

Port Aransas School Menus

Dec. 4 - 8

Breakfast

Monday

Assorted Cereal, Graham Crackers, Juice, Milk

Tuesday

Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, Juice, Milk

Wednesday

Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Juice, Milk

Thursday

Pancakes & Sausage Wrap, Juice, Milk

Friday

Assorted Cereal, Graham Crackers, Juice, Milk

Lunch

Monday

Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Peaches, Milk

Tuesday

Egg Rolls, Rice, Oriental Veggies, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk

Wednesday

Crispy Chicken Salad, Fresh Fruit, Crackers, Milk

Thursday

Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Sandwich Salad Cup, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Friday

Turkey Sandwich, Chili Bowl, Veggie & Dip, Fresh Fruit, Milk

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Three little pilgrims

Dressed like pilgrims, kindergarteners Ember Clark, Madison Halcomb and Hannah Campbell, from left, await their Thanksgiving meals on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at H.G. Olsen Elementary School.

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Thanksgiving feast

Dressed as pilgrims, kindergarteners chow down on a pre-Thanksgiving meal on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at H.G. Olsen Elementary School.

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EDUCATION NOTES

Change

Change is not easy. No matter what we do in life, change is inevitable. There are numerous factors that can turn seemingly small obstacles into massive trials and tribulations. For some, these difficulties prove to be too much, and they decide to give up. How many times have we decided on New Year's Eve that this year is "gonna be the year"?

For a large majority of us, we slip back into our old ways. If only there were an easy way to change. Right? We can fill libraries with information on how to get a lot for a little. Want to get rich quick? Want to lose that extra weight? Quit smoking? Whatever it is, we like to find the easy way out.



MARK SPENCER

We work harder to find the easy way as opposed to just doing the required work in the first place. It's all about the extra effort and how badly we want to achieve our goals.

This year, I was shown a motivational clip by S.L. Parker from simpletruths.com.

- At 211 degrees water is hot
- At 212 it boils
- And with boiling water comes steam
- And with steam you can power a train
- One degree more = exponential results

All my life I have looked for motivation. My dad, retired municipal judge and Justice of the Peace Jim Spencer of Aransas Pass, motivated me in ways I won't mention in this forum through

my high school years. Most importantly he taught me to "take care of my business." Sometimes, our business doesn't seem as important as it should. Small things can make a difference in finishing our responsibilities. We must take ownership for our actions if we are to achieve results beyond our expectations.

As Parker writes, "a simple idea with a singular focus" is needed. How many of us have had points in our life when we looked back and said, "What if?"

Would one degree of extra effort have made the difference?

"Many of life's failures are men who didn't realize how close they were to success when they gave up."
-- Thomas Edison

This year we are trying to change habits, change attitudes and change results. We cannot simply do what is expected of us or what is required. Academic, athletic or social, our extra effort could make all the difference in the outcome. In the hallways, the classroom or in athletic competition, Port Aransas has always been hot. This year we are trying to turn it up just one more degree.

"To get what we've never had, we must do what we've never done."
-- Anonymous

Mark Spencer teaches government/economics and world geography and is the high school boys' basketball coach.

Student art show is Sunday

The December reception at the Art Center for the Islands will be held on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3, instead of the usual Friday night. The awards reception will be from 2 to 4 p.m., at the art center, 323 N. Alister St. Refreshments will be served.

Winning art by middle school and high school students will be displayed at the youth show that is held annually each December.

The art will be judged with Best of Show and first through third place winners awarded in each grade participating from schools in Port Aransas, Aransas Pass and Flour Bluff.

Tom McHenry instructs the participating students from the Port Aransas Independent School District (ISD); Aransas Pass ISD students are under the instruction of Laurie Garcia; and Lisa Brown, Ron Richardson, Connie Vallie, Valerie Lichtenberger and Charlotte Walker instruct Flour Bluff ISD students.

Port Aransas ISD band members, under the direction of Jim Cole, will entertain attendees.

Judges for the show are Duffey Albright, an artist from Port Aransas; Jen Jones, an artist and president of the Rialto Theater from Aransas Pass, and Judith DeShong Hall, an artist and art instructor from Corpus Christi.

The exhibit will be displayed at the art center through Dec. 29.

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