

Weekly High Five

June 2, 2009

The testing office continues to analyze preliminary TAKS results. *They now expect Ellis and Thornton elementaries to also earn the Recognized rating.* That brings our expected totals to five Exemplary campuses and 32 Recognized campuses!

Yesterday was the STAR (Student, Teacher Achievement Recognition) luncheon honoring students graduating in the top 2 percent of their class and a teacher of their choosing. This is always a wonderful event to recognize our top seniors before graduations begin Thursday.

We were notified recently that Carter Junior High received a three-year designation as an AVID National Demonstration School. Hutcheson Junior High is in the third year of their designation. They were named one of 118 Demonstration Schools for being exemplary models of the program and demonstrating the very best AVID methodologies and strategies. AVID encourages schools and districts interested in implementing or improving the program to visit Demonstration Schools in order to experience a highly successful AVID program. Great work!



Last Thursday, the AISD Board of Trustees approved an increase in school lunch prices for next school year. Lunch prices will be \$2 for elementary students, \$2.25 for secondary students and \$2.75 for adults. The increase does not affect prices for breakfast or reduced-priced lunch.



We are again working with local charities to support education initiatives in developing countries by collecting old school and office supplies. Donations for this program should be boxed and sent to the recycling coordinator at the Service Center by Wednesday, June 10. Past donations have included half-used or broken pencils and crayons, glue with any liquid left in the bottle, and spiral notebooks with a few sheets remaining.

The Rangers Baseball Club has been a wonderful partner this year. The Education Foundation will be receiving \$2,722 from Reading Recognition Night ticket sales. The Rangers are beginning a new promotion for AISD employees, offering half-price tickets to select games this summer. More information is available in the District Announcements.

The end of school means the end of high school baseball. I want to congratulate all of our talented athletes and dedicated coaches on the completion of very successful seasons. Arlington, Lamar, Martin and Seguin advanced to the playoffs, with Martin losing to El Paso Socorro in the second round. Track season comes to a close this weekend at the state meet. Twenty-three students from Arlington, Bowie and Seguin high schools qualified to participate. Good luck!


Jerry McCullough
AISD Superintendent

Don't Forget

This Saturday is the weather makeup day for all professional and paraprofessional employees. The Feb. 10 Green Bag memo detailed five options to account for the required time. Those employees who observe religious services on Saturdays will be able to work on Monday, June 8.

The summer schedule begins Monday and continues through July 31. Work hours will be 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday with 45 minutes for lunch. Refer to the April 21 Green Bag memo for more information.

Bit of Inspiration

"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."

-Albert Schweitzer, *Philosopher*

"Put your heart, mind, intellect and soul even to your smallest acts. This is the secret of success."

-Swami Sivananda, *Author*

Upcoming Dates to Remember

June 3: Early dismissal; Exam day (junior/senior high)

June 4: Inclement weather makeup day; Early dismissal; Exam day (junior/senior high); Last day of classes; End sixth grading period and second semester; Report cards distributed (PK-6); Bowie HS graduation

June 5: Teacher preparation day; Lamar HS graduation; World Environment Day

June 6: Teacher preparation day; Martin HS graduation; Arlington HS graduation; SAT

June 7: Seguin HS graduation; Sam Houston HS graduation

June 10: Report cards mailed (7-12)

June 13: ACT

June 14: Flag Day; Race Unity Day

June 14-18: National History Day Contest



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