

Weekly High Five

April 21, 2009

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather this week. After the rainy weekend, it is a welcome change. With any luck, the weather in Toronto will improve for the Rangers series that begins tonight.

The AISD Media Fair Awards Ceremony is Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the PDC. The Media Fair was designed to encourage students and teachers to use technology to improve teaching and learning. It showcases curriculum-based projects in nine categories – animation, desktop publishing, digital audio, digital graphics, digital photography, digital video, multimedia, Web 2.0 and Web design. Winning entries from all four levels – K-2, 3-6, 7-8 and 9-12 – will be on display. I hope to see some of you there!



Bowl for Kids' Sake (BFKS) is the largest annual fund-raising event for Big Brothers Big Sisters. The district has a private bowling session Saturday, May 9 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Forum Bowl in Grand Prairie. Last year, we

had 45 teams participate and raise more than \$25,000. As of Monday, only eight teams have registered. Bowlers enjoy two free games of bowling including shoes and a ball, food and drinks, event T-shirt, souvenir team photo, a chance at door prizes, games, and more. Each bowler is asked to raise \$100 for BFKS, with 100 percent of the money raised going to support local children. You should have already received your Team Captain Packet in the mail. More information is available on the intranet or at www.bowlforkidsake.org. I encourage you to form a team of five to six people to participate in this important event. Register online today! All team member information must be received by May 1.

I want to congratulate all of our talented and dedicated students and teachers involved with UIL academics on very successful district meets. Regional meets are this weekend. Good luck!

AISD students will participate in the Area 11 Special Olympics, including soccer and track and field competitions, at UTA Maverick Stadium this Friday and Saturday. The event is part of a year-round sports training and athletic competition program. Also Saturday is the Arlington celebration of Global Youth Service Day, the largest youth service event in the world. More than 200 youth groups will take part in the day's activities, which include working on service projects and a city celebration at Founders Plaza. Be sure to congratulate your students participating in these wonderful events.

Jerry McCullough
AISD Superintendent

Congratulations



Jimmy Walker
Assistant Superintendent of Administration

Formerly Principal of Bailey JH

B.S. - East Central University, 1976

M.Ed. - Northeastern State University, 1978

Don't Forget

There is a principals' meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning. There will be a presentation on policy updates and a general question and answer session.

Bit of Inspiration

"A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles."
-Christopher Reeve, Actor & Director

"Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity and responsibility to give something back by becoming more."
-Anthony Robbins, Writer & Speaker

Upcoming Dates to Remember

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

April 21: Holocaust Remembrance Day

April 22: Administrative Professionals Day; Earth Day

April 24: National Arbor Day; Report cards distributed (2-12)

April 28: TAKS Math (3, 4, 6, 7, 10); TAKS ELA (Exit Level retest)

April 29: TAKS Reading (4, 6, 7); TAKS Math (Exit Level, Exit Level retest)

April 30: TAKS Science (5, 8, 10, Exit Level, Exit Level retest); TAKS Math (9)

May 1: TAKS Social Studies (8, 10, Exit Level, Exit Level retest)

May 2: SAT

May 3-9: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 3-10: National Music Week

May 4: Staff/student holiday

May 4-8: Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week

May 4-15: AP exams

May 4-22: IB exams

May 5: National Teacher Day; Cinco de Mayo



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