

*Dr. Mark Henry*  
Superintendent of Schools

*Matt Morgan*  
Assistant Superintendent, Support Services

Dear Horne Families,

On behalf of Horne Elementary teachers and staff, I would like to thank you for your support. I look forward to continuing to build upon the many achievements we've experienced already this past school year both inside and outside of the classroom.

A critical part of this vision is working together with the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Transportation Department to provide the best possible services to your family as your child is transported to and from school. Transporting over 75,000 students each morning and afternoon, it is important to know when and where each child gets on and off the school bus.

Our campus has elected to participate in a new program called ZPass. With the introduction of ZPass, I am pleased to announce Horne Elementary or CFISD Transportation will be able to promptly provide you with this real-time, accurate information of when and where your child got on or off the school bus, or you may elect to automatically receive this information via text-messaging, email, or both. The ZPass is an innovative student ridership system that provides school staff with the time, date and location that a student enters and exits the school bus. The program software is widely used and trusted by school districts across the nation. Each school bus is equipped with a ZPass card reader. As students enter and exit the bus, they simply swipe their ZPass Multipurpose Card in front of the card reader. The system then records the time, date and location of entry or exit. This data is transmitted to a secure database only accessible to Horne Elementary staff and transportation officials. The multipurpose cards have also been bar-coded for students to quickly access their food service accounts for breakfast, lunch, and for checking out books from our library.

Upon our return from the winter break, students at Horne will be issued a ZPass Multipurpose Card. All transportation-eligible students are required to have their ZPass Card at all times to board and while riding the school bus. Students will receive their initial ZPass Multipurpose Card free of charge. If your student loses their card, they will not be denied transportation, however they will need to obtain a replacement from the front office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at 281-463-5954 or visit [www.cfisd.net](http://www.cfisd.net). We will continue working toward our mission to maximize every student's potential through rigorous and relevant learning experiences preparing students to be 21<sup>st</sup> Century global leaders.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

**Stephanie Thomas**  
Principal, Horne Elementary

  
**William D. Powell**  
Director of Transportation