

MUD donates track to Sheridan Elementary



Representatives from Harris County MUD No. 167 and members of the Sheridan Elementary School community prepare to cut the ribbon for the groundbreaking of a new track donated to the school by the MUD district.

The Sheridan community dedicated the track to their MUD district during a ribbon-cutting ceremony and awarded the representatives with a gift during the ceremony.

CFISD monitors ozone levels to keep parents informed

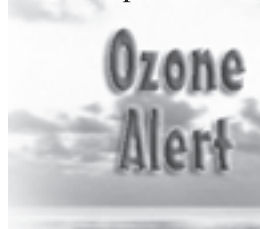
The word “ozone” has prompted a lot of confusion over the past few years because there is, in fact, good and bad ozone. The ozone layer in the upper atmosphere is essential because it filters harmful ultraviolet radiation from the sun, reducing the amount reaching the earth’s surface. On the other hand, high accumulations of ozone in the lower atmosphere near ground level can be harmful to people, animals, crops and other materials. The ozone gas in both the upper and lower atmosphere is the same; the difference is that one benefits and one harms. Ground-level ozone is the most pervasive air quality problem in Texas and the nation.

When Houston meteorologists report on the 6 a.m. newscast that the ozone level for the day is expected to be “high,” parents want to remember that the “prediction” is for the entire Houston-Galveston-Brazoria network viewing audience area. At daybreak, elevated ozone levels are many hours away, and in fact, elevated ozone levels are rarely a factor before the higher afternoon heat indexes are reached.

Cypress-Fairbanks ISD monitors ozone levels in the southeast Texas areas. The district has an alert process in place, which immediately notifies contact personnel at each campus and support facility when the ozone level exceeds normal within district boundaries during a regular school day.

Parents whose children have health issues such as respiratory or heart problems are reminded to notify the school nurse so the children are identified as being ozone-sensitive.

To monitor the ozone levels from your home or work computer go to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at: <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us>.



DID YOU KNOW?

There are several levels of ozone identified by the Texas Nature Conservation:

Green—Air Quality Index (AQI) 0-50: Ozone levels are normal and safe for outdoor activities

Yellow—AQI 51-100: This is the *precautionary warning* as we are slightly above normal ozone levels but not yet to the orange level. At this stage the district is monitoring closely the ozone level fluctuations.

Orange—AQI 101-150: Students in sensitive group will curtail all outdoor activity. The sensitive group includes students with respiratory or heart conditions. All other students will participate as scheduled.

Red—AQI 151-200: Students categorized in the sensitive group, will curtail all outdoor activity. All other students will restrict activity to an hour or less in duration. If the scheduled outdoor activity is longer than one hour, alternate plans will be implemented by the teacher, coach or sponsor.

Purple—AQI 201-300: All students will curtail all outdoor activity regardless of duration until ozone levels return to safe levels.

Elevated ozone levels decline when the heat of the day is reduced due to cloud coverage or as the sun begins to set.

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