

Weekly High Five

November 3, 2009

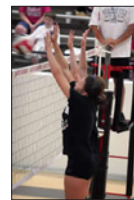
Election day has arrived! Please encourage everyone who has not already done so to vote. Polls are open until 7 p.m. To find your election day polling place, [click here](#).

The state-mandated fingerprinting process is going well. I had my fingerprinting done at Goodman ES, and the machine didn't break! Remember to have your Fast Pass from SBEC and matching state ID at the time of fingerprinting. Also, if you're required to pay, you must have a check or money order for the technician. If you are unsure whether you need to be fingerprinted, please check the list on the intranet.

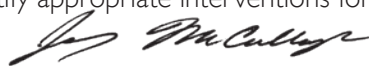
Project SOAR, Students Obtaining Academic Results, is a peer-to-peer mentoring program. The junior/senior students in the program serve as mentors for the participating at-risk ninth-grade students on each campus. They must spend 30 minutes to one hour with each other on a weekly basis. There are currently 513 students in the program, and we are looking to recruit 87 more students to participate. I want to thank Project SOAR Coordinator RoseMary Bolden and Assistant Athletic Director OJ Kemp for all their work on this program. It's great to see these ninth-grade students improving as they work with their mentors!

String orchestras from Arlington and Martin high schools and the Martin full orchestra were named finalists in this year's TMEA Honor Orchestra competition. This is the second consecutive year for the string orchestras to earn this honor. Congratulations!

I want to congratulate all of our talented athletes and dedicated coaches involved with fall sports. District tennis, cross country and volleyball teams had very successful seasons. Tennis teams from Lamar and Martin advanced to the regional meet last weekend. All six high schools have athletes competing in the regional cross country meet in Lubbock this Saturday. Arlington, Lamar, Martin and Seguin volleyball teams advanced to the playoffs, with the first round of play tonight. Good luck!



With the distribution of progress reports last week, we marked the halfway point in the semester. We must continue to use every available resource to improve learning and performance for all students. Be sure to work with students, parents and other staff to identify appropriate interventions for struggling students.


Jerry McCullough
Superintendent

News to Note

There is a regularly scheduled Board meeting this Thursday.

- The Board will recognize Butler ES for earning the Exemplary rating.
- Also on the agenda is discussion regarding the 2010-2011 school calendar.
- Board meetings are broadcast live on AISD-TV Time Warner Channel 98 and www.aisd.net. You can also view past meetings online anytime.

*"The main thing ... is to keep the main thing ... the main thing."
Student Achievement & Instruction*

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Nov. 2-20: IB Exams
- Nov. 3: Election Day
- Nov. 5: School board meeting
- Nov. 7: SAT
- Nov. 9-13: Youth Appreciation Week
- Nov. 11: Veterans Day
- Nov. 13: End second grading period
- Nov. 15-21: American Education Week
- Nov. 16: Begin third grading period
- Nov. 17: National Community Education Day



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Bit of Inspiration

"Get over the idea that only children should spend time in study. Be a student so long as you still have something to learn, and this will mean all your life."

*-Henry L. Doherty,
Businessman*

"Permanence, perseverance and persistence in spite of all obstacles, discouragement and impossibilities. It is this that in all things distinguishes the strong soul from the weak."

*-Thomas Carlyle, Historian
& Satirist*