

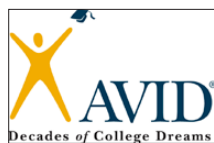
Weekly High Five

April 7, 2009

I hope you've all enjoyed the last week in sports as much as I have. After a very successful Big 12 men's basketball tournament, my Baylor Bears advanced to the NIT tournament and defeated Georgetown, Virginia Tech, Auburn and San Diego State in route to the championship game. Unfortunately, they missed out on the championship with their loss to Penn State. Opening day for the Texas Rangers was yesterday, and they are off to a great start with a 9-1 win over Cleveland. Working as a team, anything is possible!

There are two events tonight recognizing the work of our students and staff.

At the PTA Reflections Reception, hosted by the AISD Council of PTAs, students will be recognized for their winning entries in literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts, dance choreography and film/video. Later this evening, we will recognize the Teachers of the Year from all campuses at the 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year Celebration Dinner. Principals, you are encouraged to attend and help us recognize these outstanding teachers for the tremendous work they do for our students.



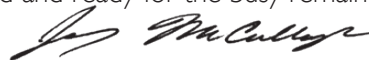
Tomorrow is the AVID Student Celebration and Summit at the PDC. We will recognize graduating seniors and celebrate the successful school year. Students will hear keynote speakers and participate in breakout sessions on topics including the transition to high school and the road to college.

At the principals' meeting Thursday there will be discussion about campus planning, an update on professional development and information regarding assessment and TRIAND. I look forward to this opportunity to share ideas and best practices.

Don't forget, the benefits open enrollment period begins Monday. The last informational meeting prior to enrollment is scheduled for 5 p.m. tomorrow at the PDC. Be sure to attend if you would like to learn more about the benefit changes and enrollment process. The benefits staff is available to answer any questions you may have.

I want to congratulate all of our talented and dedicated gymnasts and coaches Wendy Teer and Craig Vogl on very successful seasons. At the district meet with Keller ISD and HEB ISD, the Martin girls finished in first place with all three girls qualifying for regionals. Eight additional students advanced to the regional competition, which is tomorrow and Thursday at Keller Central HS. Good luck!

This week is a short week with fifth- and eighth-grade students taking the TAKS Math test today and a holiday Friday. Enjoy your long weekend, and come back rested and ready for the busy remainder of the month.


Jerry McCullough
AISD Superintendent

Can't Miss Event

Bailey Junior High is hosting a basketball game between First Rate Software and SCM Real Estate on Friday, April 17 at 4:30 p.m. The event is free to the public, but all funds raised will go toward a campus curb-appeal project. You won't want to miss this four-on-four half court game! I'm sure Principal Jimmy Walker, whether he is a referee or player, will show us why his basketball teams from Taft and Muskogee high schools in Oklahoma competed in the state championship playoffs seven times and won the state championship once.

Bit of Inspiration

"Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great. Weak men wait for opportunities; strong men make them."

-Orison Swett Marden,
Author & Publisher

"Parents, teach your children to express themselves. Teach them to be in touch with their emotions, to speak honestly to people and to maintain integrity and stick by their principles in all they do. This is perhaps the highest morality you can instill."

-Jeffrey Bryant, Author

Upcoming Dates to Remember

April 7: World Health Day; TAKS Math (grades 5 & 8)

April 9-16: Passover

April 10: Student/staff holiday; Good Friday

April 12: Easter

April 12-18: National Library Week

April 16: School board meeting

April 17: End fifth grading period

April 19-25: National Student Leadership Week; Public School Volunteer Week

April 20: Begin sixth grading period

April 21: Holocaust Remembrance Day



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