

# Weekly High Five

February 16, 2010

I want to congratulate all the students and coordinators that took part in the Area 7 and Area 8 Spelling Bee here at the administration building last week. Winners were Mostofa Hisham, Young JH, from Area 7 and Minh Le, Beckham ES, from Area 8, and runners-up were Alyssa Osorio, Hale ES, and Zoe Martin, Berry ES. Mostofa and Minh will represent the AISD in the regional contest on March 23. I would like to give a special thanks to Julie Porter, advanced academics coordinator, for making the day such a success!

The NBA Cares All-Star Community Caravan stopped at Farrell Elementary last Wednesday for a Reading Rally and the dedication of the new Reading and Learning Center. Special guests Mavericks guard Jason Terry, former first lady Laura Bush and NBA legend Dikembe Mutombo were on-hand for the day's special events.

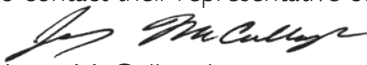


What a crazy few days of weather we had late last week! I've heard many stories of staff members going above and beyond to ensure that our students were well taken care of during the snow storm. From shoveling sidewalks to scraping co-workers' windshields, thank you for your tremendous efforts! I hope you all enjoyed the record snowfall as much as the students.

SLANT 45, which stands for Service Learning Adventures in North Texas, officially kicked off today at Pope Elementary. The youth-based service-learning program headed by the Super Bowl XLV Host Committee brought together 25 students, parents, faculty and community volunteers to showcase the progress of their SLANT 45 projects, which are in various stages of development. SLANT 45 Action Team Chair and former Dallas Cowboys star Daryl Johnston was on hand to offer his support of the program.



State Reps. Diane Patrick, Paula Pierson, Todd Smith and Chris Turner and Sens. Wendy Davis and Chris Harris are seeking applicants for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program. The scholarship is available to high school seniors entering a ROTC program at a public or private college in Texas this fall. Each state representative and state senator is able to nominate one student from their district. Please encourage any students that may be interested to contact their representative or senator for the application. The deadline is March 3.

  
Jerry McCullough  
Superintendent

## News to Note

There is a regularly scheduled Board meeting this Thursday.

- The Board will recognize Lamar HS head football coach Eddy Peach and the 2009-2010 National Merit Semifinalists, National Achievement Semifinalists and National Hispanic Scholars.
- Also on the agenda is consideration of the appointment of an assistant principal for Sam Houston HS.
- Board meetings are broadcast live on Time Warner Channel 98 and [www.aisd.net](http://www.aisd.net). You can also view past meetings online anytime.

“The main thing ... is to keep the main thing ... the main thing.”

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## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday; National PTA Founders Day
- Feb. 18: School board meeting
- Feb. 20-27: National FFA Week
- Feb. 26: End fourth grading period
- March 1: Transfers begin; Begin fifth grading period; TAKS Social Studies Exit Level Retest
- March 2: NEA's Read Across America



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## Bit of Inspiration

“Today, give a stranger one of your smiles. It might be the only sunshine he sees all day.”

*-Line from the movie P.S. I Love You*

“If you take responsibility for yourself, you will develop a hunger to accomplish your dreams.”

*-Les Brown, Motivational Speaker & Author*