

# Weekly Update

A Weekly Review of Achievements & Activities in Cleburne ISD

October 21-28, 2016

## **Preliminary Plans of New Cleburne HS and Renovation of Current Building on Exhibit at Tuesday's Community Open House at CHS, Set for 5-8 PM**



A display of preliminary plans for the construction of the new high school and the renovation of the current building will be featured at Tuesday's Community Open House at CHS. Activities will also include a showcase of student work, information booths on opportunities for student involvement and teachers will be in their classrooms for parent visits. Members of the District's Pre-Design Committee recently reviewed the series of preliminary schematics, including School

Board President June Bates and Committee member MJ Larrison, picture left. Representatives from Corgan Architects will be present at the Open House to answer questions and receive feedback regarding the plans from parents and residents.

## **District Co-Champion Lady Jackets to Take on Midlothian In Bi-District Game Tuesday**

The Cleburne Lady Jackets, who ended their District volleyball season with a record of 13-1 to take the Co-Champion title, will be in Bi-District play Tuesday at 7:30 PM against Midlothian. The game will take place at Mansfield High School. This is the second consecutive year for the Lady Jackets to advance into the playoffs under Coach Timmi Blackshear. The team's overall season record going into post-district play is 40-3.

## **Wheat Middle School Student Writers in Texarkana for Fall Gathering of Authors**

These Wheat Middle School students were honored as published writers at the Texarkana Literacy Fall Gathering of Authors held this past weekend. In addition to having their entries selected for publication, several were award winners in the writing contest involving students from Texas and Arkansas.

The Wheat writers include 6th graders Rosalyn Carrizales, Joselyn Huerta, Liliana Aguilar, Haden Smith, Lynetta House, Bianca O'Bryant, MattiLu Ward; 7th graders Dakota Whitlock, Marc Anthony Clifford, Jasmine Arriaga, Tammy Nguyen, Emma Schulte, Mirian Martinez and 8th graders Joseph Diaz, Lexie Key and Jase Felton. This is the second year Wheat students have been among those selected for publication and awards in the charity event benefitting Arkansas Children's Hospital and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



## **Second Grade Campus Reading Bee Champions Compete in District Contest**



The top second grade readers from the District's seven elementary schools competed for the opportunity to represent Cleburne ISD at the North Texas Reading Bee Championships. Campus champions include, front, l-r, Landon Tarwater-Adams; Emerson O'Toole-Coleman; Derek Malone-Santa Fe; Rylie Pederson-Gerard and back from left, Noah Mora-Marti; Alan Rico-Irving and Jude Meazell-Cooke. The Reading Bee is an oral reading

competition for second graders which tests for accuracy in pronouncing words, fluency rate and comprehension of what is read. Students read passages before a judge, which gradually advance in difficulty, demonstrating their ability to often read above grade level. Emerson O'Toole was named the winner in the District contest and will compete at the Reading Bee Championships on November 12.

## Irving Elementary Hosts Math, Science and Literacy Night



Irving Elementary students, many in Halloween dress, enjoyed some tricks in science and math, as well as lots of treats as participants in Thursday's Math, Science and Literacy Night. In photo left, students witness the magic of dry ice and right, fourth grade teacher Ana Martinez shows students how to make "Oobleck."



Students from Southwestern Adventist University volunteered as guest readers.

## Parent Meetings Scheduled in Preparation for Deployment of Chromebooks for Grades 6-12



A series of parent meetings have been scheduled over the coming weeks to provide information on the January deployment of Chromebooks to middle school and high school students, for use at school and home. The meetings will take place at each of the District's secondary campuses, starting on November 7 from 6:30-7:30 PM at TEAM School. Parents may attend any of the seven scheduled meetings, or can select the session to be held on their student's campus. Information to be presented and discussed will range from the issuing of the Chromebooks, to their care and maintenance, the use of filters in addressing internet safety, digital citizenship and user guidelines. A schedule of the parent meetings is posted on the CISD website and numerous parent notifications are planned. The 1:1 initiative was among the technology components within Bond 2016, which was approved by voters in May.

## Four Smith Middle School Students Named to All-Region Choir



Edwards



Lovato



Horn



Villasana

Four Smith Middle School students have been named to the All-Region Choir following auditions in Keller. The Smith vocalists include seventh graders Devin Lovato-1st Tenor and Alex Villasana-2nd Tenor and eighth graders Chase Horn-Bass and Ben Edwards, 2nd Tenor. Smith Choir Director is Melissa Johnson.

## Red Ribbon Week Observances Held on All CISD Campuses



From Cleburne High School to Coleman Elementary, and every campus in between, students and staff were wearing red shirts, red ribbons, sporting crazy hair and wild hats as warriors choosing to stay healthy and smart by saying "no" to drugs and alcohol. Cleburne



ISD has been a participant in Red Ribbon Week since its beginnings in the mid-1980s.

## Ribbon Cuttings for Santa Fe Outdoor Learning Center and CISD Child Nutrition Office



Members of First United Methodist Church joined with Santa Fe staff and students in cutting the ribbon on the school's new Outdoor Learning Center. Church members began construction on the structure in August, aided by a grant from the Texas Methodist Foundation. The covered



multipurpose structure is located next to the school garden, allowing for numerous curriculum activities, including science.

The Cleburne Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Club hosted a ribbon cutting for the new CISD Child Nutrition Offices, located at 218 N. Ridgeway. In addition to housing departmental offices, the building provides commodity storage and includes a meeting room and test kitchen.