year.

FWISD Board of Education trustees approved the authorization of more than \$2.1 million in federal Elementary and Secondary School (ESSER) funds to support the school supply purchase at its May 23 meeting.

All supplies will be purchased prior to the first day of school and will be distributed to students during the first week of classes. Each school supply pack is grade specific.

This is the third year FWISD is covering school supply costs for elementary school students.

District officials say the purchase ensures every elementary student, regardless of income level, has immediate access to tools for instruction on the first day of school.


The 2023-2024 school year begins Monday, Aug. 14.

Have you registered your child for the upcoming school year? Don't worry! Registration is still open, and you can easily enroll your child online at fwisd.org/register.



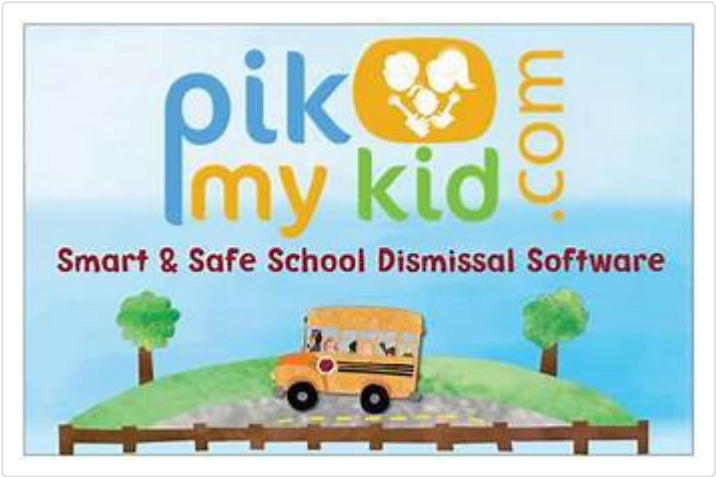
Riding the Bus? Let's see where we'll pick you up and drop off

Click the link below to find your bus stop with FWISD

 **Infofinder i**

www.infofinder.com

TRADITIONAL SCHOOL HOURS			
		Start Time	End Time
Pre-Kindergarten	6 hours, 40 minutes	7:50 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
Elementary School Grades K-5	7 hours, 30 minutes	7:50 a.m.	3:20 p.m.
Middle School Grades 6-8	7 hours, 30 minutes	9:00 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
High School Grades 9-12	7 hours, 30 minutes	8:15 a.m.	3:45 p.m.



Dismissal and Pick Up- Safety First and Arrival News

Our school is currently incorporating geo-fencing and tracking technologies in order to migrate to a more secure pick-up process. This technology will ensure that all students are located and that their parents are identified by utilizing QR scanning codes. The geo-fence is now installed. We moved to a new and safer method with Pikmykid last year and are ready to start again this school year. On Meet the Teacher, all parents will receive their Pikmykid information as well as vehicle tags for a personalized and strictly regulated experience.

CAMPUS SECURITY AND SURROUNDING AREAS

All entrances to our campus are kept secured. Only employees with admission credentials are permitted inside specific zones. FWISD badges must be worn at all times by all employees. Every guest must buzz in to enter the front office. If asked, kindly be ready to present identification. To work with students, all volunteers must have clearance. All visitors to our campus will still be screened using the Raptor system. Staff is not permitted to open doors for anyone who is not cleared by FWISD or an area officer. These individuals must follow all entry procedures.

Closed Fence Entry

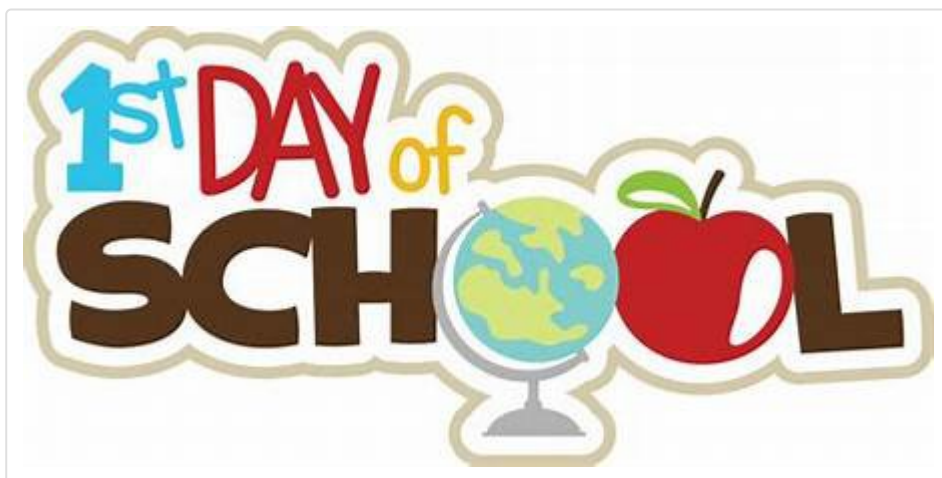
Updated gates were added to our parking lot and entrances to the playground will be closed to all visitors. The parking lot is closed to visitors.

