

Double Branch Elementary

Dr. Lori Wiggins,
Principal

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RANCHER TIMES



Principal's Message

Hello Ranchers!

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We are diving into our new ELA curriculum and new ELA standards with positivity and enthusiasm as always here on the Ranch! Everyone at DBES is looking forward to another productive school year filled with lots of growth and learning! Our theme this year is “Ranchers To The Third Power” which focuses on **R**elationships (collaborative culture), **R**igor (high impact instruction), and **R**esults (data driven decision making). Our ultimate goal is to empower learners and provide them with a world class education! Thank you families for your continued support as we embark on this exciting work! Dr. Tidd and I look forward to working in partnership with you as we strive to make this a great year of learning for your child! Feel free to reach out via phone or email with any questions.

Dr. Wiggins

New DBES Staff Members

We are very excited to welcome the following new staff members to the Ranch!

Instructional Assistants:

Pre-K: **Darcie Mattix** Returning to the Ranch

Kg: **Karen Winner-Holmes**

Kg: **Rehab Dahy**

Kg: **Becky Sherman** Returning to the Ranch

Kg: **Jena Tittle**

Kg: **Valerie Padilla**

Paraprofessional:

Norelia Cortina

Instructional Staff:

Kg: **Paige Kinsey**

1st grade: **Morgan Brooks**

1st grade: **Mia Petersen**

1st grade: **Kaylynn McPhee**

3rd grade: **Kate Beggs**

3rd grade: **Karey Morris**

5th grade: **Joe Beggs**

5th grade: **Isabella Higgins**

5th grade: **Lindsey Brown**

5th grade: **Kathleen Noble** Returning to the Ranch

PE: **Chris Wilk** Returning to the Ranch

Support Staff:

BCE Student:

Camila Perez-Martinez

Data Entry:

Kathryn Staab

School Nurse:

Allison Heck

School Psychologist:

Danielle Ahrendt

Student Council

We are very excited to announce that our DBES Student Council is up and running! Classes are already voting for representatives and we will be voting for officers soon. We love seeing students become leaders in our classrooms, school, and our community.

Sarah Agnes & Amanda Szymanel

DBES Student Council Coordinators

Important Upcoming Dates

Sept 10 Progress Reports

Sept 27 School Advisory Council Meeting

Jackets, Sweaters, and Sweatshirts Oh My!

Families, every year, we have literally hundreds of jackets and other clothing items that end up in our Lost and Found. We have tried many ways to return these jackets to their rightful owners with no success. In preparation for jacket season, please help us out by putting your child's name inside his/her jacket. **Please note that all unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the school year.**

Notice To Building Occupants and Parents

NOTIFICATION OF INSPECTION FOR ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a final rule, 40 CFR Part 763, Asbestos Containing Material in schools, commonly referred to as AHERA. This rule requires all Local Education Agencies (LEA's) to identify asbestos containing materials (ACM) in their school buildings and to take appropriate actions to control the of asbestos fibers.

All inspections for Double Branch have been completed and a Management Plan describing the results of the inspection and the action plan to control any asbestos found during the inspection, where applicable, has been submitted to the governor for approval. A copy of this plan is located in the administrative office of this school and at the Pasco County Schools Maintenance & Facility Services Department and is available for review upon request.

Guest Teachers Wanted! 😊

If you are interested in being an Instructional Substitute here on the Ranch, please see the information below:

Salary Information:

Regular Guest Teacher (1-10 days):

High School Diploma or GED - \$75/day

Bachelor's degree or higher - \$80/day

Retired teacher or current teaching certificate - \$80/day

Long-Term Guest Teacher (11-29 days):

Compensation is \$100/day beginning on day eleven (rate does not vary by degree)

Professional Guest Teacher (30 days or more):

Bachelor's degree in a "certified" subject area or a current teaching certificate - \$160/day (applicable when substituting for teachers on leaves of 30 days or more)

To apply, follow our three-step process:

1) Click [here](#) to complete the pre-employment training. Instructions on how to begin your training are included in the job posting. Candidates must complete the online training course before being eligible to apply.

Sign up for the Online Substitute Training Program with EdTrainingCenter. Save an electronic copy of the Certificate of Completion when you finalize the course as you will need to upload this certificate with your application of employment.

2) Apply [here](#). Candidate's must complete an online application to be considered for a position. Complete your online application and upload a copy of your training certificate.

3) Guest Teacher candidates will receive a link to complete a video interview after filling out the application online and successfully completing the online training. This is an opportunity to introduce yourself and share your experiences and interest

with Pasco County Schools.

PTA Junction - September 2021

The DBES PTA is excited to welcome you back to school. We all know and recognize that things still look a little different, but we are here to support your children and our school, and this year will be no different. Membership is an important part of what makes our PTA successful. We are asking that all of our parents, teachers, grandparents, and community members join this year! Just know that by joining your helping our voices be louder to advocate for all children. Please join by clicking here <https://dbes.new.memberhub.store/store> Our goal is to win a membership award this year!

Our 2021-2022 Executive Board:

Lynn Cristina – President

Open– 1st VP of Ways and Means

Jena Tittle- 2nd VP of Programs

Katie Paradiso – 3rd VP of Membership

Jamie Bryan-Treasurer

Tanya Przepis Secretary

Be sure to "like" our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/DBESPTA/>) so you're in the know about what's coming throughout the year!

Did you know you can support our PTA when you shop on Amazon? You can choose us as your charitable organization and we received an Amazon donation every time you make a purchase. How great is that?! Use this link to get signed up today: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-3244345>

Don't forget to mark your calendars for upcoming PTA Events

September 21 Family Spirit Night-Mod Pizza

We look forward to continuing our work on the Ranch!

