

Pattison students round up some great reading in the new Colt Chorale donated by Eagle Scout Cory Delaney



First grader displaying her spider model



Two students during Red Ribbon Week

PATTISON ELEMENTARY

One of Katy's Top Elementary Schools Has a Long Record of Success

Written by Heather Lowrie

Pattison Elementary definitely stands out as one of the top elementary schools in Katy. The school's teachers and administrators have done a remarkable job of setting up the students for success and encouraging them to reach their full potential.

"The main thing we're looking at in terms of achieving is to make sure we're using best practices in teaching," says Pattison Elementary Principal Debbie Barker. The campus focuses on engaging lessons, small group instruction, and staff development, such as a writing workshop several teachers recently attended.

EXEMPLARY RATED SCHOOL

The school first opened in 1989, and during that time, it has been ranked Exemplary by the Texas Education Agency 19 out of 20 years. Earning the highest state ranking a school can receive is just the beginning, though, of campus awards won, honors received, and recognition earned from various state and national agencies.

Pattison was a National Blue Ribbon School, and in the past 10 years it has received the Just for Kids Honor Roll six times, which is a unique award given to elementary schools in Texas for sustained

academic excellence. In 2006, the campus was voted the best among 178 similar elementary schools in the state, making it one of the highest performing elementary schools in the community.

CREATING LIFELONG LEARNERS

It isn't just about educating the mind, though. Pattison also shows dedication for creating a passion for learning and achieving in each student that will continue on past the fifth grade. Programs such as Reading Empowers All Children (REACH) hone in on specialized skills, polishing the building blocks of a quality education and contributing to the school's mission of providing every student an equal opportunity to learn.

Principal Debbie Barker has a contagious outlook on the future and an encouraging spirit that creates an environment for success day after day.



PATTISON COLTS

LOCATION

19910 Stonelodge St.
(Near S. Fry and Highland Knolls)

SCHOOL COLORS

Purple and white

MASCOT

Colts

PRINCIPAL

Debbie Barker

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Connie Schlottmann and Melissa Steger

PTA PRESIDENT

Shannon Rodrigues

JUNIOR HIGH

McMeans

HIGH SCHOOL

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TARGETING TEAMWORK

Teachers understand the value of teamwork, set aside time to deliver the best lessons, and teach the heart of the child, along with striving to strengthen minds. Teacher turnover is practically invisible as year after year, almost all of the same teachers return to continue the campus' legacy of learning.

A school can't be successful without parents, either, and at Pattison, the strong connection between school and home is part of the campus' overall strategy for success. Parents rally together, support each other, and set goals they know can be accomplished. Recently, they banded together, pooling their resources to purchase SMART boards for Pattison. Their gesture provided a unique tool that utilizes the most current technology to give teachers the upper hand in the classroom. "We truly believe this is the wave of the future," Barker says. "They're very engaging for our students and are an avenue we can use to enhance their skills."

With a motto of oceans of opportunities, Pattison has proven itself oceans apart from traditional approaches in education, providing children with endless opportunities for growth and achievement. "Our vision is for all students to be successful," Barker says. **KM**

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Music is a top priority alongside reading and writing at Pattison



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