

Weekly High Five

August 18, 2009

I want to start by apologizing to the staff of Key ES. *The campus is rated Exemplary*, and I mistakenly said they were Recognized at Convocation. Congratulations on your rating, and thank you for all your hard work!

The first day of classes next Monday is quickly approaching. I enjoyed meeting the first-year teachers and the teachers new to the AISD last week at the orientation sessions. Whether you are starting your first year with the district or your 41st year like I am, it is always exciting getting ready for that first day with students.

For those of you new to the district, you may have noticed by now that I like to give high fives. This publication is my weekly message to principals that I am happy to share with everyone in the district. I hope that it provides you more information about activities and events taking place in the AISD.

The wall calendars have arrived! They were mailed to homes earlier this week. Additional copies are available at the administration building, and the public information office is sending copies to all the campuses.

Have a great year!


Jerry McCullough
Superintendent

Education Foundation Employee Giving Campaign

You should be receiving information about the AISD Education Foundation's Employee Giving Campaign, which will run Aug. 20 through Sept. 18. Every dollar donated through the campaign benefits classroom instruction and is awarded through the Classroom Project or Impact grant programs. With your help, we can have a successful campaign.

News to Note

There is a regularly scheduled Board meeting this Thursday.

- The Board will hold a public hearing for the 2009-2010 budget and proposed tax rate.
- Also on the agenda is discussion/action regarding adoption of the budget and discussion of the district and campus performance objectives and of a possible future bond election.
- Board meetings are broadcast live on AISD-TV Time Warner Channel 98 and www.aisd.net. You can also view past meetings online anytime.

Convocation

Convocation was a great success! More than 6,000 teachers and staff attended this exciting event. I want to thank everyone that helped get this school year off to such a terrific start. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognize last year's Teachers of the Year; AWARE

Award of Excellence nominees and winners, and Education Foundation grant recipients. Our wonderful student speakers really brought a powerful message. If you or any of your staff were unable to attend, the video will be available [online](#) later this week.



Bit of Inspiration

"You need to be aware of what others are doing, applaud their efforts, acknowledge their successes and encourage them in their pursuits.

When we all help one another, everybody wins."

-Jim Stovall, Author & Speaker

"Set out each day believing in your dreams. Know without a doubt that you were made for amazing things."

-Josh Hinds, Motivational Speaker & Author

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Aug. 20: School board meeting
- Aug. 21-23: State sales tax holiday
- Aug. 22: First day of Ramadan
- Aug. 24: First day of classes
- Aug. 26: Women's Equality Day
- Aug. 27: Lyndon B. Johnson's birthday
- Sept. 1: Elementary gifted and talented open house



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