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Homegrown Program Celebrates First Graduate

Maria Beeson is the first-ever to complete the program and obtain her teaching degree July 3, 2013

The Homegrown Program has started to make the task of balancing work and the dream to pursue a teaching degree for paraprofessionals in the Klein ISD a reality by celebrating its first-ever graduate. Maria Beeson graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Houston on May 18, 2013.

Qualified bilingual teachers were scarce and when the district experienced a growing demand in this area, the Homegrown Program was developed as a way to offer monetary support to Klein ISD paraprofessionals who were working toward a degree in teaching to encourage them to pursue their bachelor's degree in Bilingual Education. The Homegrown Program has strict guidelines which specify that the participants must pass all courses, which is verified by the semester transcripts, must take at least 15 credit hours per school year and the participants agreed that once they were certified bilingual teachers they would return to work in Klein for a minimum of 3 years.

As a child Beeson showed interest in teaching, but not until she began working for the Klein ISD as a teacher assistant in 2001 did she realize



that working with children was something she wanted to do as her full-time career. While working full-time and also being a wife and mother, Beeson's desire was to continue her education while still taking

care of her family. The Homegrown Program was able to provide her with an option that provided her the time, flexibility and support to achieve this new found dream.

"I was determined to overcome whatever obstacle I encountered to fulfill my dream," stated Beeson. "Fortunately for me, I began working

in a school district that provided support to its employees through the Homegrown Program," she added.

The pace of the program consisted of projects, reading, fieldwork, observations, projects and much more that Beeson had to balance with home and work. She knew that there would be occasions that would require a sacrifice of time with family or friends, but knew that wouldn't last forever.

"I knew that it was necessary to sacrifice the present for calm and well-being in the future," said Beeson. "And I knew that the results would not take long to appear," she continued.

Beeson had to adjust to the pace of work and organize her time. At the beginning of the program, she was able to continue working as a full-time employee, but as the program required extra time for observations, she knew it would be difficult to continue.

"The pace of the program was okay at the beginning, but I had to accommodate at the end with all of the projects, reading, observations and fieldwork combined with my full time position," said Beeson. "It was certainly exhausting; however, the pleasant work environment and the relationships with my colleagues in the university made the experience something unique. They turned the amount of work into something comfortable," she added.

"It is a huge honor to know that this achievement in my life is the opening for others that the Homegrown Program will support," said Beeson. "I was blessed with this unique opportunity that was offered to me and being the first graduate is a clear sign that the program is quite effective and suitable, but is designed so that you make it possible," she stated.

Beeson offered a little advice to other Klein ISD employees currently in the program.

"Being in a process at this level will require many times of sacrifice, but do not despair, be persistent and keep always in view your primary objective," said Beeson. "Although, the path will not be easy your achievements will not be small. This program is only waiting for those who will be able to try to overcome their own limits."

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- Pour dry dishwasher detergent on stain. Let detergent sit 45 minutes, pour boiling water on area & vigorously scrub the stained section with broom.
- Can take several hours

Announcement!

Family fun nights resume on Tuesday's 6pm -7:30pm

Pool Guest Policy

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- Keep your pet on a leash.
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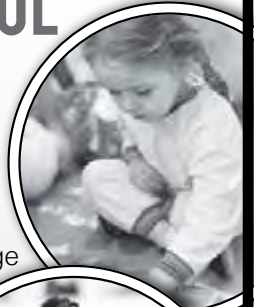
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Don't forget the Precinct 4 Constable's office offers protection for your home while you are on vacation. Go to http://www.cd4.hctx.net/online_forms.php?formID=vacation, and simply fill out the request form.

MUD BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are held every fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:00 PM, at 3327 La MER in Normandy Forest. The meetings are open to all residents.

HOME OWNER ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

HOA Meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm, in the Normandy Forest Clubhouse. Watch for the signs throughout our neighborhood reminding you about the meeting. Our next meeting is set for July 9.

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Randy's Lawn Fertilization Schedule

**FOR SOUTHERN GRASSES INCLUDING:
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FERTILIZE - four times a year:

Late February-Early March - apply a simple 15-5-10 for an early green-up. Most companies that make slow-release fertilizers also make a non slow-release 15-5-10 that provides for a quick two-week green up before we get to the heart of the fertilizer schedule.

WARNING: Some people will be tempted to use a weed-and-feed at this time, but if you've been following the GardenLine herbicide schedule, there should never be a need. However, spot weed-and-feed treatments are recommended for those with turf-only landscapes or landscapes that have been established for many years. Most weed-and-feeds contain Atrazine which burns roots of young trees and shrubs.

Late March-Early April - apply slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizers.
Recommended formulations:

19-4-10	Nitro Phos Super Turff
18-4-6	Fertilome Southwest Greenmaker
18-0-6	Fertilome's Zero Phosphate Formula
15-5-10	Southwest Fertilizer Premium Gold
20-0-10	Bonide Premium Lawn Food

Late June-Early July - apply slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizers.
(recommended formulations 19-5-9, 19-4-10, 18-4-6, 15-5-10.)

October-November - apply winterizer formulas for winter hardiness. Ratios vary, but make sure they are "winter" or "fall" formulas designed for southern grasses.

(examples: 18-6-12, 8-12-16, 10-5-14) Will make lawns winter-hardy.

June-September - if turf grass looks yellow (chlorosis) or necrotic, use an application of either granular or liquid iron. Once a year should be enough.



..... **ATV Safety**

School is out and as usual ATV activity has increased significantly. The really troublesome part is the number of these vehicles that are utilizing private property as well as main roadways to get around. We are receiving numerous calls regarding this issue and many of those involve several children riding on a single ATV, all at the same time.

One incident that stands out is when we saw two children standing on the front of a moving cart making it difficult for the driver (a minor) to navigate safely. When I contacted the parents they couldn't understand why their kids were stopped and no matter how hard I tried to explain it, they just couldn't understand my concern. Understand that just because the vehicle is off the street doesn't mean that it's any safer, not to mention that it was on private property which is a whole other story.

Private property is just what it says, private property. Don't assume that you can take an ATV or motorcycle, or any vehicle for that matter on a piece of property that doesn't belong to you and ride. The land belongs to someone and if you don't have authorization to ride on it, it can be considered trespassing.

ATV's and Go-Carts are not street legal; they cannot be operated on a public street. In the case of Golf Carts, there are specific laws that refer to them which you can view in the Texas Transportation Code. An Internet search for the code is available if you would like to view it.

We continue to receive many complaints from citizens and land owners stating that these type vehicles are being operated on public streets, Mud District and Harris County Flood Control property as well as private property. Without proper authorization, this is considered criminal trespassing.

There are also safety issues. Smaller vehicles are harder to see by other motorists. And in most cases the operator of the ATV or Go-cart is a younger, less experienced person. In a panic situation, this young riders' lack of experience can prove costly, especially when up against a larger vehicle. I have seen children as young as 7 years old driving ATVs, Go-Carts and Golf Carts with no parental supervision in sight. This is an accident waiting to happen.

Riding in prohibited areas such as Flood Control and Mud district facilities creates a whole new set of issues. First you can be fined or worse for riding in these prohibited areas. New growth in the Spring area has limited places to ride safely and legally. However this does not mean to ride on the street. Check the internet for ATV parks and/or a land owner that will allow you access to their land for riding.

For more information pertaining to the laws related to the operation of these vehicles feel free to call or email our office at 281 376-3472 or Ronnie.Glaze@cd4.hctx.net.

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