



**Lloyd R. Ferguson
Elementary School
2007-08 Parent Handbook**

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School colors : Blue, gold and white

School Mascot : Sailors

Ferguson School Song

This school is your school;
This school is my school.
We try to follow that famous Golden Rule.
Due unto others as you would have them do unto you.
We make Ferguson the best that it can be.

We help each other with care and kindness,
with good behavior and being friendly.
We are respectful with lots of sharing.
We Sailors are the best that we can be.

The Learner's Creed

I believe in myself and my ability to do my best for this day.
For this day will not come anymore.
I will think. I will listen. I will read, and I will write.
I will make healthy eating choices and keep my body fit.
I will do all these things with one purpose in mind:
To do my best and not waste this day!
For this day will not come anymore.

A Challenge To Students Of Ferguson Elementary

By: Rosalie B. Ferguson

Lloyd Ferguson, for thirty years,
was a school administrator.
He was a good one without fears,
Any other could be straighter.

A school in Clear Creek District
Of Texas now carries his name.
Dear pupils, with your lives be strict,
Thus, a good life you, too, can claim.

During your years as a student—
Stand tall! Make a mark! Be daring!
For you his labors were intent,
On you centered his caring.

Knowing that there is a good school man
Who believes in you, day to day;
And if you give it all you can,
You will succeed in your own way.

Lloyd R. Ferguson

Dr. Lloyd R. Ferguson was C.C.I.S.D Superintendent from 1964 to 1976 and Interim Superintendent from December 1987 – June 1988. During his term as Superintendent, the student population of C.C.I.S.D. grew from 5,000 to 15,500 students. Dr. Ferguson fought to keep student to teacher ratios low and implemented programs for deaf students and children with learning disabilities. Additionally, he expanded vocational and career training. He was commemorated by the Clear Creek Area Council PTA with the “Friends of PTA”, a bicentennial honor roll displayed in Austin at the State PTA Headquarters. He also helped establish the Ed White Youth Center in Seabrook.

History of Ferguson Elementary School

Lloyd R. Ferguson Elementary School was opened to students in August 1990 with 840 Students, who came from Stewart and League City Elementary schools. By 1992, Ferguson had reached over 1,000 students and 4 portable buildings were installed on the south side of the campus. The following year, 1,230 students had enrolled and 7 additional portable buildings were placed parallel to the cafeteria. In August 1995, Hyde Elementary opened, new boundary lines were drawn and Ferguson’s enrollment dropped to 800 students. Enrollment has steadily increased each year. At the end of the 2006-07 school year, the student enrollment was 867. Faculty had grown to 75.

Past Principals

1990-1997 Peter Quattrini

1997-1999 Peter Caterina

Past Assistant Principals

1990-1992 Trudy Knight

1992-1995 Christine Casper

1995-1998 Karen Engel

1998-2001 Jane Kelling

2001-2005 Stephanie McBride

Awards and Recognition

In 1992, Ferguson received a Performance Gain Award from the state for achievement in TAAS Scores from the previous year. The award of \$156,000 has been the largest amount ever given to a CCISD campus. The money was used to open a second Macintosh computer lab for the students. Ferguson was the first school in the district to have a second computer lab, which set the standard for all new schools opening district-wide. Additionally, the money assisted in funding a full-time art teacher and a TAAS teacher. Since then, our school has continued to receive “Exemplary Status” for the students’ excellent TAAS test performance.

In May 1993, Theresa Walker, a resource teacher at Ferguson, received the “Teacher of the Year Award” from CCISD. During the 1993-1994 school year, the Ferguson PTA qualified as a state finalist for “Outstanding PTA” because of the tremendous volunteer involvement. In the spring of 1997, the Bird and Butterfly Garden was dedicated to retiring principal, Peter Quattrini. The PTA awarded the “Beautification Award” to this environmental project.

Plaques in the school display items taken on space shuttle missions and two trees planted on the campus have also orbited earth. In September 1993, students in the Young Astronauts Club received training from the Clear Lake Amateur Radio Club, which enabled them to talk to the STS-56 crew on board the space shuttle Columbia.

Additionally, each year Ferguson students participate in a district math competition, district Science Fair competitions, the district Spelling Bee, the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Art Exhibit, and the Environmental poster contest. Trophies are proudly displayed in the main hall.

Ferguson has once again proudly received an award from the state of Texas for exemplary performance on state test scores!

