

Weekly High Five

May 5, 2009

I want to thank you all for your patience and calmness during this time as we continue to learn more about H1N1 swine flu. I appreciate your response to this constantly changing situation and your willingness to work with us to determine what is best for both students and staff. We will be sharing more information as it is received. Please continue to be diligent in encouraging everyone to take necessary precautions to prevent the flu.

Backpack News, a new publication for elementary parents to inform them about campus programs/ events and to build a sense of community, was distributed for the first time last week. Copies are also posted [online](#). The public information office will be contacting you for stories to include in the fall issue.

I am excited to announce a new recognition opportunity on the AISD Web site. Remarkable Stars was launched to celebrate the students, teachers and staff of the AISD. This program relies on submissions, which anyone can submit via the online form. Help us recognize our wonderful students and employees!

This week we celebrate three special groups of employees through Teacher Appreciation Week, Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week and National Nurse Week. Please honor these wonderful employees for all of their hard work throughout the year. We could not meet the needs of our students without their tremendous support.

Lamar and Sam Houston high schools were authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization to offer the IB Programme starting next school year. To kick off this exciting program, we are holding receptions at each of the campuses for everyone that will be involved with the program. Lamar's reception is tomorrow night, and Sam Houston's reception is May 20.



This Saturday is Bowl for Kids' Sake, the largest annual fund-raising event for Big Brothers Big Sisters. The AISD teams will be bowling from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Forum Bowl in Grand Prairie. It should be a fun afternoon that will benefit many children in our area. Also Saturday is a celebration for Becky Corey's 90th birthday. The party will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Corey Elementary.


Jerry McCullough
AISD Superintendent

News to Note

There is a regularly scheduled Board meeting this Thursday.

- The Board will consider the appointment of principals at Dunn and Larson elementaries.
- Also on the agenda is action regarding a change to Board Policy FDA (local) – Interdistrict Transfers.
- Board meetings are broadcast live on AISD-TV Time Warner Channel 98 and www.aisd.net. You can also view past meetings online anytime.

Bit of Inspiration

"To be successful, the first thing to do is fall in love with your work."

-Sister Mary Laurretta

"Leadership should be born out of the understanding of the needs of those who would be affected by it."

-Marian Anderson, Singer

"Nothing splendid has ever been achieved except by those who dared believe that something inside them was superior to circumstance."

-Bruce Barton, Politician & Author

"It doesn't matter who you are, where you come from. The ability to triumph begins with you. Always."

-Oprah Winfrey, Television Host

Upcoming Dates to Remember

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

May 6: National School Nurse Day

May 7: School board meeting

May 8: VE Day; World Red Cross Day

May 9: School board election

May 10: Mother's Day

May 11-17: National Children's Book Week

May 16: Sam Houston HS prom; Seguin HS prom; Armed Forces Day

May 17-23: National Educational Bosses' Week

May 18: AWARE Foundation Banquet



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