

Weekly High Five

February 2, 2010

This past weekend, the Academic Decathlon teams competed in the regional meet. I want to congratulate all of our talented students, dedicated coaches and District Coordinator Julie Porter for their work. Coaches include Tanya Maness and Mandy Martin, Arlington HS; Jonah Hanft and Beth Huebner, Bowie HS; Rodney Bond and Rebecca Hargrove, Lamar HS; Katherine Lambert and Juliann Warner, Martin HS; Pat Watson and Thang Tran, Sam Houston HS; and Amanda Collins and Nguyen Tolerba, Seguin HS. Lamar HS won the regional meet, and Arlington HS placed fourth. Both teams will advance to the state meet Feb. 25 in Houston.



Academic Decathlon Team, Lamar HS



Michelle Harris, S. Davis ES

This week is National School Counseling Week. Sponsored by the American School Counselor Association, the week recognizes counselors as a valuable resource for students and a tremendous support for staff. Please recognize your counselors this week for all of their work with our students. They are instrumental in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

Tonight is the annual Council of PTAs Founders Day Banquet. The PTA is such an important partner to the district, and the thousands of hours they contribute to our campuses make a big difference in our success. I hope to see some of you there!



Save the Children.

We are wrapping up our relief and assistance campaign for the victims of the Haiti earthquake this week. The districtwide campaign runs through Wednesday, and all checks must be hand-delivered to the public information office no later than Thursday.

My staff and I continue to visit campuses, and I am impressed with the innovative instruction I see at every campus. Continue to work with your staff on utilizing the many resources and tools we provide.


Jerry McCullough
Superintendent

News to Note

There is a regularly scheduled Board meeting this Thursday.

- The Board will consider a change to Board Policy EHDD (Local) - Dual Credit.
- Also on the agenda is consideration of the identification of schools closed to transfers for the 2010-2011 school year.
- 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*

Condolences

We would like to express our condolences to the following employee on the loss of a loved one:

Joe DeLeon, father of Linda DeLeon, Speer ES principal, passed away Friday, Jan. 29.

Bit of Inspiration

“Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life; not so much by what happens to you as by the way your mind looks at what happens.”

-Kahlil Gibran, Artist & Poet

“Every now and again take a good look at something not made with hands – a mountain, a star, the turn of a stream. There will come to you wisdom and patience and solace and, above all, the assurance that you are not alone in the world.”

-Sidney Lovett, Minister

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Feb. 1-5: National School Counseling Week

Feb. 2: Groundhog Day

Feb. 4: School board meeting

Feb. 6: ACT

Feb. 14: Valentine's Day; Chinese New Year

Feb. 14-20: National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Week

Feb. 15: Presidents Day; Student/staff holiday



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