School Hours

School doors open at 7:45 a.m. and close at 3:45 p.m. Students arriving before 8:00 a.m. will wait in the gym until classes begin. The regular school hours are from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

School Nurse

Our school nurse is on duty full-time. She will conduct many health programs throughout the year, including: vision and hearing, height and weight records, immunizations and growth & development videos & information for fourth and fifth grade students.

Administration of medications

Students may not carry medication or administer it to themselves. Prescription medication must be in the original container, accompanied by a note from the parents. The note must include the student's name, name and strength of the medication and specific directions for administration. Medication that is kept at school for longer than 10 days requires a physician's note on file.

Tardies

Any student arriving after 8:15 a.m. will be counted tardy for the day. All late students must check in at the office to receive a tardy slip before proceeding to class. Medical tardies must be accompanied with a note from the doctor.

Attendance

Parents/guardians should contact the school when the student is absent. A note signed by the parent/guardian showing the dates and reasons for absence **must** be submitted to the classroom teacher. If this note is not sent within the allocated time, the absence will be unexcused. Parents/guardians are responsible for student attendance and should be aware of the numerous policies and procedures set out in the CCISD district handbook regarding reasons and causes of absence. Please refer to the handbook for more information. It is available at www.ccisd.net.

PhoneMaster

Ferguson is now using PhoneMaster in place of the S.A.F.E. program to provide notification when your child is absent or tardy. PhoneMaster is a web-based communication tool that gives CCISD campuses the ability to record messages and deliver notifications automatically to all parents. Calls will be placed to phone numbers listed on the contact information sheet beginning at 11:30 a.m. each day. Please update your contact information if your phone number changes. Thank you for your continued support in helping us to provide a safe environment for your child to thrive. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Dress Code

Students are expected to adhere to the rules and regulations set forth in the district handbook which is available at www.ccisd.net. Please label clothing, including coats, sweaters and hats. Lost and found items are placed in a receptacle near the main entrance. At the end of the year, unclaimed items are donated to a local non-profit organization.

Office Hours

The school secretaries begin answering the phones at 7:30 a.m. The office is open from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. each day. The regular school hours are from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Parent Visitation

All visitors and volunteers are required to sign in at the office, show I.D. and obtain a visitor's badge. To make a classroom visit, advance arrangements must be made with the specific teacher.

Prohibited Items

Students may not bring knives, guns, tobacco products, pagers, cell phones, skateboards or scooters in the school building or on the school buses at any time. Refer to the district handbook for more information.

D.A.R.E

The fifth grade class participates in a sixteen-week curriculum taught by the D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officer from League City Police Department. This thorough curriculum is designed to educate our maturing kids about the realities of illegal drug abuse, alcohol, gangs and violence. Following the completion of course, the fifth grade class will be commended during the annual D.A.R.E graduation.

Gifted and Talented

The district's program for gifted and talented students is designed to serve those who perform or show potential for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience or environment.

Safety Patrol

Serving on the Ferguson Safety Patrol is an honored position with membership open to fourth and fifth grade students. The patrol plays a key role in maintaining safety around campus both before and after school. Patrol members are selected by classroom teacher recommendation, grades, and by the availability of positions. Qualities considered necessary include leadership, cooperation, reliability, responsibility and excellent conduct.

Science Fair

The annual district-wide science fair provides students with an opportunity for hands-on learning and to develop the scientific method, which is to identify the problem, formulate a hypothesis, determine a procedure, gather data, interpret the results and draw a conclusion. Ferguson's science fair is open to all students. Kindergarten through third grade students will receive participation certificates. Corporate volunteers judge fourth and fifth grade projects and the winners advance to the district fair. The CCISD school board recognizes those students who participate in the science fair for all 13 years.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Membership

The strength of the PTA is directly related to the strength of its members. The more individuals who join, the more programming and service the PTA can provide to the students, families and staff of the school. Joining the PTA does not obligate you to take an active role in the PTA or to volunteer in any way (although it is highly encouraged).

Ferguson conducts an annual membership drive each fall. The PTA dues provide PTA programs throughout the year. Any adult family member or member of the community is encouraged to join.

Ferguson has received 100% membership award for the past three school years. Hopefully we can hold onto that record in 2007-2008.

Ferguson PTA Board

The PTA Board is made of an executive branch and numerous committee chairpersons. A nominating committee is formed each year from the general body. The nominating committee requests nominations from the entire population of Ferguson. New officers are elected at the last general PTA meeting. The committee chairs are selected by the President with help from the nominating committee and the PTA board. Elections for each executive position are held annually and the term of office cannot exceed two years.

The time and energy put into the programs by the Board members is one of the reasons that Ferguson is the exceptional school that it is. We encourage each parent to find one committee to join!

