

Weekly High Five

October 28, 2008

The Texas Association for Bilingual Education held its 36th annual conference at the Arlington Convention Center last week. Approximately 2,500 teachers, school administrators, superintendents, school board members, elected officials, community leaders, university leaders, students and parents attended. The four-day conference featured more than 130 sessions focusing on best educational practices for English language learners. The theme for the conference was "Rigor + Relevance + Relationships = Bilingual Education: Success for All". Several AISD administrators attended and will be sharing best practices and innovative ideas from the conference throughout the year.

The called principals' meeting last Wednesday was very productive. Your input on standardized dress is an important part of our planning process. I hope our discussion on campus improvement plans was useful to you as you finalize your plan this week. Don't forget they are due this Friday. Please don't hesitate to call with any questions you may have. Central office staff is here as a resource to help you complete your plan.

We also had a successful PAC meeting last week. The agenda for the next principals' meeting was set. Topics will include ARD meetings and staff development.



There has been a major surge in the use of Triand by principals and teachers to monitor student progress. Remember to use Triand as a diagnostic tool for improvements. The more aware you are of the strengths and weaknesses of your students, the better able you are to tailor your lesson plans to the needs of the students.

With the distribution of progress reports this week, we mark the halfway point in the semester. Share with your staff the importance of working with students, parents and other staff to identify appropriate interventions for struggling students. We must use every available resource to improve learning and performance for all students.


Jerry McCullough
AISD Interim Superintendent

Success in School Summit



Don't forget that the Success in School Summit focusing on dropout prevention programs and initiatives is this Saturday. Registrations must be submitted today. More information is available online at www.successinschoolsummit.org.

I encourage community members and district staff to participate in this collaborative effort. Our 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.

Don't Forget

Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday. Remember to set clocks back one hour.

Bit of Inspiration

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."
-Anatole France, *Writer*

"Every person in this life has something to teach me, and as soon as I accept that, I open myself to truly listening."
-Catherine Doucette, *Author*

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Oct. 28: Called school board meeting
- Oct. 31: Halloween
- Nov. 1: All Saints Day; SAT
- Nov. 2: End Daylight Saving Time
- Nov. 3-21: IB Exams
- Nov. 4: Election Day
- Nov. 6: School board meeting
- Nov. 10-16: Youth Appreciation Week
- Nov. 11: Veterans Day; National Community Education Day



Arlington
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
More Than a Remarkable Education