



Actor/writer Sean Berdy surprised our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders with a visit and spoke to them about his life. It was such a treat to have him here. He guest starred in the TV show, *Switched at Birth* for 5 seasons and is currently writing a screen play.



# Middle School News

## 2016-2017

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition



#### Principal's Pride Lunch



Dawn Hoyt Kidd

I was born in Miami, Florida and ended up in Texas for graduate school. I am married with two grown children, and I enjoy hiking, camping, reading, and kayaking. I have taught at TSD for 25 years. I am currently teaching 8th grade mathematics, and I love being in the Middle School department - the students and staff have great teamwork and inspiration.



## Homecoming Spirit Week





# BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

**Buff Team**-Trey Johnson,  
Julian Zea, Zara Thompson, Marissa Giuntoli,  
Jadella Mitchem, Rosalia Fraychineaud  
**Books read:** Romeo and Juliet: The Graphic

Novel

Half Brother

The Ugly One

TSD vs. Rochester School for the Deaf

TSD: 46

RSD: 42

TSD vs. Oklahoma School for the Deaf

TSD: 30

OSD: 30

TSD vs. Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf

TSD: 44

MSAD: 34



**Green Team**-Arbani Smith, Martina Rodarte, Christopher Walker, Kaila Rosko

**Books Read:** Capital Mysteries #10: The Election-Day Disaster  
Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream  
Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Takes Off

TSD vs. Metro Deaf School

TSD: 22

MDS: 42

TSD vs. Wisconsin School for the Deaf

TSD: 16

WSD: 34

TSD vs. Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind

TSD: 18

VSD: 38

**Blue Team**-Joel Pennington, Dylan Garrison, Isadora Egbert.

**Books read:** A Long Walk to Water  
Roller Girl

Who Was William Shakespeare?

Texas School for the Deaf vs. Wille Ross School for the Deaf

TSD: 38

WRSD: 34

Texas School for the Deaf vs. Wisconsin School for the Deaf

TSD: 40

WSD: 36

Texas School for the Deaf vs. Venado Middle School

TSD: 30

VMS: 32





## PE Happenings

### Ultimate Frisbee

During first week, we gave students drills for playing frisbee. Students watched power point on how to play the game and highlights by intramural players. The second week, we split students into four groups (except for 8th grade, 6 groups) and they played each other three times everyday until Friday. They started playing tournament based on how many wins and losses. Results are below:

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade CHAMP

Tobie Thompson  
Giovanni Fiello  
Mika Mitchem  
Efrim Estrada  
Jalina Miller  
Cody DeVines  
Augustus Polk

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade CHAMP

Jacylyn Kelley  
Mary Kate Valenzuela  
Martina Rodarte  
Amora Garcia  
Trey Johnson  
Tang Oberrender  
Artuno Merchan  
Izeer Sweed

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade CHAMP

Wyatt George  
Asia Cruz  
Annabelle Scroggins  
Brandon Brentham  
Marion Walker  
Victory Phillips

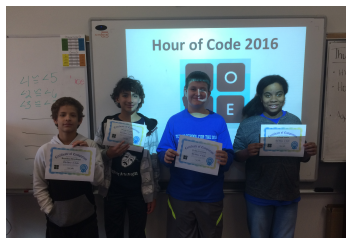
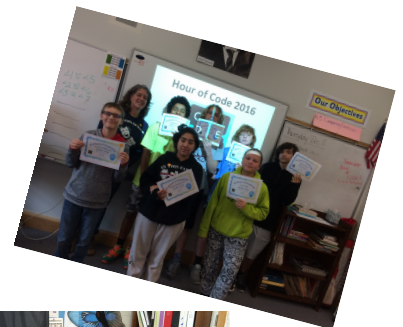
## DEAF SMITH PRESENTATION

Dr. Steve Baldwin set up a presentation for our 7th graders with a special guest presenter- Dr. Hull, a direct descent of Erastus "Deaf" Smith.

Dr. Hull, dressed in Texas Revolution-era clothing. He entertained the 7th grade students with various stories of Deaf Smith's life and involvement in the Texas War for Independence.



Students participated in the "Hour of Code" - an annual world-wide event that encourages people to learn more about computer science and computer programming. For more information, go to [code.org](http://code.org).



"Educator by day, gamer by night, and a bookworm nerd every day of the year, Kent Turner is a graduate of University of California San Diego where he obtained his M.A. in Bilingual Education. He is now in his fourth year of teaching Middle School

" students who, like him, are Deaf and communicate in American Sign Language.

When Kent is not busy applying technological resources to his lessons, he enjoys going on movie marathons with his wife and two dogs by his side."



# Social Emotional Learning

## Social-Emotional Learning- Why it matters

Middle School Counselor, Elena Furmansky

Most schools across Texas have been teaching social emotional learning (SEL) for several years. Many school administrators and teachers have seen a critical need for it among students. What is SEL?

- *Recognizing emotions in oneself and others*
- *Managing strong emotions*
- *Having Empathy for others*
- *Controlling impulsivity*
- *Communicating clearly and assertively to others*
- *Maintaining cooperative relationships*
- *Making responsible decisions*
- *Problem Solving effectively*

## How is SEL taught in the classroom?

Children and adolescents learn SEL in a variety of ways including the behavior they see modeled by adults or peers in their lives. SEL can be taught in the classroom much the same way math or reading is taught.

