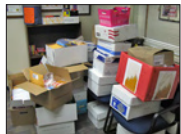


# Weekly High Five

March 31, 2009

The arrival of spring means that many of our campuses will be working in their gardens once again. What a great learning experience! Hopefully, the changing temperatures have not hurt anything that was already planted. I'm looking forward to seeing these wonderful gardens when I make my campus visits.



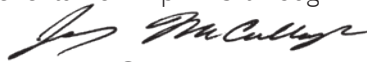
Thank you to everyone who donated to the "Marking History" pencil drive held in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Gulf Region Division. We collected almost 33,000 pencils that will be distributed throughout Iraq. Thank you to Gloria Peña for bringing this opportunity to the district.

The girls soccer teams from Lamar and Martin have advanced to the third round of the playoffs and play tonight. I know you will join me in wishing them luck on their quest for state!

I look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow at the Kiwanis Club of Arlington's Teacher of the Year Luncheon! The annual event recognizes outstanding AISD teachers. One teacher at each of the elementary, junior high and high school levels will be named Kiwanis Woodrow Counts Teacher of the Year. The AISD will recognize the Teachers of the Year from all campuses at the 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year Celebration Dinner at the PDC next Tuesday.

The approach of the end of the school year means that it is time to recognize our dedicated employees. The deadline to verify the total number of years you have been an AISD employee is Friday, April 3. Log on to the intranet to confirm your information. If you feel your information is incorrect, please submit a comment via the online form.

You should have received a memo and information sheet from Benefits Coordinator Laura Clark in the Green Bag and District Announcements regarding the upcoming open enrollment period for benefits. There are a few changes for the upcoming plan year, so be sure to read the information and visit [www.myaidsbenefits.net](http://www.myaidsbenefits.net). Employees can enroll or change benefits from April 13 through May 15. Contact the benefits staff with any questions you may have.

  
Jerry McCullough  
AISD Superintendent

## Financial Futures Committee Update

At the March 12 Board meeting, a Board subcommittee was appointed to select and approve members of the Financial Futures Committee from the submitted applications. Sherri Wade, Bowie Hogg and Peter Baron volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. They met and selected FFC members, and the first meeting is tomorrow. The complete charge for the committee is available [online](#).

## News to Note

There is a regularly scheduled Board meeting this Thursday.

- The Board will consider the appointment of the assistant principal at Crow Elementary.
- Also on the agenda is the notice of election for the May election.
- Board meetings are broadcast live on AISD-TV Time Warner Channel 98 and [www.aisd.net](http://www.aisd.net). You can also view past meetings online anytime.

## Bit of Inspiration

"The keys to patience are acceptance and faith. Accept things as they are and look realistically at the world around you. Have faith in yourself and in the direction you have chosen."

-Ralph Marston, Author & Publisher

"Laugh at yourself, but don't ever aim your doubt at yourself. Be bold. When you embark for strange places, don't leave any of yourself safely on shore. Have the nerve to go into unexplored territory."

-Alan Alda, Actor & Director

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- March 31: Transfer period ends
- April 2: School board meeting
- April 4: ACT
- April 7: World Health Day; TAKS Math (grades 5 & 8)
- April 9-16: Passover
- April 10: Student/staff holiday; Good Friday
- April 12-18: National Library Week
- April 12: Easter



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