

Weekly High Five

September 23, 2008

In line with our collaborative environment, the counselors have been meeting and training as a group for the first time in years. They have discussed elementary classroom instruction, ethical issues and alternative programs for secondary students. It's important that all levels of campus leadership have an opportunity to meet regularly to focus on important issues. Meeting as teams on all levels has never been more important. We continue to collaborate and share best practices to provide the best services to our students, and our efforts are making a difference.

With your input and suggestions, instructional staff have continued to work on initiatives and issues to improve the district. They are also facilitating trainings on the campuses. If you would like instructional staff to lead a training on your campus, let them know. Don't hesitate to utilize central office staff as well; we are here to help.

Progress reports have gone out, and now is the time to identify appropriate interventions to improve student learning and performance. Early intervention is key to the success of students.

During my campus visits, it has been exciting to see classroom instruction on such a high level. Keep up the good work!


Jerry McCullough
AISD Interim Superintendent

Education Foundation Announces Classroom Project Grants



The Education Foundation recently awarded 21 Classroom Project Grants to 19 campuses. These grants total \$18,714 and will affect more than 24,000 students. The list of winners can be found on the Foundation's Web site, www.ArlingtonEF.org. Thank you to everyone that supported the Foundation through the Employee Giving Campaign, and thank you to all the Foundation partners and volunteers.

2008 United Way Campaign

The AISD United Way Campaign will run Sept. 29 through Oct. 10. United Way has been a longtime supporter of programs for our students. Campus chairs have United Way brochures and contribution forms. Donating to Tarrant County United Way is an easy way to make a difference in your community. Employees can make a donation to the Community Fund or specify the organizations or causes. With your help, we can have a successful campaign. Our goal is \$80,000!

Principal Advisory Council Meeting Overview

We had a very successful PAC meeting today. There was an open dialogue about principal concerns and topics of interest. We also set the agenda for the next principals' meeting. There will be a general session on special education and accountability. The second part of the meeting will be breakout sessions for elementary, junior high and high school. Thank you to all the principals who volunteered to lead these sessions.

Congratulations

Associate Superintendent of Finance Steve Brown announced his retirement, effective this December. With his remaining vacation time, his last day will be before Thanksgiving. He will retire with 30 years of service to the AISD. Thank you for your dedication to the students of the AISD!

Bit of Inspiration

"Leadership is the capacity and will to rally men and women to a common purpose and the character which inspires confidence."
-Bernard Montgomery,
British Field Marshal

"How can you have charisma? Be more concerned about making others feel good about themselves than you are making them feel good about you."
-Dan Reiland, Vice President of Leadership Development, INJOY

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Sept. 25: College Night, 7 p.m. at Bowie HS
- Sept. 30-Oct. 1: Rosh Hashanah
- Oct. 2: Id al-Fitr; National Custodial Workers Day; School board meeting
- Oct. 3: End first grading period
- Oct. 5-11: Fire Prevention Week
- Oct. 6: Begin second grading period



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