

# Superintendent's Report

April 16, 2009



I have great news to share with you this evening!



The National Science Foundation recently awarded a \$2.8 million grant to fund our multi-year collaboration effort with the UTA mathematics department. Through this partnership, eight graduate-level mathematics students will be paired with eight AISD math teachers. The teachers will be from Sam Houston High School and the junior highs in the Sam Houston network. They will form vertical teams consisting of one junior high teacher, one high school teacher and their graduate fellows. The teams will begin working together over the summer to plan instruction that will emphasize good mathematical habits such as visual thinking, recursive thinking, reasoning with multiple representations and providing convincing arguments. The graduate students will spend 10 hours per week working with the teachers and students and will help develop lessons connecting their math research to junior high and high school concepts. I am excited about this innovative partnership and look forward to the exciting results the math department will have to share!



## National Library Week and School Librarians' Day



*Thank you librarians!*

This week is **National Library Week**, and yesterday we celebrated **School Librarians' Day**. Our librarians make significant contributions to the instructional program. They are instrumental in helping students achieve success in school. Librarians, thank you for your dedication to our students! I would also like to thank **Director of Library Services Lorie Bruns** for all she does for the students of the AISD!



## Siddie Joe Johnson Award



*Congratulations Jacqueline Bridges-Shepherd, West ES!*

**West Elementary Librarian Jacqueline Bridges-Shepherd** received the Siddie Joe Johnson Award for outstanding achievement in children's library service at the Children's Roundtable Breakfast during the Texas Library Convention Annual Conference. She won the award based on her innovative programs, community involvement, and cooperation with parents and other libraries. Congratulations Jacqueline!



## Imagine No Violence Art Contest



**Arlington HS** Kelsey F., Deva K.,  
Eliza Jade S.

**Bowie HS** Trevon J., Kelsey L.,  
Khanh V.

**Martin HS** Michelle A., Sarahanne H.,  
Christa J., Alyssa M., Audrey W.

**Sam Houston HS** Asmaa H., Toan  
L., Justin M.

**Bailey JH** Manuel J., Kristen L., Teshana M.

**Gunn JH** Alondra C., Briana G., Sydney S.

**Ousley JH** Deng A., Denise N., Presley S., Cesar T.

**Workman JH** Ingrid B., Chan K., Thao T.

**Young JH** Tanner H., Bria H., Melissa M., Shelsea S.

Each year the Safe City Commission of Tarrant County sponsors the Imagine No Violence Art Contest encouraging students to use their creativity to help spread a culture of nonviolence in Tarrant County. Every school that participated had awards given to the first, second and third place winners from each campus. This year, Arlington was invited, and I am proud to announce that we had winners from Bailey, Gunn, Ousley, Workman, and Young junior highs, and Arlington, Bowie, Martin, and Sam Houston high schools. A banquet was held this past Tuesday recognizing all the winning students.



## Texas Future Music Educators



**Arlington High School** has the largest chapter of Texas Future Music Educators in the State of Texas with a charter membership of 40. New members join the group weekly. **Bowie** and **Lamar** high schools also have chapters. TFME is an organization of music students with the purpose of exploring music education as an occupation and recruiting members into the profession. Members must be academically eligible and participate in a minimum of four meetings each year. Thank you sponsors **Toby Jones** and **Linda Kefer** for all you do to prepare our future educators!



## Business Professionals of America



*Congratulations Yesenia C. and  
Christine H., Sam Houston HS!*

Four **Sam Houston High School** students competed at the Business Professionals of America State competition in Austin last month. Two students placed as National Qualifiers and will now compete at the National Conference in Dallas in May. Good luck!



I am excited about a new program in the district. Mr. Hogg will share more information about the Curb Appeal Partners initiative in his report, but I would like to share information about the kickoff event. **Bailey Junior High** is hosting a basketball game between First Rate Software and SCM Real Estate tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. The event is free to the public. Bailey's facility improvement project will be the first of many projects sponsored by Curb Appeal Partners. Both First Rate and SCM have donated \$5,000 for Bailey's project; the losing basketball team will donate an additional \$2,000. Civil engineering and landscape architectural firm mycoskie+mcinnis+associates Inc. is providing the design consulting services. You won't want to miss this exciting four-on-four half court game! Our very own Bowie Hogg and Jimmy Walker will referee.



