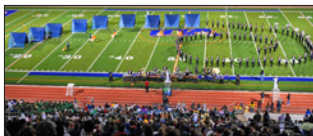


# Weekly High Five

October 13, 2009

There's no need to wash your car this week! Our weather is starting to look a little like Seattle's lately. We'll have to remember these many days of rain next summer when we're in the middle of the drought. Early voting for the bond election begins Monday. Please encourage everyone to vote. Remember, while on duty, we are restricted to simply informing the public about the facts regarding the bond election and encouraging voting. We cannot influence the public vote while serving in an official capacity.



The Dean P. Corey Marching Band Spectacular was held last Tuesday evening at UTA's Maverick Stadium. The night was filled with wonderful performances, and the bands had the opportunity to be rated by judges in preparation for the UIL marching contest.

Last week, I had the opportunity to attend Hispanic Heritage Day at Goodman ES. The day was an educational event for students to learn about cultures in Spanish-speaking countries and to gain an appreciation of diversity. What a great lesson this was for everyone involved. Thank you Hildelisa Diaz and Carmen Perez-Ocasio for all of your work on this great event!

From all the feedback I've received so far, the vertical alignment staff development last week went well. Vertical alignment is a very beneficial process that will help us ensure that our students are learning everything they need to succeed in the future.

Jimmy Walker, assistant superintendent of administration, received the Mary McLeod Bethune Heritage Award from the Arlington chapter of the NAACP last Friday. He received the award for exemplifying what the NAACP believes is best in education. The award is one of several the local chapter gives each year at the annual Freedom Fund Banquet. Congratulations!

Next Monday from 4 to 8 p.m., State Representative Diane Patrick is hosting the annual Educational Policy Summit on the UTA campus in the Bluebonnet Rooms and Rosebud Theatre. Keynote speakers include Commissioner of Higher Education Raymund Paredes and Commissioner of Education Robert Scott. Teachers will be able to visit with other educators about the transition of students from pre-K through post-graduate education during breakout sessions. RSVP to Rep. Patrick's office, 817-548-9091 or [ann.morris@house.state.tx.us](mailto:ann.morris@house.state.tx.us), by Friday.

Jerry McCullough  
Superintendent

## News to Note

There is a regularly scheduled Board meeting this Thursday.

- The Board will recognize Moore ES for earning the Exemplary rating.
- Also on the agenda is the consideration of the adoption of a charge to the 2009-2010 Citizens Advisory Committee and appointment of the 2009-2010 Citizens Advisory Committee.
- Board meetings are broadcast live on AISD-TV Time Warner Channel 98 and [www.aisd.net](http://www.aisd.net). You can also view past meetings online anytime.

*"The main thing ... is to keep the main thing ... the main thing."*

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## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Oct. 14: PSAT
- Oct. 15: School board meeting
- Oct. 16: World Food Day
- Oct. 17: PSAT - Venture HS only
- Oct. 18-24: National Character Counts Week
- Oct. 19-23: National School Bus Safety Week
- Oct. 20: TAKS ELA Exit Level retest
- Oct. 21: TAKS Math Exit Level retest
- Oct. 22: TAKS Science Exit Level retest
- Oct. 23: TAKS Social Studies Exit Level retest
- Oct. 23-31: Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 24: Council of PTAs Celebration of Freedom Run; ACT



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## Bit of Inspiration

"Don't wait until everything is just right. It will never be perfect. There will always be challenges, obstacles and less than perfect conditions. So what. Get started now. With each step you take, you will grow stronger and stronger, more and more skilled, more and more self-confident, and more and more successful."

*-Mark Victor Hansen, Author & Speaker*

"There's only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self."

*-Aldous Huxley, Writer*