



Five new full-time staff members greeted students at Chase County Schools Wednesday, the first day of classes for the 2012-13 year. All teachers and staff were also involved in meetings and setting up their classrooms Monday and Tuesday in preparation for Wednesday's first day. The five new teachers/staff join administrators Dr. Brad Schoeppey, school superintendent, and Troy Hauxwell, activities director, also new to the school system this year who were introduced in earlier stories. The new teachers/staff, pictured in front of the new lettering now up at the school entrance are, from left, Jodie Liess, K-6 vocal music director; Shannon Waggoner, K-6 guidance counselor; Mary Fortkamp, first grade; Melissa Wallin, third grade; and Ashley Exum, kindergarten. (Republican photo)