



Welcome From Superintendent of Schools Mary Murrell

Welcome to **Kiefer Public Schools, home of the Kiefer Trojans**. The community of Kiefer began educating children around 1907 and our first school was built in 1910. Although this facility burned in 1920, a second school which was built in 1916 served as our high school until 2005. The old high school still stands and is valued by our alumni and community for its many historical features such as a solid marble entry and pictures of every graduating class since 1914 which lined the hallways.

While treasuring the tradition of the past, we are also embracing the excitement of the future. The community of Kiefer is experiencing a tremendous growth in residential housing. The population of the school district has increased by over 15% in just the past year! Our schools and the community were prepared to face the challenges of our future growth. The residents of Kiefer overwhelmingly voted to approve a bond issue to build a new high school and cafeteria located near our new middle school (**Rongey Middle School** which opened in November 2002). Our new high school opened in October 2005. **Oliver Elementary School** was built across the street from the old high school in 1976 and has been recently renovated including such projects as a new retrofit roof and new heating and air conditioning units. We also completed construction on a new girls' locker room and weight room facility in the summer of 2005. Recently, citizens of Kiefer approved a transportation bond, which resulted in a new route bus, new handicapped bus, and new box truck for the **award winning Pride of Trojan Land Band** and a fantastic new activity bus. In addition, in 2007 a new track was built which was totally funded by private donations! Also in 2007, beautiful new playground equipment was installed at the elementary school.

In March 2008, voters will have an opportunity to vote on a bond issue to renovate the old elementary cafeteria, including installing new public restrooms and a hand washing station, purchasing new kitchen equipment, and repairing the roof. Also included is funding for a new computer lab and technology for the elementary, security and safety at all schools, building repairs for existing facilities, and acquiring new land for future growth. This new bond issue will not raise taxes.

I am excited to be a part of the success of Kiefer Public Schools. I believe that great schools are formed when children, parents, teachers, administrators and the community work as a team to make learning a priority. The community of Kiefer values education and supports its school system and our school is thriving because of this.

If you are new here, I offer you a warm welcome; we hope you will take time to learn more about what makes Kiefer special. If you are already a member of the Kiefer Schools' family, I will say, simply: Welcome home.