



Elmo Express

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**Superintendent
Steven Galloway**

Education Predictions for the Future

1. Education will not be confined to a specific place. We used to bring the student to the classroom. Today, thanks to new technologies, the classroom can be the museum, the zoo, the office or lab, a forest, or anywhere else learning needs to take place. The students can immerse themselves in the real environment where the real problems take place.
2. Education will not be confined to a specific time. Traditionally, learning happens 170 to 190 days a year, five to six hours a day. Today, learning is more needs-driven, and because of technology and the digital generation's preference to be "just-in-time" learners, learning can happen 24/7/365.
3. Education will not be limited to a single teacher. Today, knowledge is available anytime and anywhere. Teachers are no longer the sole vehicles for educating our students. Also, learning is more the product of collaboration and group initiative. But for this to happen, all aspects of our communities must be involved in the education of our students through virtual interaction around the globe.
4. Education will not be limited to human teachers. We have increasingly powerful new digital tools with artificial intelligence systems and smart agents that learn about our needs. We can truly customize our learning with these devices. It's important to note, however, that we are in the earliest stages of what is sure to be a profound information and technology revolution. All this technology is second nature to today's generation of digital learners, and that can make the older generations feel "in the dark."
5. Education will not be limited to paper-based information. An encyclopedia takes 15 hours to make, kills 23 trees, and costs hundreds of dollars to print. Now, look at a DVD: it takes pennies to print, seconds to manufacture, and it provides the user with multiple pathways to information. And, of course, there's always the Internet. There is still a place for paper materials, but the fact is that we are living in a primarily digital world, and these are the preferred methods for finding, obtaining, and storing information.
6. Education will not be limited to content memorization. There is still a need for recall, but memorization is not the same as understanding. We are seeing a shift away from being specialists to being generalists, but also toward possessing effective analytical processing and construction skills. Today, it's important to be able to perceive what information means, to extract its significance and usable data, and to apply it to a real-world problem or scenario.
7. Education will not be confined to linear learning. Our older generation and the ones before us were all paper-trained. We learned left to right, top to bottom, and in a very structured and sequential manner. Kids today are light- and sound-trained. They grow up seeing screen images as something to be interacted with, and what they want is instantaneous access to knowledge. They have totally different cognitive processes, and they use different areas of their brains to learn and extrapolate information.
8. Education will not be limited to the intellectual elite. At one time, learning was relegated solely to the paper-based academics. New smart tools have leveled the playing field. Ordinary people can now do extraordinary things and access all kinds of useful information. There is a whole new mindset about what it means to be the "newly disabled"—the new illiterates include those who are both informationally and technologically impaired. It refers to those who are either unable or unwilling to change.
9. Learning will not be limited to childhood. In the past, we were expected to learn once in our youth, and that would supposedly prepare us for the rest of our lives. Today, the idea that education stops after formal schooling is both naive and unrealistic. For learning to be effective in the digital age, it must be continuous. Learning has become the new form of labor in the 21st century. It is for now, tomorrow, and forever.

MARCH SHINING STARS

Iris Howard, at West Columbia Elementary was presented the Shining Star Award by Principal Kathy Humbird and Asst. Principal Roxana Bolton.

“Iris Howard, the Intervention teacher, goes above and beyond daily with the WCE students and Reading teachers. She works with students in small groups to help them improve their reading skills. You will often find her in the reading classrooms helping out teachers with their guided reading groups. Coaching teachers is another role she has taken on this year; often I will see reading teachers in her office getting advice on how to improve their teaching strategies. In all that she does for WCE, her focus is always keeping students first. Her knowledge and expertise is appreciated by all.” Iris Howard states that she was honored to receive the Shining Star. “I love our WCE family.”



Tina Phillips and Dawn Terry, at Wild Peach Elementary were presented Shining Star Awards by Principal Susan Harriman.

