

Weekly Update

A Weekly Review of Achievements & Activities in Cleburne ISD
November 29-December 6, 2016

Parent Information Meeting on Chromebook Deployment Tonight at Cleburne HS



Attendance at parent information meetings on CISD's upcoming deployment of Chromebooks to secondary students is well over the 1,000 mark. An information session for parents is scheduled tonight at 6:30 p.m. at Cleburne High School in the Commons area. The final district-sponsored parent meeting on the schedule is at TEAM School on January 19. An "Empower 1:1" icon has been placed at the top of the District's website, www.c-isd.com giving parents access to specific information relating to the issuing in January of Chromebooks, for school and home use, to middle school and high school students. All parents and guardians must submit a signed approval document before their student can be issued a device.

District Custodians Honored By American Legion Auxiliary

Custodians on all CISD campuses, including those at Cleburne High School, photo right, were honored by members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 50 in recognition of their hard work and efforts to provide a clean and healthy learning environment for students. Each honoree was presented with a special ribbon, a bag of candy and a certificate to post at their campus. The recognition coincided with the American Legion's annual sponsorship of American Education Week. Last year, Unit 50 honored members of the CISD Transportation Department.



Cleburne HS Coach Timmi Blackshear Named *FW Star-Telegram* Volleyball Coach of Year



Lady Jackets Head Coach Timmi Blackshear has been named 5A Volleyball Coach of the Year by the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. Blackshear coached the Lady Jackets to the playoffs again this year, after taking the team to the post-season in 2015. This year, Cleburne was District 9-5A Co-Champion, with a record of 13-1. Blackshear is also a member of the PE faculty at CHS.

Coleman and Hill College Students are Presenters in Science Poster Conference



Dr. Lori Rose, photo left, questions Coleman Elementary fifth graders about their project on density at Friday's Science Poster Conference taking place at the Cleburne branch of Hill College. Students from Coleman and Hill College were joint presenters in the science exhibition.



Participants were challenged with developing a testable question, answering the question with an experiment, creating a poster of their process and presenting their poster and information to Hill faculty members and guests. In photo right, "Disinfectant Detectives" Ambri Coward, Cally Schlabs, Emily Nelson and Jada Brinkley deliver a spirited presentation on their test results comparing the effectiveness of commonly used household disinfectants.

Activities Planned Across the District Reflecting the Joy of the Season



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around CISD-- and the community--with activities reflecting the joy of the season. The CHS Chorale, photo left, performed at Pinnacle Bank's Club 50 meeting on Friday and in photo right, CHS Family, Career and Community Leaders of



America member Carmen Salinas serves hot chocolate to one of Santa's elves as a volunteer at the King's Daughters toy ceremonial and tree lighting event. The CHS Jazz Band will be performing holiday music at elementary schools this Thursday and Friday and the Golden Pride Band will be leading Friday's Whistle Stop Christmas Parade in downtown Cleburne, which will begin at 6:30 PM. Other scheduled events are listed below:

Tuesday, December 6

6 PM Smith Middle School Choir Holiday Concert-Don Smith Performing Arts Center

6 PM Wheat Middle School Choir Concert WMS Cafeteria

Thursday, December 8

6 PM Irving Elementary "Christmas Around the World" Music Program

Friday, December 9

7 PM CHS Christmas Choir Concert

Monday, December 12

6 PM Adams Elementary Christmas Program-Don Smith PAC

Tuesday, December 13

6 PM Santa Fe Kindergarten/1st Grade Christmas Program

Thursday, December 15

6 PM Gerard All-School Christmas Program-Don Smith PAC

Marti Kindergarten Class is District Leader in Benevolence Participation



The 21 students making up Melanie Russell's kindergarten class at Marti Elementary were the top contributors in the *Live Thankfully* food drive sponsored by Colwick Pediatric Dentistry to benefit Johnson County food banks. The Marti kindergartners collected 500 food items, as major contributors to the 6,380 pounds of food donated by CISD elementary students and staff. Ms. Russell's class has

also contributed its way to the top of the "giving" list in the penny drive involving elementary campuses, sponsored by the Cleburne Police Department, for the "Heroes and Cops Against Cancer" charitable organization. They raised the most money as a classroom, contributing \$118.40.

Five Smith Middle School Band Students Achieve All-Region Honors

These Smith Middle School students performed in concert Saturday in Weatherford as members of the All-Region Band for Region 30. More than 1,300 students from 27 middle schools competed for the 250 positions in the honor band. Pictured are seated, l-r, Jordyn Haught, flute and Antares Ewell, French horn and back from left, Dillon Grisham, trumpet; Kirstie Dorries, clarinet; Grace Leverett, French horn; Aidan Herrick, euphonium.



CHS Theater Arts Students Compete at Texas Thespians State Festival; Junior Flint Morgan Advances to National Contest



Cleburne High School theater arts students Isaac Nunez, Luis Perez, Flint Morgan, Isabelle Russek and Alaina English competed in the Monologue event at the 2016 Texas State Thespians Festival in Dallas, involving 7,000 members of International Thespians Society chapters from across the state. Morgan, a third year theater student at CHS, was selected to advance to the national competition taking place this summer in Nebraska.



Cleburne High School Career/Technology Education Update

Manufacturing/Construction Students Participate in DFW *Careers in Construction* Event



Cleburne High School CTE students were among the participants in a *Careers in Construction* event sponsored by the Build Your Future project to connect students with careers in the construction industry. Junior and senior students enrolled in the Manufacturing and Construction Career clusters spent the day networking with company representatives from the construction and manufacturing industries.

Hanna Lisenbe Places Among Top Ten in FFA State Leadership Development Event

Hanna Lisenbe posted her fourth consecutive appearance at the annual FFA State Leadership Development Events contest with a top ten finish in the Job Interview event. Lisenbe advanced from preliminaries to place ninth as a finalist in the state contest. Her journey began at the District contest involving more than 500 competitors from chapters across the state, from which she advanced to Area. She will be honored at Monday's school board meeting.



Audio/Video Technology Students Working with Cleburne Railroaders on Promotional Projects

Bill Adams, business development coordinator with the Cleburne Railroaders Baseball Team, discusses upcoming promotional projects with CHS audio/video technology students. Cleburne students partnered with the Railroaders last spring in designing an informational brochure to be used in ticket sales and team promotions, in the first of several collaborative projects in preparation for the 2017 season.



CHS Business Teacher Participates in U.S. Navy's Educators to Sea Program



Cleburne High School business teacher Kelly Perez, pictured front center, recently represented CISD in the U.S. Navy's Educators to Sea program. The project gives participants an opportunity to learn more about the global mission of the U.S. Navy and its recruiting program. During the two-day experience, Perez toured the USS Nimitz, interacted with crew members from both the Navy and the Marines and observed a full range of naval surface and aviation operations. "It was an honor to be chosen for this experience," Perez said. "I received a firsthand look at what the Navy can offer young men and women right out of high school and college. Many of the career stations within the Navy align with the career and technology pathways we offer at CHS."

CHS Health Sciences Students Participate in County Emergency Preparedness Exercise



Health Science students, including members of Health Occupations Students of America, played a vital role in the recent Johnson County Emergency Management Preparedness Drill taking place at CHS. The students portrayed victims in the mock exercise involving a tornado touchdown at the



high school. Emergency responders and campus and district officials had the opportunity to utilize their crisis management training and skills, aided by the students who stayed in character throughout the exercise. Students created and applied their own, and very realistic, "wounds" using theatrical makeup.