

# Weekly High Five

October 7, 2008

I would like to thank everyone for your efforts to gather school supplies and monetary donations for the Pasadena ISD. Their needs are great, and the items we send to Pasadena will be put to immediate use. Tomorrow is the last day to collect donations. If you have not already done so, please make arrangements with Travis Rogers in the warehouse for the pick up and storage of your school supplies. Several districts have logged on to District2District.org and are following our lead in helping fellow Texans. I am very proud of our efforts.

With benchmarks approaching, I want to encourage you to share with your staff the value of using benchmark data as a curriculum planning tool. Teachers should frame their lesson plans using the data provided by these tests. Focusing on both strengths and weaknesses of students allows for differentiated instruction, which will help all students improve. Benchmarks provide teachers with the data needed to examine current strategies and make specific instructional adjustments based on the needs assessments of their students.

Don't forget, Friday is the last day to contribute to the United Way campaign. In today's tough economic times the services provided by the United Way and its community partners are more important than ever to the students and families of the AISD. With your help, we can reach our district goal of \$80,000 and make a difference in the community.

I would like to acknowledge all of the hard work and extra effort you have demonstrated these last few weeks.

  
Jerry McCullough  
AISD Interim Superintendent

## Congratulations



Marilyn Evans  
Assistant Superintendent of Personnel  
Formerly Executive Director of Elementary Instruction  
B.S. - Stanford, 1979  
M.Ed. - UNT, 1991

## Principals' Meeting

The PAC has set the agenda for the next principals' meeting. At the meeting Thursday there will be a general session on special education accountability led by Dr. Wally Carter, Karen Hill, Vivian Johnson, Barbara Lindley and Jimmy Walker. The second part of the meeting will be breakout sessions. Debbi Chumchal, Kristi Gette, Dee McClellan, Erma Nichols and John Wofford will lead a session for elementary principals on the new math textbook adoption. Junior high principals will examine pre-AP science and social studies and vertical alignment with Sandra Knox and Anne Miller. High school principals will discuss the implementation of the 4x4 and dropout cohort lists with Ed Farmer and Dr. Marcelo Cavazos. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to lead these sessions. I look forward to another productive meeting.

## Bit of Inspiration

"To laugh often and much;  
to win the respect of  
intelligent people and  
the affection of children...  
to leave the world a bit  
better...to know even one  
life has breathed easier  
because you have lived.  
This is to have succeeded!"  
-Ralph Waldo Emerson, Poet

"We make a living by what  
we get, but we make a life  
by what we give."  
-Winston Churchill, Prime  
Minister



## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Oct. 8: International Walk to School Day
- Oct. 9: Called school board meeting
- Oct. 10: Report cards distributed; Lamar HS Homecoming
- Oct. 12-18: National Educational Professionals Career Awareness Week
- Oct. 13: Columbus Day; Staff development/student holiday
- Oct. 13-17: National School Lunch Week
- Oct. 15: PSAT
- Oct. 16: World Food Day; School board meeting
- Oct. 17: Seguin HS Homecoming
- Oct. 18: PSAT (Venture HS only)
- Oct. 20-24: National School Bus Safety Week



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