

Weekly Update

A Weekly Review of Achievements & Activities in Cleburne ISD

February 12-19, 2016

Trustees Approve Call for May 7 Bond Election at Tuesday Board Meeting; \$130.5 Million Referendum to Include Construction of New CHS at Existing Site, Remodeling of High School for CTE/Fine Arts Programs, Districtwide Technology, Renovations and Upgrades for Cooke and Coleman



Members of the Cleburne ISD Board of Trustees received a standing ovation from the audience following Tuesday's vote calling for a bond referendum totaling \$130.5 million to include the construction of a new high school and the renovation of the current Cleburne High School, which opened in 1975, into a Career/Technology Education and Fine Arts facility.

The May 7 referendum will also include district-wide technology improvements, a one-to-one mobile device initiative for all secondary students, and renovations and upgrades to Cooke and Coleman Elementary Schools. Components within the referendum are based on a recommendation from the 59-member CISD Citizens' Bond Committee, following a series of meetings which began in late September. Read more on the CISD website!

Pep Rally Celebrates Lady Jackets' Bi-District Title and Spring Sports Participants

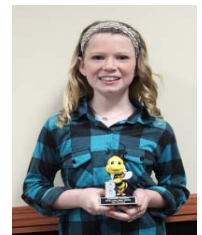


The Lady Jackets Basketball Team led Friday morning's Spring Sports Pep Rally as Bi-District Champions. Cleburne fell to the Birdville Lady Hawks last night 52-44 in Area competition.

Action continues Saturday at the County Clash Softball Tournament at Cleburne High School. The Lady Jackets will be coming off their 15-0 win over North Garland as they take the field at 11 to face Maypearl.

Smith MS Sixth Grader Rylie Clark Wins County Spelling Bee for Second Consecutive Year

A Cleburne ISD student has claimed the Area 24 Spelling Bee crown for the second consecutive year. Smith Middle School sixth grader Rylie Clark, the 2015 champion, finished first at the February 11 spelling contest involving campus winners from Cleburne, Keene, Joshua and Godley public and private schools. She will represent CISD--and Johnson County--at the Regional contest, taking place March 2 at Texas Christian University.



Fourth Graders Honored with School Board Citizenship Awards



One fourth grader from each of the District's elementary schools was honored with the CISD School Board Citizenship Award at their February 16 meeting. Pictured with Trustees and Superintendent Dr. Kyle Heath are, front, l-r, Amber Evans-Adams; Emily Nelson-Coleman; Mariela Garcia-Garcia-Cooke; Ivy Grace Smith-Gerard; Anthony Gonzalez-Irving; Damson Chola-Marti and Lesly Moran-Santa Fe.

CISD Students Advance to State in PTA Reflections Contest



Five students were honored at Monday's school board meeting as top honorees in the PTA Reflections District Contest. Pictured, l-r, are Olivia Walker-Gerard; Josie Pena-Smith MS; Megan Baadsgaard-Gerard; Lilly Thomas-Coleman and Ray Ann Thomas-Smith MS, with Shanna Walker, CISD Council of PTAs, Trustees June Bates, Mike Witte and John Finnell and Reflections Chairman Amy Tennison. The entries of Lilly Thomas, Ray Ann Thomas and Megan Baadsgaard have been selected to advance to the state contest. This is the second consecutive year for Baadsgaard to be among the state competitors in film production. State award winners and national qualifiers will be announced in early March.

Wheat Band Director Faith Massey Serves as Conductor for Region 14 Honor Band

Wheat Middle School Band Director Faith Massey, center, served as Guest Conductor for the Region 14 Middle School Concert Honor Band, directing 82 students from the Laredo area at their community performance in late January. Massey is in her third year as director of the Wheat band program and has more than 20 years of service as a music educator.



Cleburne High School Golden Girls Dance Team at State Championships Saturday



The CHS Golden Girls Dance Team will be among the competitors at Saturday's Danceline State Championships at Weatherford High School. In their most recent contest, the 20-member squad received the Sweepstakes Award, the Gussie Nell Davis Award of Excellence, the Judge's Award in pom performance and the Giving Back Community Service Award.

Wheat PTA Receives 2015 Texas PTA President's List Award

The Wheat Middle School PTA has been named the recipient of the Texas PTA 2015 President's List Award for parent involvement. Among the achievements of the Wheat campus unit is a major increase in PTA memberships over the 2014-15 school year. As state honoree, Wheat Middle School PTA will be given special recognition in the Superintendent's PTA Report Card.



Cleburne HS Texas Association of Future Educators Among Top 15 Outstanding Chapters

Raquel Rodriguez is congratulated by Trustee June Bates following school board recognition of the Cleburne HS chapter of the Texas Association of Future Educators and members who competed at the state level of competition. Rodriguez and her sister, Adriana, were silver medalists in their event. The Cleburne chapter received the TAFE Outstanding Chapter Award, one of only 15 presented at the conference held in Houston. Gold medalists in the Chapter Yearbook event, with a perfect score from judges, were Taylor Coleman, Bekka Castillo and Kaelyn Curtis. Also placing first in their competitions were Tessy Rogers and Jackie Anderson. Allora Bratcher and Emily Wren were silver medalists in the Teaching Bulletin Board division. Chapter Advisor is Holly Kelley.