EARLY ARRIVAL-

Students who come before 7:40 am may enter the building with the assistance of the designated staff. Please make contact with the front office if your family has a unique requirement or circumstance that necessitates an early drop-off so that we can be ready. If students are dropped off before 7:30 am, they must buzz in upon arrival and will be moved to the cafeteria.

On-Time Arrival- Students must be seated and ready to begin academic warm-up exercises and breakfast by 7:50 a.m. We strongly advise your child to arrive before 7:50 a.m. to provide them enough time to eat and begin working on class tasks. Teachers arrive at 7:40 a.m.

You will need to provide staff with with your child's information in the pick-up line if you did not attend Meet the Teacher Night or if your child did not obtain their individualized car tag for pick-up.



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Please take note that all Parents may escort their child to class on the first day of school as we continue to support our students in developing leadership and independence. Check-ins

and dismissals will be observed by our campus security. There will only be one entrance available for drop-offs, which is our primary security door at Visit Station 1, which is situated in front of the campus. Since this is our pick-up and drop-off area, parents are not permitted to park their cars in front of the school. On the first day, you must park only on Wheeler St. or Parish St. if you intend to walk your child to class. Our neighborhood law enforcement will issue tickets to any vehicles stopped in the drop-off zone off Kings Highway or Gibbons St. This is for the sake of all children's safety. During the school year, there is no double parking on Kings Highway or Gibbons Dr.

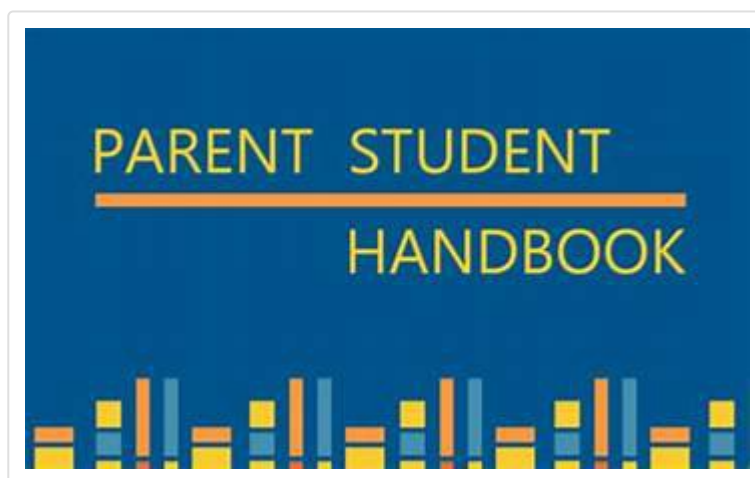
On the second day, all students will independently walk to class with the help of administrative personnel and student ambassadors. We will help families on day two only in the most dire situations if modifications are required pending the student and/or scenario. Although it could appear difficult we must begin establishing procedures immediately.

Every month on the last Friday for lunch, all parents are invited to come to our campus.

Every last Friday of the month, parents are invited to come to our campus and have lunch with their kids.

Parents must present their ID when entering the building to pick up students for early dismissals, volunteer activities, or teacher conferences. This ID is then checked for clearance by our security system. Without clearance, visitors may not enter the classrooms or cafeteria.

More information to come



FWISD Student Handbook for 23-24 as of 6-15-23.pdf

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Always Wear Your School Uniform at Natha Howell Elementary

Except for days that are out of uniform, school photographs, and/or spirit days, all students are obliged to wear their school uniforms to class. Parents will be contacted and requested to pick up students who are not wearing uniforms if our uniform closet does not carry their size.

FORT WORTH ISD STANDARDS OF DRESS

LOOKING GOOD

Fort Worth ISD Standards of Dress

Students are expected to be in dress code
beginning on the first day of school.
Violations of the dress code shall be handled
at the school level.



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August 14th- we can't wait to see you!!

We'll see everyone on Monday in uniform and ready to lead and Learn!

