

Friday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>

Friday night was game one of the 2017 softball season for the DBES staff team. The Ranchers opened their season against Richey Elementary and were hoping to build on the growth and experience gained last season.

With the addition of Mrs. Taylor and her speed and catlike reflexes coach Klauka was hopeful that the team could start the season out with a big win. There were several bright spots on offense and defense, but ultimately the Ranchers were unable to string together enough hits to produce any significant scoring. "We gotta get the bats going." Coach Klauka stated after the game, wiping dirt from his uniform, "I mean, I think if we put in a couple of extra practices we can compete with the top teams in the league, you know, John Long, Seven Oaks... the big dogs."

Some of the bright spots on Friday night were Mr. Noble, Mr. Giammalvo, and Mr. Hodros who added some encouraging prowess on the offense side. Mrs. Giammalvo also impressed with marked improvement from her rookie season.

This Friday the Ranchers square off against the Sanders Memorial Elementary squad, led by former rancher Ms. Brickman. The game starts at 8:10 and highlights will be on the news show next week, so STAY TUNED and GOOOOO RANCHERS!!!!