“Dynamic Duo: Tina Phillips and Dawn Terry,” as referred by Susan Harriman were chosen for this award. “Together these two ladies have 42 years of service at Wild Peach Elementary. They are beneficial to Wild Peach because they know EVERYBODY and/or their family. Tina is the Administrative Assistant, Registrar and PEIMS clerk. Dawn is the front office Receptionist and Attendance Clerk. These ladies are great friends inside and out of school. They are helpful and cheerful to me, teachers, students and parents,” states Susan.



BIRTHDAY SHOUT-OUTS

March 26

Michelle Lara
Amee Montgomery
Phyllis Larson

March 27

Reannon Reed
Susan Reifel
Kandy Shaw

March 28

James Lange
April Head

March 30

Stephanie Earhart

March 31

James Gentry

April 1

Sareth Mizell

Telina Sorensen

April 2

Ofelia Figueroa
Vicki Vogler

April 3

Meredith Hackemack

April 4

Catherine Mader
Randy Marble

April 5

Helen Baker
Rafael Rosas
Nancy Thornton

April 6

Jo Frances Chastain

April 8

April Breazeale

April 11

Teri Cleveland

April 12

Tina McWhorter

April 13

Jamie Kingrea
Richard Longinotti

April 15

Esther Vera
Karen Weisinger

April 16

Hannah Lamb
Pam Stewart
Van Willey

April 20

Greg Fields

April 21

Carrie Shank

April 22

Fatima Acosta
Lori Logsdon

April 23

Susan Harriman
Cathie Strother

April 24

Thomas Amos
Nicole Thrasher

April 25

Robin Harrington

EMPLOYEE SNAPSHOT—



Current position:
Executive Director of Business Services

How long have you worked for CBISD?
A wonderful 20 yrs

Before working here, what was the most interesting job you had?

I worked as a CPA for a public accounting firm in Bay City/

Lake Jackson for over 12 years before coming to CBISD. I audited governments and school districts including CBISD. I loved traveling around and getting to know people everywhere.

What is one memory from high school that stands out?

It is very hard to just list one! I would have to say the NHS trip to see the King Tut Exhibit in New Orleans. We rode all night to get there and we had to wait in line in the freezing cold to get inside. We made tents with blankets to try to keep warm. We were such SMART kids!

Tell us a little about your family.

I have been married to my wonderful husband, Jeb, for 30 years next month. Jeb has worked almost 35 years at Phillips 66. Our children, Derek (27) and Jenna (24), are both CHS graduates and college graduates. Derek and his wife, Stephanie, live in Burleson and he is a civil engineer for a Fort Worth area company. Jenna is an accountant at my old CPA firm in Lake Jackson and will be marrying Kevin Coulter in September. They will marry almost under the same oak tree at my parents' home where Jeb and I married 30 years ago. We are extremely

proud of all of our kids and have loved every second of being their parents!

FAVS: Food- Italian

Drink- Splenda Diet Coke

Book/Author- The Bible is about all I read

Movie- Too many to list – love Grease and Dirty

Dancing though

Is there a song you like to hear that might surprise people who know you?

I love anything from Queen, Styx or Lionel Richie. I think that will probably tell my age.

Do you have a guilty pleasure?

I try not to.....but I love chocolate!

What do you want to do when you retire?

Spend lots of time with my family and do some camping and traveling. I especially want to go up the East Coast to see the fall colors. And I am looking forward to volunteering at our church and other places....and visit with my former co-workers of course.

Name a famous person you would like to meet and why.

Carol Burnett- I loved watching her show when I was young and I wanted to be like her. I always thought she was so talented and funny and I just would love to meet her.

Tell us something about you few people know.

I was on the University of Texas Ballroom Dance Team in college waaaayyyy back before Dancing with the Stars became popular! I still have my ballroom shoes...and they fit!

NEW TO CBISD: WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY!



Elias Acevedo
General Maintenance
Support Services

Mark you calendar
END OF YEAR BREAKFAST
When: Friday, May 27th 7:30am
Where: West Columbia Elem.

- ◆ Retirement Recognitions
- ◆ Service Awards
- ◆ Teacher of the Year Awards
- ◆ Perfect Attendance Drawing
- ◆ Newsletter Riddle Drawings

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **Teacher Retirement Seminar**, Tuesday, March 29th, Brazosport College Central, 5:00—7:00pm
- Congratulations to the Varsity Lady Necks Soccer team for winning their **first ever District Championship**.

