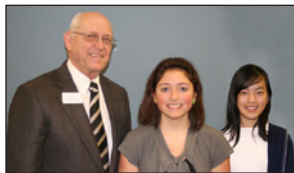


Weekly High Five

February 17, 2009

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. It was a nice time to rest and prepare for the busy schedule leading up to spring break.



I want to congratulate all the students and coordinators that took part in the Area 7 and Area 8 Spelling Bee here at the administration building last week. Winners were Alex Cox, Swift ES, from Area 7 and Lucy Lin, Shackelford JH, from Area 8, and runners-up were Shane Dawson, Bailey JH, and Danielle Carpenter, Wimbish ES. Alex and Lucy will represent the AISD in the regional contest on March 24. I would like to give a special thanks to Judith Stringham, advanced academics coordinator, for making the day such a success!

I traveled to San Antonio last Friday to hear the Arlington HS Colt Chorale – under the direction of Dinah Menger, Laura Pease and Jodi Hill – perform at the Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/Convention. They did an amazing job representing the AISD and our wonderful fine arts department.

The principals' meeting last week was very productive. I hope that the information provided will help you make a difference on your campus. Thank you again to all the presenters and everyone that helped plan the meeting.

I look forward to seeing many of you this evening at the Arlington Educational Secretaries and Paraprofessionals Association's annual Bosses Night! It is always such a fun night. This year's star-spangled theme features a barbeque dinner and entertainment by the Arlington HS Show Choir.

Jerry McCullough
AISD Superintendent

Principal Advisory Council Meeting Overview

We had a very successful PAC meeting today and set the agendas for future principals' meetings. On Feb. 19, there will be discussion and a time for input regarding the staff attrition plan. On Feb. 26, the principals' meeting will focus on special topics by school level. The March 12 meeting will include sessions on Response to Intervention and staff development.

News to Note

There is a regularly scheduled Board meeting this Thursday.

- The Board will identify the schools closed to transfers for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Also on the agenda is discussion/action regarding funding capital needs and the possibility of a future bond or tax rollback election.
- Board meetings are broadcast live on Time Warner Channel 98 and www.aisd.net. You can also view past meetings online anytime.

Bit of Inspiration

"Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work!"
-Vince Lombardi, Former NFL Coach

"It is only as we develop others that we permanently succeed."
-Harvey Firestone, Founder of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Feb. 17: National PTA Founders Day
- Feb. 19: School board meeting
- Feb. 21-28: National FFA Week
- Feb. 25: Ash Wednesday; Beginning of Lent
- Feb. 27: End fourth grading period
- March 2: Transfers Begin; Begin fifth grading period; NEA's Read Across America Day
- March 2-6: National School Breakfast Week; Educational Diagnosticians' Week



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