School Store

The school store is sponsored and run by PTA volunteers. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7:45-8:10 am. Many school items are available for purchase as well as novelty items and school spirit items. School t-shirts are also available for purchase.

PTA Fundraisers

The annual fall carnival is the major PTA fundraiser for the school year. It includes a 5K fun run, silent auction, bake sale, raffle, craft show, food and games. The proceeds from the carnival fund PTA programs throughout the year as well as adding improvements on the campus. Past carnivals have funded the gazebo, new playground equipment and technology equipment.

The bird & butterfly garden and personalized bricks were implemented in 1997 as a dedication project to retiring Principal Peter Quattrini. Located in the back of the school, this award-winning garden survives with the donations of the PTA, local organizations, teachers and parents. Personalized bricks, which are sold by the PTA, adorn the garden.

Raising Cash for Ferguson

There are a lot of ways that Ferguson parents can help earn “free” cash for our school.

- **Box Tops:** General Mills products include a “Box Top for Education.” These box tops are collected all year and are redeemed for cash each quarter. Each box top is worth \$0.10, and historically we have earned more than \$1000 per year through this program. You can also join the Box Tops 4 Education Booster Club at www.boxtops4education.com and do all your online shopping through this site. Many major retailers are present and they will donate a percentage of your purchases back to Ferguson. Most of the percentages are in the 3-5% range.

- **Campbell's Labels for Education:** Campbell's product labels are collected and redeemed for items in the "Campbell's catalog." In addition to foods with the Campbell's name, the Campbell's Labels for Education are on Pepperidge Farm, Pace, Prego and Swanson products.
- **Tyson Project A+:** Clip and save Tyson Project A+ labels from participating Tyson products. Each label is worth \$0.24.
- **Randalls Good Neighbor Program:** Randalls will pay 1% of your total grocery purchases to Ferguson if you link your Randalls Remarkable Card to Ferguson. All you have to do is go to the Courtesy Booth and ask for the Good Neighbor application. Fill out the application and list Ferguson as charity number **1119**.
- **Office Depot:** When purchasing supplies at Office Depot, before ringing up your supplies, let the cashier know that you would like Ferguson to get credit for this sale. Office Depot will donate 5% of your qualified purchases in credits that Ferguson can use for free supplies.
- **Local Restaurants:** Throughout the school year, local restaurants sponsor "Ferguson Night". On predesignated evenings, the restaurant will donate a percentage of all food purchases to Ferguson if Ferguson is mentioned at the time of ordering. Fliers will be sent home throughout the school year with the details.
- **Target:** Sign up for a Target or Target Visa credit card. Target will donate 1% of all your Target purchases back to Ferguson. ½% of purchases made on your Target Visa Card at non-Target locations will be donated back to Ferguson. You can sign up at the store, online at www.target.com, or call 1-800-316-6142. Ferguson is school code **96824**.

PTA Programs

Throughout the school year, PTA will sponsor several programs that are intended to promote family time in a fun and educational way. These programs have included Math Night, Science Night and a "Read In". In addition to "hands on" activities, speakers are invited to Ferguson to speak on different topics of interest to you and your family.

Sailor Signals

The Sailor Signals is a monthly school newsletter put together by the PTA. It contains school and PTA information that will keep you informed on what is going on each month at Ferguson.

This small publication is distributed to all Ferguson students and therefore reaches out to hundreds of local families within the South Shore and League City area. Local business owners (many of whom will probably have children at Ferguson) are invited to place a regular monthly advertisement in the newsletter. For more information, contact Jackie Herzfeld at 281-538-0823.

www.fergusonpta.org

The Ferguson PTA has a website with valuable school information. You will find the Parent Handbook, phone numbers, valuable links, the school calendar, and much more at the website.

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PTA Board Members

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2007-08 Ferguson Faculty List

