

Weekly Update

A Weekly Review of Achievements & Activities in Cleburne ISD
March 2-9, 2017

Cleburne Education Foundation Awards \$39,813 in Grants to 10 CISD Teachers



Santa Fe Elementary Reading Specialist Krista Stephenson, left, and Cleburne High School Architectural Design/Construction Trades teacher Kenneth Griffith, right, are among 10 CISD teachers who received Innovative Grant Awards from the Cleburne Education Foundation.

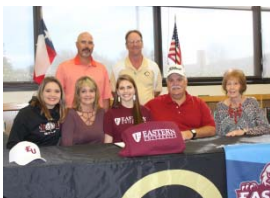


CEF members, equipped with giant checks, surprised the teachers with the good news in campus visits on March 2. The honorees were among teachers across the District who submitted grant proposals involving technology, equipment, materials and software licenses



to be used in classroom, grade level and program instruction. The grant awards, totaling \$39,813, will fund purchases ranging from a 3D printer to chemistry lab technology to PE equipment for special education students. The grant honorees also included CHS teachers Hector Tejeda, Piper Davis, Melissa Greene, Katie Mears, Julie Reynolds, Timmi Blackshear, Dawn Broadway and Michael Griffith.

College Signing Ceremonies for CHS Golfer Rachel Morton and Soccer Starter Kristin Sandlin



Signing ceremonies were hosted on March 3 for two Cleburne High School seniors who will be competing at the college level in their respective sports.

Lady Jacket golfer Rachel Morton, third from left, will be joining the women's program at Pennsylvania's Eastern College, where she also plans to major in marketing. She is pictured with her sister, Alexis, parents Christy and Mark Morton and grandmother Bill Ann Billings and standing, l-r, swing coach

Duff Cunningham and Jackets Head Golf Coach Pat McHargue.

Three-year varsity starter Kristin Sandlin, third from left, will continue her soccer career at Oklahoma City's Rose State College, where she will be studying biology. Her parents, Natalie Tofflemayer and Murry Sandlin, were in attendance for the signing along with her sister, Cameran, seated left, and cousin Laurel Williams, and standing, l-r, Girls Soccer Coaches Patricia Foster, Christie Vick and Ciro Salazar.



C.C. Cooke Elementary Hosts Annual Author's Day Event



Retired CISD kindergarten teacher Ann Moser, left, was among the guest storytellers at C.C. Cooke's annual Author's Day, celebrating the joys of reading. Moser regaled students with tales of the legendary Big Foot. CISD Elementary Instructional Technology Specialist Jane Flynn presented the children's story, *If You Give a*



Mouse an iPhone, while also demonstrating instructional technology used in CISD elementary classrooms.

March Is Texas Public Schools Month



March is Texas Public Schools Month, as we celebrate our state's public schools, and the commitment to students and their education shared by teachers and staff, parents, school board members, school volunteers and partners, and community stakeholders. *The Power of Public* is the theme of this year's observance. We invite the residents of Cleburne ISD to visit their neighborhood campus and to share the impact public education has had for them, and our community.

CHS Senior Lexi Harris Advances to State Powerlifting Meet for 4th Consecutive Year

Cleburne High School senior Lexi Harris displays the medals and awards she has earned this year during an interview with NBC 5. Harris has qualified for the State Powerlifting Meet for the fourth consecutive year. At her gold medal performance at Regionals, Harris bested all competitors with 590 in the Squat, 485 in the Deadlift and she posted the highest Bench Press in teen powerlifting history, with 405 pounds. The state meet will be taking place Friday in Waco, and Harris is hoping to exceed the lifts she recorded at Regionals.



Cleburne Team to Be Among Competitors at UIL CX Debate State Contest



Saunders



Whitworth

Cleburne HS will be represented at the UIL State Cross Examination Debate Contest which opens with the preliminary round on Friday at The University of Texas. Seniors Adam Saunders and Will Whitworth enter the contest as the District 9 Champions. Their CX Debate Coach is CHS Social Studies teacher Matt Moulden.

Smith MS Choirs Achieve Honors at UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest

The Smith Middle School Varsity Girls Choir earned top honors at Thursday's UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest in receiving the Sweepstakes Award for superior ratings in both events. The Boys Choir earned an Excellent rating for their stage performance and a 1st Division score in sightreading. The JV Girls Choir received the score of Excellent from judges in Sightreading. Smith Choir Director is Melissa Johnson.



CHS Marshallese Students Observe March 1 Remembrance Day

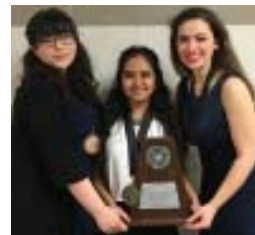


Members of the CHS faculty joined with students celebrating their Marshall Islands' heritage in observing Remembrance Day on March 1, which honors the victims and survivors of the nuclear testing that took place in the islands during the 1950s. The school observance included tshirts, created by students, bearing the Marshallese word "yokwe," which means "hello."

All-Star Cast Awards Presented to CHS Thespians at UIL One Act Play District Contest



Le'a Launay, pictured left with fellow actor Flint Morgan, received All-State Cast honors for her performance as Alice Sycamore in Cleburne High School's UIL One Act Play entry *You Can't Take it With You*. Cleburne received Superior ratings from judges at Wednesday's UIL District contest. Individual award recipients also



included veteran One Act performer Alaina English, left, named All-Star Honorable Mention and Elizabeth Moncada, center, Outstanding Theatre Technician, with Lenay, right. A community performance is set for April 21 in conjunction with the annual CHS Fine Arts Gala.