

Weekly Update

A Weekly Review of Achievements & Activities in Cleburne ISD

February 23-March 1, 2016

2nd Annual CISD Multicultural Fair Set for March 10 at Cleburne Conference Center



The 2nd Annual Cleburne ISD “It’s a Small World” Multicultural Fair is set for March 10 from 5-8 PM in the Cleburne Conference Center, featuring student performing groups, a sampling of international cuisine prepared by CHS Culinary Arts student chefs, information



booths, children’s activities and a book swap. Admission is free. The schedule of performing groups and other information is posted on the CISD website. The event celebrates the diversity within CISD, and the Cleburne community, with 29 countries and 17 languages represented by students and staff.

Wheat Middle School Named District Champion in UIL One Act Play



Wheat Middle School was named the District Champion at Saturday’s Johnson-Ellis-Tarrant UIL One Act Play Contest in Alvarado. Cast members of Wheat’s UIL entry “The Small World of Millie McIvor” include Takara Bailey (All-Star Cast Honorable Mention), Hailey Traweek (All-Star Honorable Mention), Gracie Walker (All-Star Cast), Jada Martinez (All-Star Cast), Ashleigh Hightower, Brooklyn Smith, and Garrett Ray, along with the production crew: Brandon Shumaker (Outstanding Tech Award), Dylan McCullough, Alexis Valenzuela and Lexsee Boone. The play was under the direction of WMS Theater Arts teacher Glynn Mitchell; Veronica Giliberto served as assistant director and Kimbra White coordinated the set and costumes.

Smith Middle School Awarded Best Actor, Best Actress Recognitions in One Act Play Contest



Smith Middle School came away with top individual honors at the J-E-T District One Act Play Contest, including Best Actor, and for the 6th consecutive year, the Best Actress Award. Timothy Wright, photo left, was named Best Actor for his dual performances of Davey



Barrie and Peter Pan in “The Lost Boy.” He is pictured with All-Star Cast honoree Katherine LaCombe, who portrayed both Mary Barrie and Tinkerbell. Best Actress Award winner Belle Mahaffey, right, as Maureen O’Rourke, is shown in a rehearsal scene with Jovanny Cepeda, who received All-Star Honorable Mention. Luke Hilton was presented with the Outstanding Technician Award. Faculty Director was Roxy Sherwood, with choreography coordinated by Gifted/Talented Education teacher Keli Price.

**Friday, March 4 will be an Early Release Day for Parent Conferences.
Campuses will release at 1:30 PM/1:45-Middle Schools only**

March is Texas Public Schools Month!



“Public Education: A Texas Tradition,” is the theme of Texas Public Schools Month, which commemorates the state’s 1840 establishment of a free public education system. The 2nd Annual CISD Multicultural Fair will highlight our Texas Public Schools Month festivities, as we showcase the talents of our students and the many programs and services available to CISD students and their families, as well as those offered within the Cleburne community.

Third Grader Parker Brown Wins 1st Annual Gerard Math Bee

In ten seconds provide the answer to the following: $(8 + 10) - 5 + 2$.

This is a sample of the challenges posed to 23 contestants from grades 3-5 who participated in Gerard Elementary’s 1st Annual Gerard Math Jacket competition. Third grader Parker Brown proved to be the winning mathematician in the competition, which could expand to other CISD elementary schools in the 2016-17 school year. The contest went a total of nine rounds, ending when Brown provided the correct answer to the above math problem: 8.



CHS Band, Choir Students Advance to UIL State Solo/Ensemble Contest

More than 60 Cleburne High School band and choir students have been selected to advance to the UIL State Solo and Ensemble Contest following performances in Region 7 competition.

On the band side, a total of 104 students participated in 1st and 2nd Division solo competition, with 74 awarded Superior ratings. Sixty-five students achieved the Superior rating from judges in 1st and 2nd Division Ensemble performance. Thirty-nine members of the Pride will now advance to the State contest taking place in May.

In Region 7 Choir competition, Cleburne soloists receiving Superior ratings included Allison Coleman, Marylynn Peter, Hannah Trussell, Eldy Bonilla, Allora Bratcher, Shifra Morales, Chris Arthurs, Joel Guerrero, Luis Perez and Maxwell Tindall. A Division I Superior rating was also awarded to the ensemble made up of freshmen Allison Coleman, Taytum Thompson, Allora Bratcher, Eldy Bonilla, Rainey Stewart, Katie Day and Marylynn Peter.

Advancing to the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Choir Contest will be Cassidy Cron, Kaity Wheat, Reagan Walker, Chris Sanford and Iain Nix.

Ballpark Ground Breaking Ceremonies Include Golden Pride, Jacket Cheerleaders



Saturday’s Ground Breaking Ceremonies for the future home of the Cleburne Railroaders minor league baseball team included the Jacket Cheerleaders and members of the Golden Pride Band. Second grader Carter Tennison, right, was among the many CISD students also in attendance, and was among the first to round the bases at the conclusion of the ceremony.



Read Across America Events Scheduled on CISD Campuses This Week



Celebrations of Dr. Suess and his many stories are scheduled on several CISD elementary campuses Wednesday, coinciding with the birthday of the children’s author. Cafeterias will be serving Green Eggs and Ham during breakfast, and students have the option of coming to school dressed as their favorite Dr. Suess character. The festivities coincide with the national Read Across America initiative, which stresses the importance of reading and literacy.