

Weekly High Five

November 17, 2009

Last Friday I was invited to give the welcome address at the Texas State Reading Association's 38th Annual Literacy Conference. I enjoyed being able to visit with the wonderful teachers and administrators attending the conference. Second year Ready, Set, Teach! students from Lamar HS volunteered at the conference.



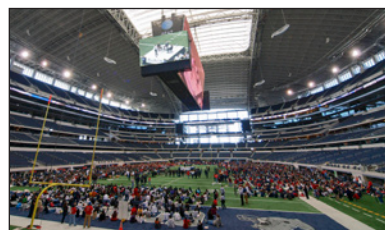
In addition to Martin HS, Lamar HS also received the 2009 College Readiness Award from the Texas ACT Council for a significant increase in the ACT composite score over five years while also increasing the number of students taking the exam. Congratulations!



We were notified last week that AVID renewed Hutcheson JH's three-year designation as a National Demonstration School. They received the designation for being an exemplary model 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; administrators from the Alief and Richardson districts have already planned visits to Hutcheson. Great work!

We had a very productive principals meeting last Thursday. I hope the information you received about Response to Intervention, statewide assessments, the developmental math assessment, TRIAND and SSIG will be helpful as you work with these programs on your campus. Please do not hesitate to contact central office staff with your questions or problems. We are here to help!

Earlier today, AISD eighth-grade students took part in CPaRlington at the Cowboys Stadium. More than 4,600 students and staff learned to administer emergency CPR as a way to increase the odds of cardiac arrest survival. The event with the city of Arlington and the American Heart Association set a new Guinness World Record for the largest CPR training session.




Jerry McCullough
Superintendent

News to Note

There is a regularly scheduled Board meeting this Thursday.

- The Board will recognize Ditto ES for earning an Exemplary rating.
- Also on the agenda is the appointment of the director of public information and 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. 15-21: American Education Week
- Nov. 17: National Community Education Day
- Nov. 18: Education Support Professionals Day
- Nov. 19: National Parental Involvement Day; School board meeting
- Nov. 20: Report cards distributed
- Nov. 22-28: National Family Week
- Nov. 25: Staff development/student holiday
- Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 26-27: Student/staff holiday



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Bit of Inspiration

"Giving connects two people, the giver and the receiver, and this connection gives birth to a new sense of belonging."

-Deepak Chopra, Physician & Author

"Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk."

-Doug Larson, Cartoonist