

Weekly High Five

January 5, 2010

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing winter break and were able to spend time with family and friends during the holiday season. I certainly enjoyed my restful vacation in South Padre over the break.



Last March, we participated in the "Marking History" pencil drive in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Gulf Region Division. A GRD team recently visited schools, hospitals and several neighborhoods in Iraq to distribute the more than 40,000 pencils we collected. Lindsey Beck, a Department of the Army civilian and USACE employee, handed out pencils during a stop outside a neighborhood school west of Baghdad.

Earlier today, the students and staff of Anderson Elementary helped namesake Beth Anderson celebrate her 85th birthday. The students sang Happy Birthday and presented cards to her as she visited the different areas of campus. What a wonderful surprise for Mrs. Anderson!



Tarrant County Public Health will be holding free H1N1 immunization clinics at all AISD high schools beginning next week. Students, families, staff and community members are welcome. All immunization clinics will be held in the school cafeteria from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11 – Sam Houston HS; Tuesday, Jan. 12 – Lamar HS; Wednesday, Jan. 13 – Seguin HS; Thursday, Jan. 14 – Arlington HS; Friday, Jan. 15 – Bowie HS; Wednesday, Jan. 20 – Martin HS.

I have already visited several campuses this week, and it has been exciting to see the high level of instruction that is taking place, even as we return from the winter break. Your hard work and eagerness to dive right in after the break make a difference in the quality of education that we are able to provide to our students.

Jerry McCullough
Superintendent

Bit of Inspiration

"The first step to getting the things you want out of life is this – decide what you want."

-Ben Stein, Actor & Writer

"You're alive. Do something. The directive in life, the moral imperative was so uncomplicated. It could be expressed in single words, not complete sentences. It sounded like this – look, listen, choose, act."

-Barbara Hall, Author

News to Note

There is a regularly scheduled Board meeting this Thursday.

- The Board will recognize winners of the 2010 "Sharing the Dream" Art and Essay Contests and students whose artwork or photography was featured in 2009-2010 Wall Calendar and School Boundary Map.
- Also on the agenda is discussion of the upcoming CHIP/Children's Medicaid application drive.
- 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

- Jan. 7: School board meeting
- Jan. 14: Exam day - junior/senior high; Early dismissal
- Jan. 15: End third grading period and first semester; Exam day - junior/senior high; Early dismissal
- Jan. 17: World Religion Day
- Jan. 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Student/staff holiday
- Jan. 19: Teacher preparation day/student holiday



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