## Carter Junior High 50th Anniversary Community Carnival



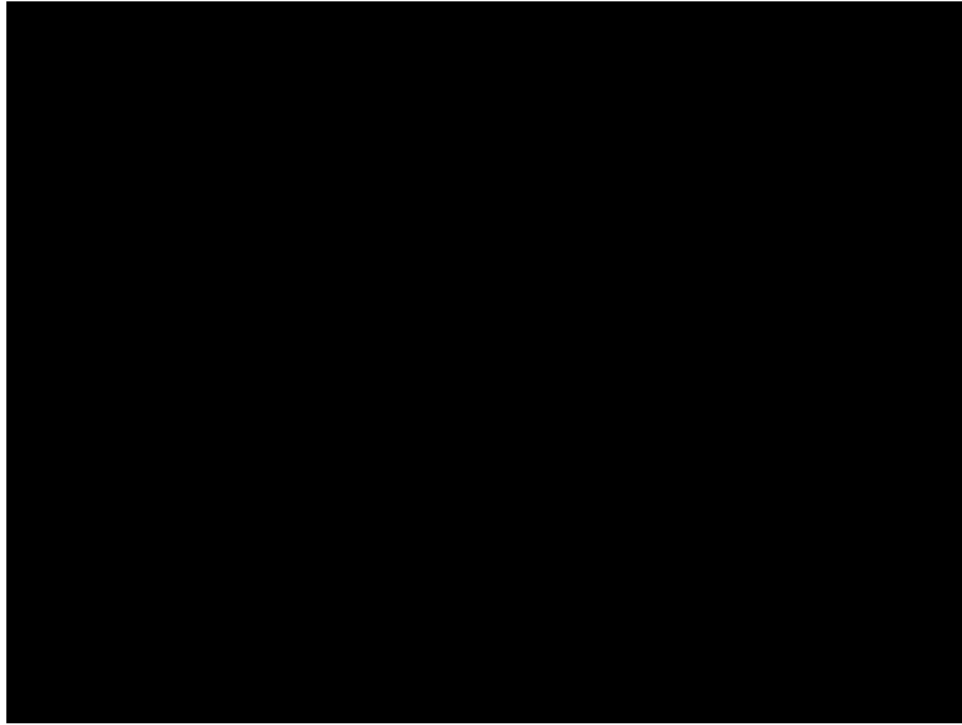
Carter Junior High is celebrating a milestone. They have organized a 50th Anniversary Community Carnival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. There will be fun activities for all ages, musical entertainment, and Mayor Pro Tem Lana Wolff will read the Carter Junior High Day proclamation. I hope to see some of you there!



## Global Youth Service Day



Global Youth Service Day is the largest youth service event in the world. The Arlington celebration is Saturday, April 25 and highlights the remarkable contributions young people make in community service throughout the year. More than 200 youth groups will participate in the day's activities. After working on their service projects, the groups will attend the city celebration at Founders Plaza.



I'd now like to invite **Becky Harrell** and **Christy Harris** from the **South Davis Neighbors Association** to the podium. The South Davis Neighbors Association gives generously to our AISD campuses. They presented a \$10,000 check to **South Davis Elementary** during a school program earlier this year, which will be used to provide scholarships for South Davis students to attend academic, fine arts and leadership camps during the summer. They also presented \$15,000 to the **Arlington High School** fine arts department. That donation was divided among the band, choir, orchestra and theater programs. South Davis Neighbors Association, thank you for your tremendous commitment to the students of the AISD! I would now like to invite President Ash and South Davis Principal Erma Nichols to join me at the podium to present Becky and Christy with a token of our appreciation. Arlington High School Principal Jennifer Young was unable to be here this evening because of a commitment on campus, but she asked us to share her thanks.