

Weekly High Five

December 1, 2009

I hope you all enjoyed the long Thanksgiving weekend. There was some beautiful weather for all the family gatherings, football games and shopping. I enjoyed the time off to relax and prepare for our remaining three weeks before winter break.

Several AISD football teams have advanced deep into the playoffs this year. Martin lost to Trinity last Friday, ending their run. Arlington and Bowie will face tough competition Friday night in the regional finals. Arlington will take on Trinity at Pennington Field, and Bowie will play an undefeated Abilene at Maverick Stadium. Ticket information is available online if you would like to attend one of the games.

Crow Elementary is celebrating a milestone this Saturday. They will be celebrating their 50th anniversary with a family carnival beginning at 9:30 a.m. The carnival will include food from many cultures, games, entertainment and prizes. After the carnival, festivities will continue with a special ceremony at noon. I hope to see some of you there!

This time of year is a great opportunity to reflect on everything we've already accomplished this school year. Winter break is quickly approaching, but we still have time to help those students who may be struggling. We must continue to use every available resource to improve learning and performance for all students. I thank you for everything you do for the students of the AISD. You are truly appreciated!



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Congratulations



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News to Note

There is a regularly scheduled Board meeting this Thursday.

- The Board will recognize Ashworth ES for earning an Exemplary rating.
- Also on the agenda is the approval of 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

Bit of Inspiration

"Nothing truly valuable arises from ambition or from a mere sense of duty; it stems rather from love and devotion toward men and toward objective things."

-Albert Einstein, *Theoretical Physicist*

"The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning."

-Mitch Albom, *Author & Screenwriter*

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Dec. 3: School board meeting
- Dec. 4-6: Education Foundation Book Fair
- Dec. 5: SAT
- Dec. 7: Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec. 10: Human Rights Day
- Dec. 11-19: Hanukkah (Festival of Lights)
- Dec. 12: ACT
- Dec. 15: Bill of Rights Day



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