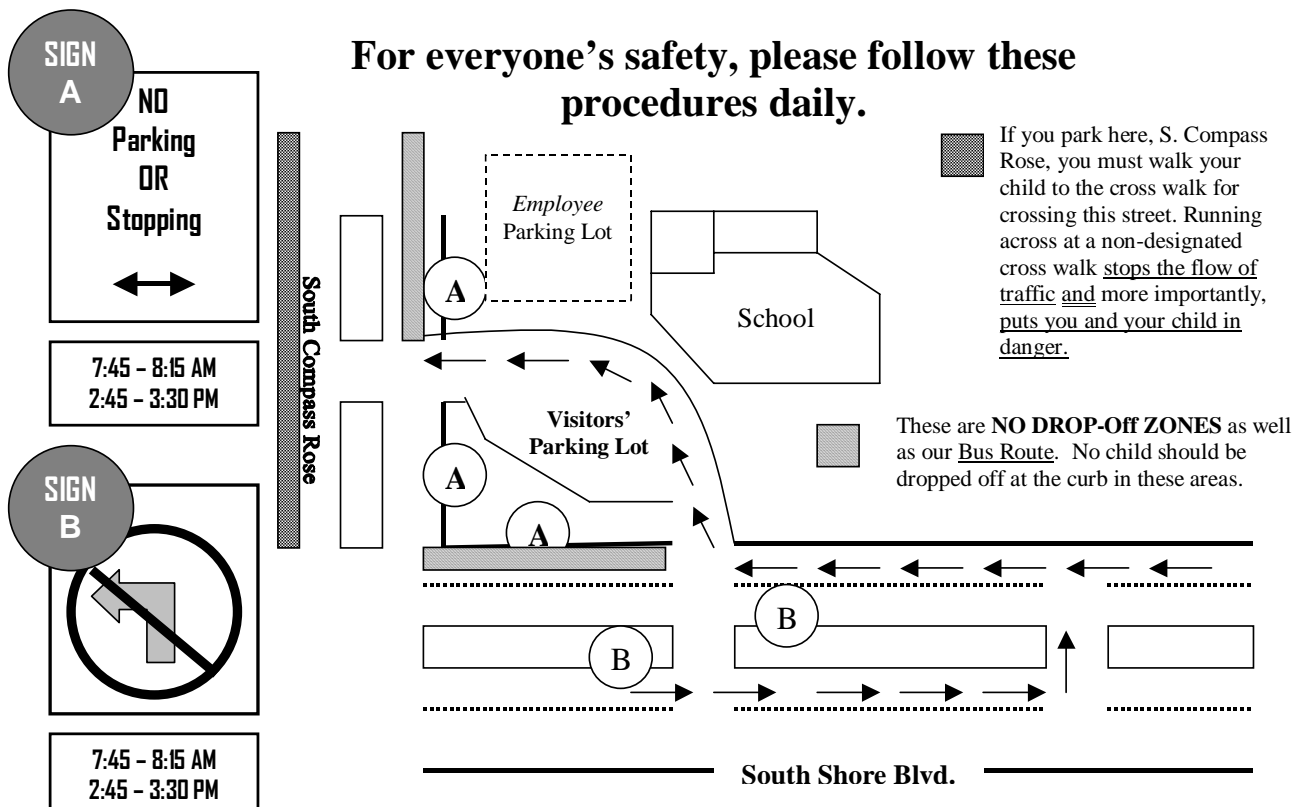
Name	Assignment	Room
Elaine Sanders	Principal	510
Robin Williams	Asst. Principal	511
Sandy Schrage	Secretary	115
Clara Revill	Clerical Aide	248
Julie Finger	Data Specialist	513
Julie Reny	Clerical Aide	0
Blance Kilpatrick	Counselor	111
Claudia Norwood	Diagnostician	113
Rae Ann Pearsall	Nurse	502
Kim Foley	K	222
Sharon Niccum		407
Sharon Parrott		410
Betsy Pendergast		409
Fonda Wilkins		408
Amy Alston	1	208
Yvonne Hall		205
Wendy Hamilton		209
Lisa McCadden		206
Colleen Nungesser		207
SuAnn Raymond		204
Gwen French	2	211
Hope Gadsby		233
Lee Jones		212
Denise McKay		215
Glenna McRaith		210
Laura Pearson		214
Karen Reed		213
Joyce Alderman	3	238
Denice Calderera		239
Terri Conklin		237
Diane Fletcher		235
Lauren Jeffrey		242
Susan Pugh		236
Jackie Simon		234

Name	Assignment	Room
Monica Belanger	4	257
Michelle Brown		253
Heather Gammon		243
David Herring		256
Sherry Lee		254
Coco Motley		255
Jane Propst		252
Laura Sutton		241
Kathy Baker	5	263
Gaylen Betros		260
Tammy Corner		259
Pat Hunter		258
Michelle Ruehrwein		262
Becky Templeton		261
Cynthia Austin	Music	122
Gary Brown	Librarian	226
Latricia Brown	Cafeteria Mgr	501
Meredith Brown	PT	405
Kay Carpenter	Tech Specialist	109
Holli Clasen	OT	405
Erin Dahl	Resource	240
Janet Dunn	PE Aide	311
Rosa Holifield	Library Aide	226
Nancy Hough	GT Specialist	244
Lynnea Junco	Resource	240
Anne Marie Krenek	Science	282
Grace Mattison	ESL	251
Anne McGregor	PPCD Aide	406
Maria Ortiz	Resource	240
Karen Parker	PE	311
Seabie Semones	Speech	227
Polly Sutton	Custodian	309
Susan Thames	Art	283
Sara Tollett	PE Aide	311
Rita Turner	Resource	272
Pat Whittington	Dyslexia	245
Sally Wilburn	PE	311
Jennifer Wolf	PPCD	406

