

Alexander Middle School

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Alexander Middle School Administration

Andrea Clayton - Principal

Rosemary Vaseliades-6th Grade Assistant Principal Doris Perry-5th Grade Assistant Principal

Jackie Shepherd - 6th Grade Counselor Jennifer Dacy - 5th Grade Counselor

People to know

- Roxanne Tellez Receptionist
- Naomi Palombo- Student records/Reception
- Veronica Stovall- Registrar & Attendance
- Carla Dean- Nurse
- Brandy Hammond- Campus Secretary

School Information

- •Mascot
 - •Tiger
- •Colors
 - Maroon & Gold
- •Grade levels
 - •5th & 6th
 - •Transitional focus between Elementary and Junior High



School Structure

- Grade level by TEAMS. Each team has its own hallway and tiger name (Sumatran, Siberian, Bengal, South China, and Indo Chinese)
- All students on a team will have the same 2-4 core teachers (ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies)
- Students will move from one room to the next as a complete class
- If advanced, students will be in advanced ELA, Math, Science & Social Studies
- GT students will be clustered in homerooms.

5th grade structure

- All students will attend PE with their team. Our PE coaches are David Garza and Darla Anderson. (Students needing more academic assistance may be pulled occasionally from PE.)
- Each class will have elective time and will rotate between General Music and Art.





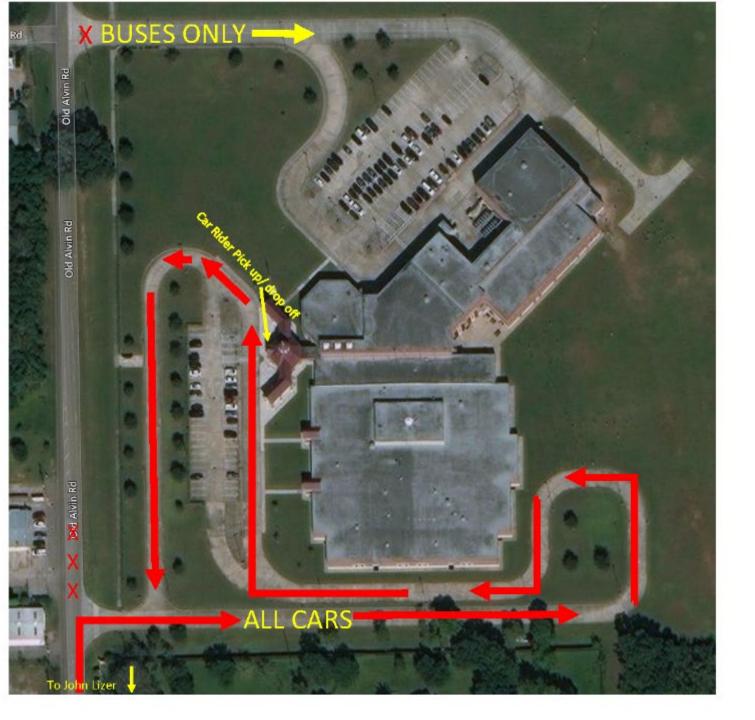
Library

- Tina Estlinbaum (Mrs. E)
 - Students come to the library every other week to check out books and to engage in library lessons
 - Library is open in the mornings for activities on a team rotation.
 - Various reading incentive programs throughout the year
 - Book fairs held twice per year

What does a typical day at Alexander look like?

Students arrive at school via:

- Bus, car or walk/ride (Doors open at 7:30)
- Breakfast/tutorials/gym/some clubs
- At 8:20- are asked to get quiet to begin morning dismissal
- 8:30-Walk by team to their hallway- Lockers
- 8:35- Announcements
- Example: 90 min block/ 90 min block/ 30 min lunch/ 30 min PE/ 45 min Elective/ 90 minute block
- Students line up in hallway by car/walkers/bus riders
- 3:55- car riders/walkers dismissed to front
- 4:00- Bus riders dismissed



Car Riders:

- 1) Please enter from John Lizer, making a right turn into Alexander MS. You cannot stop on Old Alvin prior to 3:45. (PPD)
- 2) Please follow the loop around until your child has been picked up in front of the school.
- Please do not have your child meet you on the street or any place other than the front of the school. This will help to ensure that we keep all students safe.
- 4) As you turn the last corner, someone will call your child's name (Placard) and send them to a specific numbered cone. If your child does not hear the call, or is not in front of the school, we will ask you to pull to the front.
- 5) Please do not park in the lot, then ask your student to come to you. This will stop traffic and slow down the process.
- 6) The line typically begins to clear at 4:05.
 You may want to wait until then to pull into the school if you would rather not wait in line. (must be here by 4:15)

