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Smithville ISD Receives 21st Century Grant for After School Program

[June 23, 2016] Smithville ISD is pleased to announce that the Texas Education Agency has awarded the district a 3 year 21st Century CCLC grant. The grant provides funds for the continuation of the ACE After-School Program which is designed to support economically disadvantaged and at-risk students. For the new grant cycle Smithville ISD will be restructured to supporting grade levels Kindergarten through 6th Grade and will be open Monday through Friday after school beginning in September 2016.

The purpose of the ACE-After School Program is to ensure that students graduate and are ready for college and/or career. The four components included in the program will be academic support; enrichment opportunities; college/career preparation, as well as family engagement and education. This exciting opportunity to continue the program will provide students opportunities to participate in activities such as art, music, theatre, film-making, photography, science, cooking, homework support, and tutoring. In addition, parents will have opportunities to improve their own knowledge and skills through classes such as helping students with homework, learning English, and parenting through our Parent University.

"We are excited that our district is a part of the ACE After-School Program and that it is helping to better meet the needs of our students and their families," said Cheryl Burns, Assistant Superintendent of Smithville ISD. "Afterschool programs pay enormous benefits. They inspire children to learn, provide a safe learning environment, and allow students to participate in supervised activities.

The Ace After-School Program is currently in the fifth year of the initial five year grant. "We are truly excited to be able to continue providing the After School Program to support student learning and enrichment activities", said Burns. Smithville ISD plans to continue partnering with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bastrop County in providing additional after school activities for the students as a part of the ACE program.

Thank you,

Cheryl Burns, M.Ed.
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