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## **Roth Elementary School Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

On October 29, Roth Elementary School in the Klein ISD will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. The school opened on August 27, 1984 with an enrollment of 662. This year, the school's enrollment is 723. Before the opening of Benignus Elementary School, the Roth enrollment was as high as 1,100 students. Its first principal was Ms. Betty Dodd. She was followed by Ms. Misty Kainer who became the principal of Benignus. The current principal is Ms. Ann Dristas.

In recalling her days at Roth, Ms. Dodd stated, "How great to open a new school. We had fantastic teachers, wonderful children, and very supportive parents. It was truly a neighborhood school that nurtured students. Today, the staff members of Roth continue to uphold the highest academic standards."

For the birthday celebration, the school will host a dinner followed by a reading and mathematics night where parents and their children will participate in games and activities that promote learning. Decorations for the celebration will be provided by the school's PTO.

Roth has been known for its academic achievement. Since ratings have been given to schools based on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, Roth has been either a recognized or exemplary school.

Because the word "roth" means "red" in German, the school has chosen red as the color of its school shirts for this year.

The Roth family originally owned a farm in what is now the Bridgestone subdivision where Roth Elementary School is located.

The Klein ISD is located in north Harris County and has more than 43,527 students in its twenty-six (26) elementary, eight (8) intermediate, and four (4) high schools. Visit the district's Web site at [www.kleinisd.net](http://www.kleinisd.net) for additional information about the Klein Independent School District.