

Weekly Update

A Weekly Review of Achievements & Activities in Cleburne ISD
February 20-27, 2017

Trustees Approve Designs for New CHS and Renovation of Current Campus



Members of the CISD Board of Trustees approved exterior and interior design plans for the new Cleburne High School and renovation of the existing campus in a special called meeting Monday night. The plans are the result of eight months of interviews, discussions and meetings with members of the Cleburne High School faculty, CISD administration and community representatives serving on the District's Pre-Design Committee. Pictured left is an artist's drawing of the main entry of the new CHS.

On November 1, the District hosted a Community Night event in which parents, Cleburne residents and students viewed a series of schematic designs to provide Corgan Architects with opinion and feedback in their task to develop a final set of plans for the construction projects.

Campus representatives in grades 6-12 serving on the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee, photo top right, also provided feedback on the designs, and visitors to Thursday's CISD Multicultural Fair received a design preview, bottom right. Renderings of the building plans are being posted on the CISD website and will be on display at the CISD Central Offices, 505 N. Ridgeway.

A groundbreaking at CHS, signalling the start of construction, will be held later this spring.



Gerard Fifth Grader Competing Thursday at Regional Spelling Bee as Area 24 Winner



A Cleburne ISD student will be competing at Thursday's Regional Spelling Bee taking place at Texas Christian University. Gerard Elementary fifth grader Hannah Sian will be representing Johnson County Area 24, after winning the competition on February 2. The Regional contest is sponsored by TCU's College of Education. The winner will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

Winners in My Heritage Essay Contest Announced

These Wheat Middle School student writers were among the District honorees in the *My Heritage* essay contest sponsored this year in conjunction with the CISD Multicultural Fair. Pictured, from left, Evangeline Hesa, Honorable Mention; Yuki Jack, Honorable Mention; Joshua Salgado, 6th-8th grade division winner; Joshua Rangel, Outstanding Achievement and Christian Reyes, Honorable Mention, with writing teachers Jennifer Lathers, Jana Grissom and Ellen Riddell. Cooke 4th grader Alexa Garcia was the winning writer in grades 3-5, with Outstanding Achievement awarded to classmates Elizabeth Martinez and Alexis Nayeli Flores. The winning essay in grades 9-12 was entered by CHS Freshman Nardasha Boaz. Receiving Outstanding Achievement honors were Cesar Guerrero and Ashley Chavarria. The first place essays in each grade level division will be posted on the CISD website.



Lady Jacket MeiLi Hall Among Fastest Swimmers in the State in the 100 Backstroke



Cleburne High School senior MeiLi Hall posted a seventh place finish in the 100 backstroke as a finalist in the UIL State Swim Meet. Hall, who is a four-year member of the Jackets swim team, was a Regional gold medalist going into the preliminary round of the two-day state meet and posted a fifth place time to advance her on to the finals. She also competed with teammates Kambree Coates, Makenzie Mathson and KaiLi Hall in the 200 meter relay, in Cleburne's first appearance at the state level in four years.

Santa Fe Fourth Graders Meet with State Representative DeWayne Burns



Santa Fe Elementary students had their second meeting of the school year with State Representative DeWayne Burns, following his visit to the campus last fall. Fourth graders met with the legislator on the steps of the Capitol building during their February 22 visit to Austin, highlighting their study of Texas history.



Cleburne High School Launches STinG Week Campaign to Raise \$17,000; Students Together in Giving to Become a New Tradition at CHS



A new fundraising effort has been launched at Cleburne High School that Student Council leaders hope becomes a new campus tradition. Students Together in Giving will involve students and staff in a ten-week contribution campaign to benefit an individual recipient, or a charitable project or organization, leading up to STinG Week, set this year for April 17-21. The campaign goal is "17 in 17," with \$17,000 in donations targeted for 2017. The funds will assist with medical expenses for CHS senior Dylan Filkins, who has been diagnosed with Diffuse Large B-Cell Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.

CHS Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Advancing to State in Skills Events

These members of the Cleburne High School chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America are now state qualifiers, resulting from their performance at the FCCLA Regional contest. Pictured from left are Bryan Duran, 4th place, Applied Math in Culinary Management; Savannah King, silver medal, Culinary Arts Family Consumer Science Assessment; Daisy Herrera and Shane Hall, Culinary Mystery Basket and Giselle Avalos, Texas FCCLA Region II vice-president in charge of membership.



CHS Band Program Sets New School Record in Qualifiers for UIL State Solo/Ensemble Contest



More than 60 members of the Cleburne High School Golden Pride have been selected for the UIL State Solo and Ensemble Contest following auditions at the Region 30 contest. A total of 25 students received 1st division ratings in solo performance, with 13 ensembles involving 56 band members awarded 1st division ratings, qualifying a total of 62 students for the state contest in May.

CHS Choir Students Awarded 1st Division Ratings, Advancing Them to State

Esperanza Rocha, Alyssa Graf and Isabella Jarmon, right, were among the CHS Choir students receiving a 1st Division Superior rating in Region 30 Solo and Ensemble competition. Qualifying for the UIL State Solo and Ensemble Choir Contest were Allison Coleman, Tessa Hill, Mary McCullough, Rylee Mullen, Samantha Willis, Braiden Young, Jake Fulton, Deion Talton and Maxwell Tindall.



3rd Annual CISD Multicultural Fair

More than 460 Cleburne ISD students, accompanied by their families, were in attendance at the 3rd Annual CISD Multicultural Fair taking place Thursday evening at the Cleburne Conference Center. Co-sponsored by the City of Cleburne, the Multicultural Fair celebrates the diversity represented within CISD and the community. The evening featured student performers, information on educational opportunities, services and programs within Cleburne and CISD, including Cleburne High School's Career and Technology Education program, with students showcasing their skills.

