

# Weekly Update

A Weekly Review of Achievements & Activities in Cleburne ISD  
August 15-22, 2016

## It's Back to School Monday!

### Campus Orientation and Meet the Teacher Events Get Students In a School Mood



Schools across the district were buzzing with activity Thursday, with student and parent orientations and Meet the Teacher events. Pre-K teacher Jennifer Rigoulot, photo left, gets acquainted with a new student at Coleman Elementary's Meet the Teacher evening event. Cleburne High



School hosted FISH Camp for freshmen and students new to the campus Thursday morning, followed up with an open house for parents that evening. The ninth grade campers experienced a mock pep rally, tours of the school and received an overview of programs and procedures, including student organizations and involvement opportunities. Photo right, business teacher Kelly Whitton provides information on DECA to a potential new member.

### Teachers and Staff Begin School Year with Capturing Kids' Hearts Training



August 10 was the first day of school for teachers, including members of the Cooke Elementary faculty, left, beginning with the annual Back to School Convocation for all CISD personnel. Author Flip Flippen, founder of the Capturing Kids' Hearts initiative



utilized by schools and universities across the nation, was the Convocation keynote speaker. His presentation was followed by three days of professional development for campus staff, focused on the importance of capturing a child's heart and its positive impact in creating high-achieving centers of learning. Parents will learn more about Capturing Kids' Hearts--and its effective use in the classroom--as the school year progresses.

### Met Standard Rating Awarded to District and Schools for Student Performance on the STAAR

Cleburne ISD has received the *Met Standard* rating from the Texas Education Agency, in meeting state student performance standards in the spring administration of STAAR assessments in grades 3-12. The Accountability Ratings and Report for 2016, released by TEA on Monday, also awarded the top mark of *Met Standard* for nine of the District's 11 campuses. This is the fourth consecutive year for the district and the majority of schools to receive the *Met Standard* designation. TEA's accountability ratings assessed to campuses and school districts are based on 4 indices including student performance (Index 1) on the STAAR, including End of Course exams at the high school level. Student progress from the previous school year is the measure criteria reflected in Index 2; efforts to close performance gaps are utilized in Index 3, and Index 4 indicates postsecondary readiness. More information is posted on the CISD website.

## School and District News and Updates at Your Fingertips With the CISD Mobile App



An important school supply for parents in 2016-2017 is the new CISD Mobile App, which will give you information and updates on your child's school and the district. Campus calendars, CISD news, sports schedules, online payment for student meals--it's all available on the app. The CISD mobile app can be uploaded to Android and Smartphones and tablets from the App Store. Search for Cleburne ISD and follow the prompts.

## Smith and Wheat Middle School Students Volunteer Their Time at APPLES Fair



Rain Adair, left, a member of the Wheat MS National Junior Honor Society, and Smith Middle School seventh grader Jordanne Cunningham, right, were among the student volunteers serving at the annual APPLES Fair School Supply Fair held August 13. The annual APPLES Fair assists families in several Johnson County school districts with their basic school supply needs. The fair was held at Wheat MS.



## CISD Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year Honored at Regional Awards Banquet



*Becky Edmonds*

Cleburne ISD's Elementary Teacher of the Year, Becky Edmonds, left, and Secondary Teacher of the Year Katie Arellano, right, were among the educators from more than 30 school districts honored at the Education Service Center Region XI Teacher of the Year Awards Banquet. Edmonds is a kindergarten teacher at Cooke Elementary. Arellano is a member of the English Department at Cleburne HS and also serves as department chair. Read more about these honored educators on the CISD website.



*Katie Arellano*

## Four Cleburne Middle School Students Honored by Trustees for State Achievement



Smith Middle School students Jonathan Walker, Jacob Irvin and Jaxon Coates, pictured left with Principal Bill Allen, were honored by the CISD Board of Trustees at the August 15 board meeting for their state recognition in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Amy Fowler, right, is also a state honoree. Each year, Duke University recognizes seventh graders who achieved a qualifying score at or above the 95th percentile on a grade-level assessment. Through TIPS, honorees are given the opportunity to preview the ACT or SAT college entrance exams. The scores of the CISD students on these national assessments qualified them for recognition at the state level.



## New Classroom Instructional Technology in 2016-2017



New interactive instructional technology will be utilized districtwide this year with the passage of the May bond election. The installation of new short-throw classroom projectors which include an interactive component began on CISD campuses in June. Classroom teachers from all campuses



spent the summer getting familiar with the mobile devices that will be used by their students this year, including developing lessons and activities involving this instructional technology.