

**...School Menu**

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**Lunch**

**Monday, January 29**

Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit, milk

**Tuesday, January 30**

Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, refried beans, salad, fruit, milk

**Wednesday, January 31**

Chopped BBQ sandwich, pickle spears, coleslaw, chips, fruit, milk

**Thursday, February 1**

Sweet-n-sour chicken, fried rice or lo mein noodles, fruit, milk

**Friday, February 2**

Lasagna, corn on the cob, garlic bread, salad, fruit, milk

**...RLISD Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

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Supt. Hood gave his respective report on enrollment numbers, budget update, and Team of Eight Training.

The board left open session at 6:22 pm to enter into closed session at 6:25 pm and reconvened into open session at 6:50 pm.

Beverly Sinclair made a motion, seconded by George Grim, to give Supt. Hood a 3% raise in salary for 2018-2019 school year. All were for. Irma Torres made a motion, seconded by Jeffie Roberts, to extend Supt. Hood's contract one year, making a five year contract extending through 2023 school year. All were for.

The next regular board meeting will be Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 11 am.

The meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

**New Series**

[Editor's Note: The following is the fourth in a series of articles submitted by Brandon Broadbent.]

**Abundant Life**

Kindness - the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. In the flesh, kindness does not come naturally. But, if we are a follower of Christ this should become a common trait among us. A small act of kindness can make the difference for others during the day. It is hard to stay upset when others are smiling, waving, and being of good cheer. I have found the easiest way to start my day out with others is to remember the kindness that my Jesus has shown me. I did nothing to earn my salvation, or the blessings that come with being a child of the King. Once pondered it brings things into focus for me.

Proverbs 3:3 *"Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart."*

Being kind to others also has away of making our problems become smaller. As our focus shifts from self to selflessness the Holy Spirit begins to multiply the joy inside of us and we start walking in the spirit and all the powers of the devil must fall away because they cannot stand in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:6 *"The mind governed by the flesh is death,*

*but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace."*

If we all, as Christians, will pray up and greet the day with Jesus in our hearts we will be able to see the effects of Jesus in our streets and places of business and schools. It won't take long and the blessings will be everywhere around us.

Philippians 2:1-2 *"So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any*

*affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind."*

Love y'all. Tell someone what Jesus did for you.

**House Ag Committee launches farm bill landing page**

The 2018 Farm Bill is on the horizon, and it has many in agriculture eyeing funding,

challenges and defining needs as farm policy talks continue.

As part of the dialogue surrounding the new farm legislation, the U.S. House Agriculture Committee this month launched a farm bill landing page to serve as a central location for updates and information throughout the process of crafting the 2018 Farm Bill.

The new web page, which can be found at <https://agriculture.house.gov/farmbill/>,

includes videos, farm facts and outlines challenges in rural America.

"Agriculture needs a strong farm bill," said John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president. "Low prices, volatile markets and Mother Nature are just a few of the factors we deal with each year in agriculture. This farm bill can provide important resources for farmers and ranchers."

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