

# Weekly Update

A Weekly Review of Achievements & Activities in Cleburne ISD

August 7-14, 2017

## Wednesday, August 16 First Day of School for All CISD Students



Gerard Elementary teacher Lisa Waits, left, and Cleburne HS calculus teacher Bill Preston, right are among those across the district getting their classrooms ready their for Wednesday's start to the new school year. Elementary campuses will be hosting Meet the Teacher events this afternoon from



4-6 PM. Cleburne HS will also be welcoming parents and students at this evening's Meet the Teacher event scheduled 5:30-7:30 PM.

## Yellow Jackets Swarm to Orientations in Preparation for the Start of New School Year



Incoming Smith Middle School sixth grader Landry Leigh, left, is issued the Chromebook he will use at school and at home during Thursday's Jacket Camp. Both Smith and Wheat MS held orientation sessions for students and parents last week. On Monday, freshmen and students new



to CHS participated in the morning Fish Camp. Students, many accompanied by parents, were engaged in school tours led by the varsity cheerleaders and members of Student Council, which was followed by a mini pep rally and a showcase of student organizations. Freshman Giullia Conceicao, right, receives information on Student Council and the Teen Leadership program from Sponsor Terrie Walker.

## New Administrators for Smith MS, Marti and Cooke Elementary Schools

There will be new faces in the principal's office at three campuses, following school board approvals over the summer. Amber White is the new principal at Smith Middle School, filling the



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vacancy created by Bill Allen's promotion to Central Administration. Crystal Kampen has been named the new assistant principal at C.C. Cooke, and Shanon Null is the new AP for Marti. White comes to Cleburne From Joshua ISD, where she has been a middle school assistant principal since 2012. Both Kampen and Null served as



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summer school principals this year. Kampen has been a science teacher at Wheat MS since 2011 and Null has taught at Cooke, Irving and Coleman. Read more about these new administrators on the CISD website!

## First Trophy For 2017-2018 Won by Cleburne Volleyball in Tournament Play



Volleyball season is underway for the Jackets, led by new Head Coach Shelly Jones. Cleburne High School's first trophy for 2017-2018 was brought home Saturday, when the varsity was named Silver Bracket winners at the Duncanville Tournament of Champions. Pictured with Coach Jones and Assistant Coach Paul Chavez are Abby Jones, Sadie Hough, Carli Geltmeier, Abbi Marion, Madie McKinney, Allison Coleman, Taytum Thompson, Elyse Bradley, Raegan Lanciano, Maggie Marshall and Madison Sepulveda.

## Walk-Throughs at Coleman and Cooke Elementary Schools Showcase Interior Upgrades



Kindergartner Myi Haught, with her mother, Taya, inspects a totally remodeled restroom at Coleman Elementary, which is among the numerous improvements made to the school's interior over the summer. Both Coleman and Cooke hosted walk-throughs Thursday to give parents and the community a look at what has taken place in year two of upgrades and renovations at the campuses, made possible by Bond 2016. Following last year's projects involving new

roofs, new HVAC and other exterior improvements, crews returned this summer to install new flooring, new ceilings, secure the office reception areas, install new surveillance cameras, add fencing, renovate the restrooms and repaint classrooms, hallways and the cafeterias.

## Fourteen CISD Teachers With Perfect Attendance in 2016-2017 Honored by Burleson Nissan



These CISD teachers, left, who are "driven to success for their students," were honored at the annual Back to School Convocation for achieving perfect attendance in 2016-17. The recognition for Wendy Piety, Brent Barnes, Meagan Dupre, Ramona Owen, Elissa Hendricks, Miguel Ortiz, Patricia Roberts, Lisa Waits,



Elma Hernandez, Kim Meland, Tracy Arriola, Marla Barkman, Donna Brecht and Andrea Ewell included special help from Burleson Nissan General Manager--and 1998 CHS graduate--Justin Crain. The dealership offered a year's use of a Nissan Rogue for one qualifying teacher--in this case, Smith science teacher Andrea Ewell. Burleson Nissan will be offering the same perfect attendance incentive to CISD teachers in 2017-2018.

## Nominate a Special Teacher NOW and They May Win \$150 in Classroom Supplies

Tennison Orthodontics is seeking nominations for current teachers who are making a difference in the lives of their students. One teacher will be selected Wednesday, August 16 to win \$150 in classroom supplies. To submit a nomination, go to the Tennison Orthodontics Facebook page and follow the instructions. Nominate your favorite CISD teacher before Wednesday!



## District Staff Comes Together for Annual Back to School Convocation

A "team meeting" for the faculty and staff of Cleburne ISD was held Wednesday at the annual Back to School Convocation taking place in the Don Smith Performing Arts Center at Cleburne High School. Highlights included remarks from June Bates, president of the CISD Board of Trustees, Superintendent Dr. Kyle Heath and Secondary Teacher of the Year Crystal Kampen. Keynote speaker was Dr. Timothy Woods, who talked about "the places you can go" when using the power of a positive attitude and perseverance in engaging and inspiring students.



Campus staff arrived at CHS on school buses, where they were greeted by varsity cheerleaders and the Golden Pride Drumline. Opening ceremonies included a performance by the Smith and Wheat Middle School Band Campers and the premier of a video featuring school board members, inspired by this year's Convocation theme, "True GRIT." The morning ended with a Vendor Fair featuring local businesses.