Lloyd R. Ferguson Elementary Car Rider Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures

Please write (in large dark letters) your child's name and grade on the back side of this card and have it visible on the front right side dashboard during pick-up.

- Students may **ONLY** be dropped off or picked up at the front circle drive, or at the crosswalk (must pull into neighborhood to let child out of vehicle. May not leave child off at curb on Compass Rose Blvd, nor South Shore Harbor Blvd. **The back parking lot is for Day Care and Buses only.**
- When dropping off and picking up students, **please pull forward to the last column** or as far forward as possible.
- To assist in loading quickly, please make sure your child knows the vehicle type and color.
- If you park and pick up your child, please utilize the cross walk to walk across the parking lot and accompany your child back to the vehicle.



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LUNCH, RECESS, & BLOCK TIMES

Grade	Teacher	Table	Lunch	Recess	Block
K	Parrott	1	10:30	After Lunch	12:55- 1:45
	Foley	3	10:33		
	Pendergast	5	10:36		
	Niccum	6	10:39		
	Wilkins	8	10:42		
1	Alston	10	10:45	2:15- 2:30	12:05- 12:55
	Nungesser	2	10:48		
	Raymond	4	10:51		
	McCadden	7	10:54		
	Hamilton	9	10:57		
	Hall	1	11:00		
2	McRaith	3	11:03	1:45- 2:00	9:55- 10:45
	French	5	11:06		
	Jones	6	11:09		
	Reed	8	11:12		
	Pearson	10	11:15		
	McKay	2	11:18		
	Gadsby	4	11:21		
4	Brown	7	11:24	After Lunch	1:45- 2:35
	Lee	9	11:27		
	Propst	1	11:30		
	Herring	3	11:33		
	Motley	5	11:36		
	Belanger	6	11:39		
	Sutton	8	11:42		
	Gammon	10	11:45		
3	Jeffrey	2	11:48	2:00- 2:15	10:45- 11:35
	Caldarera	4	11:51		
	Alderman	7	11:54		
	Conklin	9	11:57		
	Pugh	1	12:00		
	Fletcher	3	12:03		
	Simon	5	12:06		
5	Baker	6	12:09	After Lunch	8:15- 9:05
	Ruehrwein	8	12:12		
	Templeton	10	12:15		
	Betros	2	12:18		
	Cornor	4	12:21		
	Hunter	7	12:24		

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BLOCK SCHEDULE

CLASS	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6
PE	RED ORANGE YELLOW	GREEN BLUE PURPLE	RED ORANGE YELLOW	GREEN BLUE PURPLE	RED ORANGE YELLOW	GREEN BLUE PURPLE
MUSIC	GREEN	RED	PURPLE	YELLOW	BLUE	ORANGE
SCIENCE	PURPLE	YELLOW	BLUE	ORANGE	GREEN	RED
ART	BLUE	ORANGE	GREEN	RED	PURPLE	YELLOW

GRADE LEVEL	5 th	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	K	4 th
TIME	8:15-9:05	9:55-10:45	10:45-11:35	12:05-12:55	12:55-1:45	1:45-2:35
RED	HUNTER	MCRAITH GADSBY	FLETCHER ALDERMAN	RAYMOND	NICCUM	BELANGER GAMMON
ORANGE	CORNOR	MCKAY GADSBY	SIMON ALDERMAN	MCCADDEN	FOLEY	MOTLEY GAMMON
YELLOW	TEMPLETON	REED GADSBY	CONKLIN ALDERMAN	HALL	WILKINS	HERRING GAMON
GREEN	BETROS	PEARSON GADSBY	PUGH ALDERMAN	HAMILTON	PENDERGAST	PROPST SUTTON
BLUE	BAKER	JONES GADSBY	JEFFREY ALDERMAN	ALSTON	PARROTT	BROWN SUTTON
PURPLE	RUEHRWEIN	FRENCH GADSBY	CALDARERA ALDERMAN	NUNGESSER		LEE SUTTON