

# Weekly Update

A Weekly Review of Achievements & Activities in Cleburne ISD  
November 11-18, 2016

## CISD Elementary Students Participating in *Live Thankfully* Food Drive



Adams Elementary kindergartners Aiden McCoy, Alex Clark and Rendon Arnold display a few of the many food items their class has collected for the 3rd Annual *Live Thankfully* food drive, sponsored by Colwick Pediatric Dentistry to benefit Johnson County food



banks. Members of the Yellow Jackets football team provided a major assist to the project on Friday in transporting donations from each of the District's elementary campuses to the collection site.

## Strong Attendance at First Parent Information Meetings for Deployment of Student Technology



More than 450 attendees were reported for the Monday and Tuesday parent information meetings at Smith Middle School relating to January's deployment of Chromebooks to secondary students. The next set of meetings will be held November 28 and 29 at Wheat Middle School, beginning at 6:30 PM. Infor-



mation on the devices, the 1:1 Student Handbook, digital citizenship and required forms to be signed by parents and students can be accessed from the homepage of the CISD website by clicking on the Empower graphic.

## Four Qualify for Texas Association of Future Educators State Competition



These Cleburne High School members of Texas Association of Future Educators will be advancing to the state level of competition following participation at the TAFE Regional contest. Pictured from left are Samantha Willis, qualifying for state with her Children's Literature entry; Destiny Vega and Macie Strickland, bulletin board event and Aleisha Bailey, portfolio. The students are also enrolled in instructional practices classes, as future educators, which is among the career endorsements offered through the high school's career and technology education program.

## District's Reading Bee Champion Places Third at Saturday's North Texas Reading Competition

Coleman Elementary second grader Emerson O'Toole finished in third place at Saturday's North Texas Reading Bee Championships in Fort Worth. The annual reading contest involved second graders from public and private schools throughout the DFW Metroplex. O'Toole, who was Coleman's Reading Bee Champion, also placed first in the District contest. He and his fellow campus winners were honored at Monday's school board meeting.



*All CISD Campuses will be closed November 21-25.  
Happy Thanksgiving!*

## TEAM School Principal Georgann Storm Honored as Educator of the Week



TEAM School/DAEP Principal Georgann Storm has been honored by KOMÉ radio as the *Van Griffith Kia Educator of the Week*. She is pictured with Station Manager/Owner Mike Greene, who surprised Storm at her campus with a plaque and an array of prizes. Storm was nominated for the honor by a TEAM School graduate who said she would not have finished high school without the principal's help and motivation.

## Ceremonies Held at Smith MS and CHS with the Establishment of New Student Organizations



Cleburne Rotary Club's sponsorship of the new CHS chapter of the Interact Club began with a charter signing and celebration. In photo left, Rotary Club President Dr. Renee Brockett, Rotary chapter sponsors Melissa Dansby, and far right, Blake Jones,



and faculty sponsor Ashley Fowler look on as the student service organization's new president, Merit Davis, signs the club charter. More than 50 CHS students have been inducted as charter members.



Kiwanis Builder's Club chapters are now in place at both CISD middle schools, following induction ceremonies Wednesday at Smith MS. State Representative DeWayne Burns was the guest speaker at the event, in which 40 students in grades 6-8 received membership certificates. The Cleburne Kiwanis Club is serving as sponsor of the Smith Builder's Club, after establishing a chapter at Wheat MS several years ago. Faculty sponsors are Valerie Carlton and Rebekah Whitehead. Officers are Dillion Grisham-president; Alexis Falkingham-vice-president; Madison Lynn-secretary; Lizbeth Ramirez-treasurer and Savannah Shaffer-facilitator.

## First Graders Honored with School Board Citizenship Awards

First grade nominees from each CISD elementary school were presented with School Board Citizenship Awards Monday night. Pictured front from left: Brylee Knight, Adams; Iris Martinez, C.C. Cooke; Sophia Lopez, Gerard; Angelica Najera, Irving; Marissa Villegas, Marti and Arianna Sims, Santa Fe. Not pictured is Addison Dill, Coleman.



## Cleburne ISD Student Athletes Compete at Annual Friends Festival



Super Jacket marches with student athletes from several CISD campuses in the Parade of Champions signalling the start of the Friends Festival track and field competition.

Kindergarten through high school students from area districts participated in the annual event, held Tuesday at



Burleson ISD Stadium. Coleman fourth grader Xavier Duncan, right, flies over the hurdle while navigating the obstacle course.

## Students Witness Life in the 1860s at Cleburne's Annual Pioneer Days



Wheat MS seventh grader John Michael Perez receives some final instructions before trying his hand at the roping dummy during a field trip to Pioneer Days at the Chisholm Trail Outdoor Museum. Students from both middle schools and fifth graders from several CISD campuses attended the event Friday morning, which included visits with historical reenactors who provided information and tales of life in the 1860s.



## Cleburne ISD Veterans Day Highlights



Retired Cleburne High School Principal E.J. Barnes, a veteran of the Korean Conflict, models a helmet liner from the period at the Salute to Veterans assembly and reception at **Adams Elementary**. Students were later given the opportunity to try the standard-issue helmet on for size.



Activities at **Santa Fe Elementary** included a Veterans Day Parade as students and staff members walked the hallways displaying photos of family members who served their country, or are currently serving. Second grader Arajai Burk paraded with her uncle, U.S. Air Force veteran Charles Fuller.



**Wheat Middle School** hosted its annual Veterans Day Luncheon, with food prepared by the WMS staff. Members of the Wheat National Junior Honor Society volunteered as servers. In photo far right, WMS eighth grader Edward Hudson enjoys lunch with his grandfather, Marvin Steadman, a veteran of the Viet Nam War.



The Veterans Day program at **Smith Middle School** included the MIA/POW Table Ceremony led by a representative from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, with members of the SMS National Junior Honor Society assisting. The program also featured performances by choir and band members, including the presentation of music from each branch of the service, in which veterans were invited to stand when “their” song was played. The afternoon assembly ended with a reception for honored guests in attendance, and their families. In photo left, sixth grader Hunter Patrick shares a special moment with her great-grandfather, Vernon Beene, a veteran of World War II.