

Weekly High Five

October 21, 2008



Thank you to everyone who donated to our United Way Campaign. We raised more than \$75,000 for the United Way and its community partners. The services provided by these organizations contribute to the success of the students and families of the AISD.

At last Thursday's meeting, the Board set a Nov. 3 deadline for submitting future bond advisory committee interest forms. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should complete the form online at www.aisd.net. Please encourage parents to sign up to assist in this process. Representation from the entire district is of utmost importance.

The administration continues to explore block scheduling and teaming initiatives in response to the district's \$15 million deficit. As the dialogues regarding block scheduling next year continue, your input is going to be valuable. Please continue to share your ideas and suggestions.

I enjoyed visiting the Seguin network grade-level meeting for collaboration last week. I continue to visit campuses as a way to see firsthand the many successes and challenges around the district. Thank you for the warm welcomes my staff and I receive when we are out visiting campuses.

The Success in School Summit scheduled for Nov. 1 will focus on dropout prevention programs and initiatives. We are fortunate to live in a community where other service organizations are eager to work with us to meet the changing needs of our students. I encourage community members and district staff to participate in this community-wide collaborative effort. Partners for the Summit include the City of Arlington, Arlington Alliance for Youth, United Way Arlington, Kennedale ISD, Mansfield ISD, UTA, Arlington Coalition for Education and the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. Registration information is available online at www.successinschoolsummit.org.




Jerry McCullough
AISD Interim Superintendent

Congratulations



Cindy Powell
Associate Superintendent of Finance
Formerly Executive Director of Finance
B.S. - Texas Tech University, 1985
Certified Public Accountant



Karen Hill
Executive Director of Secondary Instruction
Formerly Director of Special Education
B.S. - St. Mary's Dominican College, 1975
M.Ed. - Louisiana State University Medical Center, 1979

Inclement Weather

With the inclement weather season upon us, be sure to update and distribute your campus calling tree.

Early Voting

Early voting began yesterday, and Starrett ES is the only campus serving as an early voting location this year. For more information about polling places, visit www.tarrantcounty.com/evote.

Bit of Inspiration

"From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life."

-Arthur Ashe, Professional Tennis Player

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

-Maya Angelou, Poet

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Oct. 21: TAKS ELA (Exit Level retest)
- Oct. 22: TAKS Math (Exit Level retest)
- Oct. 23: TAKS Science (Exit Level retest)
- Oct. 23-31: Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 24: TAKS Social Studies (Exit Level retest)
- Oct. 25: ACT
- Oct. 31: Halloween
- Nov. 1: All Saints Day; SAT
- Nov. 2: End Daylight Saving Time
- Nov. 3-21: IB Exams



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