



INFORMER

DUNCANVILLE Independent School District

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New Principals for Fairmeadows & Alexander



Patonia Bell is the new principal at **Fairmeadows Elementary School**. Ms. Bell most recently was principal of Houston Elementary School in Lancaster. She is familiar with Duncanville ISD – having served in positions including teacher, academic dean of instruction and associate principal at the district from 2003 – 2012. Ms. Bell earned her Bachelor of Arts in English/Secondary Education from the University of Texas Arlington and received her Master's of Arts in School Counseling from Dallas Baptist University.



Limited Open Enrollment

Duncanville ISD is offering limited open enrollment for out-of-district students who would like to transfer. There are currently spots available at Duncanville High School, Reed Middle School and Brandenburg Intermediate School. Admission criteria include but are not limited to: students must have passed all previous classes, passed the STAAR test on the first try and must have

Eduardo Gonzalez is the new principal at **Alexander Elementary School**. He most recently served as assistant principal at Duncanville ISD's Smith Elementary. Mr. Gonzalez has a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Texas A&M University and received a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Dallas Baptist University.



an attendance rate of at least 90% and no previous disciplinary issues. Contact Student Services: 972-708-2066.

Register Online

We hope everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break. The first day of the 2015 - 2016 school year is Monday, August 24, 2015. Click [here](#) to view a printable copy of the 2015-16 academic calendar. There is also a special webpage created for back to school information. Registration at Duncanville ISD has gone paperless; filling out back-to-school forms is all done online for both new-to-district and returning students. Detailed information and instructions are available on the home page of the district [website](#).



SparklersTake LA!

Duncanville's inclusive cheerleading team, the Sparklers, spent the last week of July in Los Angeles cheering at the Special Olympics World Games. The Sparklers were the only public school team throughout the state of Texas who were invited to participate in the ceremonies. During their trip, the Sparklers supported Special Olympics teams from around the world at events like swimming, roller skating and basketball. The Duncanville team also had an opportunity



to meet other inclusive cheerleading teams, dip their toes in the Pacific Ocean and to take a tour of Beverly Hills. You can see more about the trip on the Duncanville Sparklers' [Facebook](#) page.



Special Delivery!

People stopped in the streets to watch as a helicopter hovered over Reed Middle School Monday, July 27. The chopper helped replace 72 air conditioner units on top of Reed's roof in an effort to update the school's heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. Installation is expected to be complete before teachers report August 17.

Big Changes Coming Soon

Something huge is coming to Panther Stadium! Work is underway to install a new state-of-the-art electronic scoreboard. The sign is one of the largest in the area and will show real-time video of football games along with instant replays and other district messages. Students and staff will partner to run the behind-the-scenes equipment to provide a dynamic game day experience for Panther fans. The changing electronic screens will also allow the district an opportunity to offer advertisements to local businesses. Revenues will go to the district's general fund to pay for sign maintenance and to serve other district needs. *(Above photo is an artist's rendering.)*



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