

Weekly High Five

March 2, 2010

I hope you all enjoyed a restful weekend. It will be a busy two weeks until Spring Break with TAKS testing, report card distribution and open houses.

Tomorrow is our first day of general TAKS testing this year. From the campus visits I've completed throughout the year, I know that you all have done a great job preparing our students. Thank you for all of your hard work to ensure this day will be a success!



Next week is Celebrate Texas Public Schools Week. The theme for the week is "Building Leaders: Today they learn. Tomorrow they lead." Open houses are scheduled Monday for high schools, Tuesday for junior highs and Thursday for elementaries. Be sure to take pictures of any special activities and submit them, along with a brief description, to Good News in FirstClass. We want to share the wonderful things happening on our campuses with the community.

I want to congratulate all of our talented athletes and dedicated coaches involved with basketball, swimming and wrestling on the completion of very successful seasons. Bowie and Martin advanced in girls basketball playoffs. Both teams lost in the second round. In boys basketball, Bowie and Sam Houston both advanced to the playoffs. Bowie will take on Marcus HS this Friday in the regional semifinal round. Sam Houston lost a close one in the first round. In swimming, Lamar's Haylie Stanat competed in the 100 yard freestyle at the state meet. Twenty-three AISD students competed in the state wrestling tournament, with 13 placing in the top six of their respective weight classes. Two Martin students placed first in their weight classes – Beka Mahlow, 165-pound class, and Chandler Ford, 285-pound class. Coach Patrick Dunn was named 2010 Coach of the Year. Outstanding job!

Bowl for Kids' Sake is the largest annual fund-raising event for Big Brothers Big Sisters. The district has a private bowling session Saturday, March 27 at Forum Bowl in Grand Prairie. Bowlers enjoy two free games of bowling including shoes and a ball, food and drinks, event T-shirt, souvenir team photo, a chance at door prizes, games, and more. Each bowler is asked to raise \$100, with 100 percent of the money raised going to support local children. You should have already received your team captain packet. I encourage you to form a team of five to six people to participate in this important event. Register online today! All team member information must be received by March 18.




Jerry McCullough
Superintendent

*"The main thing ... is to keep the main thing ... the main thing."
Student Achievement & Instruction*

Bit of Inspiration

"When you do nothing, you feel overwhelmed and powerless. But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better."

-Pauline R. Kezer, Legislator & Teacher

"We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have."

-Frederick Koenig, Inventor

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- March 2: NEA's Read Across America
- March 3: TAKS ELA grade 10, Exit Level & Exit Level retest; TAKS Reading grade 9; TAKS Writing grades 4 & 7
- March 4: TAKS Math Exit Level retest
- March 5: Report cards distributed, PK-12; TAKS Science Exit Level retest
- March 8-12: Celebrate Texas Public Schools Week; National School Breakfast Week
- March 8: High school open house
- March 9: Junior high open house
- March 11: Elementary open house; School board meeting
- March 13: SAT
- March 14: Begin Daylight Saving Time
- March 15-19: Spring Break



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