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Dear EXCEL Student Parent or Guardian:

It is with much enthusiasm that I am writing this letter to inform you of the changes to the EXCEL program effective August 23, 2010.

Our first change will be that all teachers that teach Kindergarten through Fifth grade in Lake Dallas ISD will have completed the thirty hour Gifted and Talented Training. Teachers have been working diligently to complete the training, so that all students may benefit from the strategies obtained from these classes.

The second change to our program will be that all of the Elementary EXCEL classes will be held at Lake Dallas Elementary. The EXCEL classes will begin on Monday September 6, 2010. The process will be as follows:

- Students will report to their home campus, just as they do each day.
- Students from Corinth and Shady Shores Elementary will be bused from their home campus to Lake Dallas Elementary on the day of their class. The bus will pick up the students between 8:30 and 8:40. They will arrive at Lake Dallas Elementary approximately ten minutes later.
- The EXCEL Specialist or assigned staff member will meet the students at the bus and escort them to class.

- The students will spend the day engaging in higher level curriculum activities and assignments, while having the ability to work alongside students from campuses other than their own. (Students will have lunch and recess.)
- The bus will pick up students between 2:30 and 2:40 and will return them to their home campus.

There will be an informational meeting about the upcoming program changes on August 19, 2010 at the Lake Dallas Elementary Cafeteria at 6:00 PM.

Attached you will find a schedule of the classes.

If you have any questions concerning the program changes, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Dawson  
Director of Advanced Academics

## **2010- 11 EXCEL Schedule**

\*Monday- 1st grade H. Barr

Tuesday- 3rd grade H. Barr                      5th grade A-K      A. Hallford

Wednesday- 2nd grade H. Barr                      5th grade L-Z      A. Hallford

Thursday – 4th grade H. Barr

EXCEL classes will begin on Tuesday September 7, 2010 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

\* First grade will meet for the first time on Monday September 13, 2010.