- *Students are given lessons on a concept with word, illustrations, video and role play*
- *Students practice concepts they have learned with skill practice, group discussion, individual writing or partner-work*
- *Students' teachers will reinforce the concepts learned through out the week*
- *Students' parents will be given information on what they are learning to use with their child at home*
- *Students' teachers, counselor & other staff will check for understanding*
- *Students' teachers, counselor & other staff will re-teach where necessary*

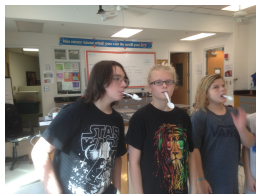
Info from <http://www.cfchildren.org/second-step/social-emotional-learning>

## How will SEL lessons be given to students in middle school?

The counselor will work with an elective teacher to find an ideal day and time to meet with students in their classroom. The Second-Step Curriculum is used for the lessons. This curriculum has been used for more than 10 years for all grades in middle school. All 6<sup>th</sup> graders during their first year of middle school will have a 9- week SEL group which will occur during their elective class. Other grades will have similar lessons depending on the needs of the students. If you are interested in learning more about Second-Step and the lessons that are provided. You can go to <http://cfchildren.org/childprotection#lessonsamples> or <http://www.cfchildren.org/aboutus>

For more information about your child's SEL lessons in school, you can also contact the Middle School Counselor, Elena Furmansky at [Elena.Furmansky@tsd.state.tx.us](mailto:Elena.Furmansky@tsd.state.tx.us) or (512) 410-1119

Check out some past and present photos of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students doing team-building activities as part of their SEL lessons!





## Service Projects



Middle School sponsored the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. We collected food to feed 2 TSD families. Thank you for all of your contributions.



Mrs. Duke-Shaw's 6<sup>th</sup> grade Health class served lunch at the Angel Food Soup Kitchen.



## PE Happenings

### Badminton

During first week, we gave students drills. They watched power point on history of how badminton started and how to play the game. Students learned some vocabulary terms related to badminton. During second week, students played each other for each group under their teachers. By middle of the week, Top five entered advanced level tournament and bottom five entered beginner level tournament. Reason ? same skills. For 8th grade, we used beginner players for partner tournament only. As for 6th and 7th grade class, all players involved for partner tournament.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

##### BEGINNER LEVEL

**CHAMP** – Jabari McGilvery

2<sup>nd</sup> – Cody DeVrine

3<sup>rd</sup> – Mika Mitchem

4<sup>th</sup> – Sean Adamson

##### ADVANCED LEVEL

**CHAMP** – Shaelyn Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> – Trent Gobble

3<sup>rd</sup> – Jasmine Skipper

4<sup>th</sup> – R'Shawn Carter

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

##### BEGINNER LEVEL

**CHAMP** – Zorina Tomlinson

2<sup>nd</sup> – Connor Rohde

3<sup>rd</sup> – Titus Sterling

4<sup>th</sup> – Dylan Sorenson

##### ADVANCED LEVEL

**CHAMP** – Joel Pennington

2<sup>nd</sup> – Trey Johnson

3<sup>rd</sup> – Zefan Nathanson

4<sup>th</sup> – Dezyrae Ardoin

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

##### BEGINNER "PARTNER" LEVEL

**CHAMP** – Kevin L & Mie Yesha

2<sup>nd</sup> – Terri Reyna & Arbani

3<sup>rd</sup> – Dyllan Peveto & Jalen Lynch

4<sup>th</sup> – Gage Hopper & Michael H.

##### ADVANCED LEVEL

**CHAMP** – Jaylen Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> – Russell Rohde

3<sup>rd</sup> – Kylar Sicoli

4<sup>th</sup> – Marlon Walker

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

##### "Partner" Tournament

##### CHAMP

Izzer Sweed & Viola Schemenaur

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Trey Johnson & Zorina Tomlinson

##### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Dezyrae Ardoin & Anthny Martinez

##### 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Joel Pennington & Dylan Sorenson

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

##### "Partner" Tournament

##### CHAMP

Shaelyn Johnson & Josh Medrano

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Jasmine Skipper & Violet Garberoglio

##### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Skylar Withrow & R'Shawn Carter

##### 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Max Harris & Carson Laird

## 2017 Ranger Yearbook

### Want Your Yearbook?

Early Bird: \$25

After December 16, 2016: \$35

After April 24, 2017: \$45



At the TSD Cashier: Cash, Debit/Credit Card, or Money Order  
Payable to TSD Yearbook

Questions: [yearbook@tsd.state.tx.us](mailto:yearbook@tsd.state.tx.us)



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**Who am I?** Carrie J. Frazier

**What am I doing at T.S.D.?** Behavior Support Assistant for Middle School department/Sub Bus driver

**How many years I work for T.S.D.?** Twenty-five (25) years. I worked as SND teacher aide, for 10 yrs, Bus driver -12 years, BSR- 3yrs.

**Hobbies?** Camping, Swimming, Beach, Sewing, Cooking, Crafts, and Drive bus. :)







### All About Me:

- Born and raised in California until age 10, moved to Texas
- TSD alumnus '92
- Attended Gallaudet University – Obtained BS degree
- Attended Lamar University – Obtained MA
- Put down roots here in Austin!
- Die Hard 49ers San Francisco Fan
- Work at TSD for 15+ years now



## Ranger Field Day



### PE Happenings

#### VOLLEYBALL

During first week, students work on various drills. For two weeks, students were split into groups and played each other. Results from the tournament:

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade CHAMP

Shaelyn Johnson  
Cody DeVines  
Gunnar Reins  
Sean Adamson  
Peyton Yevich  
Augustus Polk  
Kaila Rosko  
Jarden Coons

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade CHAMP

Dezyrae Ardoin  
Patrica Sucilla  
Sarah Sellers  
Rebeca Alba  
Zefan Nathanson  
Connor Rohde  
Robert Hernandez

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade CHAMP

Brandon Brentham  
Daniella Giron  
Marion Walker  
Kevin Lopez  
Annabelle Scroggins  
Bradlee Estes  
Michael Hatton  
Michael Meza

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