Drop off/Pick up



<u>Do</u>

- Enter from the South on Old Alvin Rd.
- Wait patiently and when picking up your child in a singlecar line.
- Pull all the way up when picking up your child, following the guidance of the teachers on duty.
- No early check-outs after 3:30 PM.
- * If you don't like to wait in line, it usually starts to clear at 4:05 and you can pull straight up to the front.
- *Per district policy, all students MUST be picked up within 15 minutes of school releasing.



Drop off/Pick up

- School Day begins 8:35-(Doors open at 7:30. Do not drop off before 7:30)
- Dismissal 3:50 for Car Riders/ Walkers; 3:55 for Bus Riders
- Bus Assignments on our district webpage: www.pearlandisd.org
- The first week or so of school usually takes longer for buses to get home and cars to get through the line. Please be patient during this time. It will get faster.
- All students should be picked up by 4:10 PM.

Drop off/Pick up

<u>Do not</u>

- Enter the bus entrance to pick up or drop off your child
- Turn left into the exit at the front to avoid the winding entrance
- Drop your child off in either parking lot and have them cross traffic to enter the school. This is very dangerous!

School Counselors

Jackie Shepherd – 6th Grade Jennifer Dacy – 5th Grade

- Scheduling
- Academic Counseling
- Individual Counseling
- Small group Counseling
- Classroom Guidance Lessons
- Campus Events- Red Ribbon Week, Veterans Day program, Career day etc.



Tips for success

- Check Skyward Family Access with your child- set up alerts
 - This is where you access your child's report cards and progress reports
- Review Class DoJo weekly with your child
- Review papers sent home with your child weekly
- Spend time with your child and encourage them to communicate with you
- Review teacher webpages for updated information
- Conference with teachers if your child is struggling
- Have your child get involved in school activities
- Ensure that your child is making corrections to assignments and tests

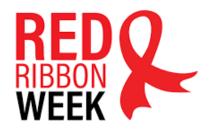
Student Incentives

- Character Breakfast
- Honor Roll
- Reading Incentives- Through Library
- Lunch Incentives
- PAWSitive PAWS





Student Activities











FIELD DAY



Track Meet

Clubs

- Future Problem Solvers--FPS
- Math/Science Club
- Quiz Bowl
- Student Council
- Yearbook
- Book Clubs
- Robotics
- CITY-Christians in the Youth
- Honor Choir
- Peer Buddies
- SMILE Club
- Anti-Bully Club
- Cooking Club



Electives



5th Grade •Music •Art



<u>6th Grade</u>

- Art
- Band
- Choir



Assistant Principals

Mrs. Rosemary Vaseliades - 6th Grade Dr. Doris Perry- 5th grade

- Student support
- Behavior Management
- Attendance
- Instructional support



Teacher communication

• E-Mail teachers. E-Mail should be for quick answer questions only

lastnamefirstinitial@pearlandisd.org

- Call 832-736-6700 and leave a message with reception.
- Class Dojo
- Teacher Webpages
- For further assistance, contact the front office at 832-736-6700.

Skyward Family access

Attendance/registrar, on-campus contact

Family Access information will be distributed during registration

User names and passwords will only be given to parents or legal guardians

Registration

- Register online with Skyward family access
- Residency verification needs to be updated during this time (Annually)
 - Utility bill (gas, electric), Mortgage statement, lease agreement
 - Must be within the last 30 days.
- Any residency affidavits need to be renewed annually
- Watch email for dates for back to school registration

Tiger Camp

Tiger Camp is a fun way to introduce our new 5th graders to Alexander Middle School and will be held in August prior to the first day of school.

What to expect during Tiger Camp:

- 1. Tiger Camp will be a half-day. The link to Sign Up Genius will be emailed to you in August.
- New 5th graders will take a tour of the school with 5th grade teachers and will learn about lockers, PE, schedules, lunch, and general rules and expectations as new AMS Tigers.
- 3. Students will participate in a fun craft and a snack will be offered.
- 4. Tiger camp will take place August 1st, 2024. Time TBD



Welcome to Alexander Middle School

We are excited to have your child at Alexander Middle School. It will be a great year! If you have questions, feel free to contact:

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