

This special blog is a “sneak peek” into daily operations. Below is an email to the entire district from me on Wednesday, April 24th. It’s my way of continuing to stress high expectations and to finish the year, strongly. We have a GREAT thing going in Ganado, Texas. Together, we will continue to take our kids to unprecedented heights!

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Hello Ganado Family,

Wow, time is flying! The end of the year is always fast and at times, hectic. So...here's a quote from writer, H.G. Wells to keep you going: "If you fell down yesterday, stand up today." Each day is a new day to make a positive difference. Also, each day is a great day to be THANKFUL that you work in Ganado, Texas!

As the year concludes, here are some reminders and thoughts:

1) Stay on top of student discipline as written in the Ganado ISD Student Code of Conduct 2023-2024 and found online at ganadoisd.net (<http://ganadoisd.net/>). Monitor transitions, enforce dress code, monitor hair length, no caps/hats, no ear buds, etc. Period.

2) Thanks to Mr. Skoruppa repairing the student parking lot, students in high school that drive to school, soon, must park in the student parking lot. This will keep vehicles off of the streets, out of the church parking lot, etc. However, for the remainder of this year only, Senior drivers can still park on the street in front of the school - I believe that is fair to them as they conclude GHS. Mr. Martin will have more details as to the start date, etc. Thank you, Mr. Martin.

3) Maintain high expectations and strive for excellence in everything that we do. This is not some fancy expression...it is the truth. Our kids will rise to the challenge! It starts and ends with leadership...leadership meaning teachers, coaches, administrators, etc. Look at the success we have had this year, alone, in OAP, art, band, Ag, athletics, etc. There is a reason I use the term Excellence Since 1900...it is up to us to keep it going well beyond 2023! In essence, I just want us to maximize our talent and be the BEST that we can...in everything!

4) Speaking of Excellence Since 1900...you will soon see that on a beautiful brick sign, 20 feet by 8 feet, near the cafeteria car entrance. This is something that I wanted to do as superintendent for our wonderful community and gratefully, we were able to tie this into our fence project. It takes a team! It will be a beautiful spot - once landscaped - for pictures, etc.

5) Last and most importantly...after 7 months, I FINALLY have a contract to sell my house in East Bernard. Thus, my family is officially moving to Ganado before the end of May! We are purchasing a home and are super excited. I want you to know that I am truly committed to Ganado ISD. I love this place and am humbled by the warm welcome that I have received. This is not a stepping-stone; this is a destination.

Thank you for your time and thank you for ALL that YOU do for our kids. Starting May 1st, I will begin visiting classrooms daily. Just ignore that I am there and keep "doing what you are doing." I try to be as positive and

optimistic as possible and I will likely leave you a nice note 😊

As always...if you need ANYTHING, please come see me.

Arrows Up,

Dr. Szymanski