Players of district employees/board include:

Avery Prewit, daughter of **Mandy Prewit (WBJH)**

Paige Pullen, daughter of **Cyndy Pullen (Admin)**

Kimberly Carr, daughter of **Jake and Kathryn Carr (CHS)**

Kaley Kaspar, daughter of **Deborah Kaspar (CHS)**

Haley Danford, daughter of **Becky Danford (Board)**

Kaegan Sims, granddaughter of **Jenny Morrow (WBJH) and Gary Sims (Trans)**

BIG TIME SHOUT OUTS!

Big shout out for Deb Arredondo, who inspires us all to stick with it no matter what.

- Lynne Eubanks

Special kudos to Paula Cissna, Kim Poncik and Donna Smith for brainstorming ideas and creating decorations to make our cafeteria a special place that encourages healthy habits. We can't wait to see it completed.

- Kathy Humbird

A big shout out to Christel Salazar and Thomas Amos on their hard work in preparing CHS for the first round of STAAR administration!

- Chris Miller

Thank you Thomas Amos and Carrie Shank for all your assistance with state testing!

- Christel Salazar



BOARD BRIEFS

March 22, 2016

- The Board routinely recognizes and notes appreciation for those who have extended service or brought honor for outstanding performance or achievement. The following were recognized:
 - ◇ Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Art Winners
 - ◇ Dancin' Doll Competition winners
 - ◇ Shining Stars:
 - ◇ Support: Tina Phillips - WP Adm. Asst. and Dawn Terry - WP Receptionist
 - ◇ Instructional: Iris Howard - Intervention Teacher WCE
- Instructional update was given by Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Lynn Grell-Boethel.
- Maintenance Report was given by Steve Galloway, Superint.
- Approval was given for the following:
 - ◇ Workday Calendar for 240 Day Personnel
 - ◇ Addition of Writing Teachers at each elementary campus
 - ◇ Student Services addition at Wild Peach Elementary.
 - ◇ CHS Library and Support Service training room design and renovation from fund balance
 - ◇ Additional Security cameras from fund balance.
 - ◇ Resolutions Regarding review of Investment Policy CDA (Local) and List of Investment Trainers and Brokers
 - ◇ Resolution for Grant Application to Office of Governor
 - ◇ Letter of Support for CIS/CBISD Cycle 9 RFP (ACE)
 - ◇ Level Three Appeal of Board Policy FMH(LOCAL) was denied.
 - ◇ Budget amendments including transfer funds for copy paper at WPE (\$1,400.00);
- ◇ Transfer funds for WBJH cafeteria table stool tops to Maintenance (\$642.50); Transfer funds for report card paper for WBJH (\$716.72). Proceeds from recycling technology equipment (\$537.32). Pull forward funds for CHS Library furniture and new training room furniture at Support Services building (\$137,706.26). Pull forward funds for additional security cameras presented at this meeting (\$12,588.58)
- ◇ Sale of property held in trust by CBISD and Brazoria as presented.
- ◇ Revised Job Descriptions - Social Worker; Director of Business Services; Director of School Improvement; Assistant Supt. of Administrative Services
- ◇ Revised Professional Salary Ranges
- ◇ Certification of Unopposed candidates and order of cancellation of May 7, 2016 election
- ◇ Athletic Proposals
- ◇ Speech therapy and class contract services proposals
- ◇ 2016-2017 service agreement with Interquest Detection Canines
- Personnel recommendation for administrative contracts as presented:
 - ◇ Transfer of Chris Miller, CHS Principal, to Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services.
 - ◇ Transfer of Samantha Fowler, BE principal, to Director of School Improvement.
 - ◇ Transfer of Tara Belote, BE Asst. Principal, to BE Principal.
 - ◇ Personnel recommendation of employment of Jason Tracy as Director of Business Services;
 - ◇ Scott Moody as CHS Assistant principal; and Dawn Thomas as BE Assistant Principal.

