

More New Administrators Named for 2008-2009

Frisco High School Associate Principal Sylvia Palacios has been named to lead Frisco High School, replacing Rick Burnett who is assuming the new position of Executive Director for Student Services. A 31-year veteran educator, Palacios joined FISD and FHS in 2003, after working in Richardson ISD for 20 years. She has 13 years of administrative experience. Her bachelor's degree is from West Texas A&M and her master's is from Texas A&M Commerce.

Mark Mimms, Assistant Principal at Centennial High School, has been named principal of the new Heritage High School that will open in 2009. A 24-year veteran educator, Mimms joined FISD and CHS in 2004, after working in Plano ISD for 20 years. He has eight years of administrative experience, including service as principal of summer school. His bachelor's degree is from the University of Texas at Arlington; his master's from Texas A&M Commerce.

Jim Kazanski, currently assistant principal at Staley Middle School, was named K.E.Y.S. principal. Kazanski will replace Robin Scott, who has been named principal of the new Stafford Middle School. Keeping Every Youth Successful is the alternative education program school for elementary and middle school students. Kazanski joined FISD in 2002 as an assistant principal at Staley. He has 10 years of administrative experience in FISD and Plano ISD. Prior to working in administration, he had 16 years of experience as a teacher, coach, dean of students and athletic coordinator. He has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State and a master's from TWU.

Manuel Gonzales has been named Christie Elementary School Principal to replace retiring principal Chris Hernandez, who retiring to assume a national role with Pearson Education as their Curriculum Specialist. Gonzales joined FISD in 2003 as a teacher at Riddle Elementary School, and he has been the assistant principal at Fisher Elementary since 2005. He began his teaching career in 2000 in Dallas ISD. His bachelor's degree is from Midwestern State University and his master's degree is from Texas Woman's University.

In other administrative action, *Tammy Chandler*, currently an instructional specialist, was named Coordinator of Elementary Math. She has 16 years of experience as an educator. Her degree is from Texas Tech University. *Melanie Cornelius*, currently an instructional specialist, has been named Coordinator of Elementary Science. She has 18 years of school experience and her degrees are from Cameron University and Trenton State University. *Dr. Deidre Parish*, currently assistant principal at Liberty High School, has been named Coordinator of Secondary Science. She has six years of experience in education and her degrees are from Texas Tech University. *Bonnie Jones*, currently counselor at the Student Opportunity Center, has been named Coordinator of Testing and 504. She has 24 years of experience in education and her degrees are from Sul Ross State University.

In addition, new assistant principals and assistant principal changes have been named for the upcoming school year. In FISD assistant principals sometimes change schools to grow and learn with different principals.

- Shannon Acosta, teacher at Smith Elementary, has been named assistant principal at the new Tadlock Elementary. She has seven years of experience in education and her degrees are from Canisius College and Niagara University.
- Tyrone Davis, Jr., teacher at Centennial High School, has been named assistant principal, a new position at the Student Opportunity Center. He has eight years of educational experience and his degrees are from Grambling State and the University of North Texas.
- Dianna Manuel, assistant principal at Centennial High School, has been named assistant principal at the new Career and Technical Education Center. She has 18 years of experience and her degrees are from Stephen F. Austin and Texas A&M Commerce.

- Charese Duffey, teacher at Wester Middle School, has been named assistant principal at the new Stafford Middle School. She has eight years of educational experience and her degrees are from the University of North Texas.
- Shawn Perry, joining FISD from Plano where he is an administrative intern, has been named assistant principal at Griffin Middle School. Perry has seven years of experience and his degrees are from Midwestern State and the University of North Texas.
- Kelye Garcie, special education in-home/parent trainer, has been named assistant principal at the new Scoggins Middle School. She has eight years of experience and her degrees are from Midwestern State and Dallas Baptist.
- Amy Reed, teacher at Griffin Middle School, has been named assistant principal at Clark Middle School. Reed has 10 years of experience and her degrees are from Texas Tech and the University of North Texas.
- Derek Leary, currently an assistant principal in Arlington ISD, has been named assistant principal at Rogers Elementary. Leary has seven years of educational experience and his degrees are from the University of Northern Iowa and Illinois State University.
- Lauren Cypert, teacher at Shawnee Trail Elementary, has been named assistant principal at Fisher Elementary. Cypert has six years of educational experience and her degrees are from Texas Tech and Lubbock Christian University.
- Aaron Else, teacher at Gunstream Elementary, has been named assistant principal at Sem Elementary, replacing Karen Parker who is moving. Else has eight years of experience and has degrees from Minnesota State and the University of North Texas.
- Lashon Gales, teacher at Corbell Elementary, has been named assistant principal at Christie Elementary, replacing Susan Murphy who is now principal of the new Elliott Elementary. Gales has eight years of experience and her degrees are from Southeastern Louisiana University and Texas Woman's University.
- Michelle Gladden, teacher at Taylor Elementary, has been named assistant principal at that school. Gladden has 10 years experience and her degrees are from the University of Oklahoma and the University of Texas Permian Basin.
- Karie Thering, teacher at Staley Middle School, has been named assistant principal at Staley. Thering has eight years of experience and her degrees are from the University of Houston in Victoria.
- Brenda Youngblood, teacher at Boals Elementary, has been named assistant principal at Gunstream Elementary. Youngblood has 17 years of experience and her degrees are from Southwest Texas State and Dallas Baptist. She is replacing Mandy Carpenter who is moving to Anderson Elementary as AP to replace Dianna High. High is the new principal at Sem Elementary to replace Merideth Choate, the new Coordinator of Bilingual/ESL.

Other AP changes are as follows:

- Rusty Watson from Taylor Elementary to Ashley Elementary
- Christina Beran moving from Ashley Elementary to Boals Elementary
- Becca Bustillos from Boals Elementary to Bright Elementary
- Terry Walsh from Bright Elementary to Smith Elementary
- Stacy Mills from Rogers Elementary to new Elliott Elementary
- Sean Westby from Griffin Middle School to new Stafford Middle School
- Lynn Pogue from Clark Middle School to new Scoggins Middle School