

Weekly High Five

October 20, 2009

I hope everyone has enjoyed these last few days of sun. It's been nice to spend some time outdoors, especially with the cooler fall temperatures.

We are only two weeks away from election day! Early voting for the bond election began yesterday and runs through Oct. 30. Registered voters can vote at any polling site in Tarrant County during early voting. Remember, while on duty, we are restricted to simply informing the public about the facts regarding the bond election and encouraging voting.



Yesterday, State Representative Diane Patrick and TEA Deputy Commissioner Raymond Glynn visited Blanton ES and Carter JH before attending the Educational Policy Summit and K-16 Leadership Conference at UTA. I was honored to share with them the remarkable instruction and diverse curriculum in the AISD. They enjoyed visiting classrooms and seeing a demonstration by the Blanton Drum Club.

On Friday, Rankin Elementary celebrated a milestone – their 50th anniversary. The ceremony included students placing contributions in a time capsule and a style show of Rankin shirts throughout the years. After the formal ceremony, festivities continued with the annual math carnival. I am glad so many people attended the event to celebrate the rich history of Rankin.



The principals meeting and AP academies last Thursday were very successful. I want to thank Marilyn Evans for her personnel diversity report and Heather Castillo for presenting legal updates. The level meetings were also productive. Please don't hesitate to call with any questions you may have. Central office staff is here as a resource to help you and your campus achieve your goals for the year!

As I continue my campus visits, I see many wonderful activities taking place in classrooms throughout the district. I truly appreciate all of the hard work and preparation that goes into providing students such high-level instruction.


Jerry McCullough
Superintendent

“The main thing ... is to keep the main thing ... the main thing.”
Student Achievement & Instruction

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- 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
- Oct. 31: Halloween
- Nov. 1: End Daylight Saving Time; All Saints Day
- Nov. 2-20: IB Exams
- Nov. 3: Election Day

Bit of Inspiration

“Learn everything you can, anytime you can, from anyone you can. There will always come a time when you will be grateful you did.”

-Sarah Caldwell, Opera Conductor

“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.”

-Albert Einstein, Theoretical Physicist & Philosopher



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