

Superintendent's Report

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H1N1 Swine Flu Report

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I want to begin this evening by giving everyone an update on what the district has been doing regarding H1N1 swine flu. We have been working closely with the city's office of emergency management and local health officials to monitor the situation as it pertains to the AISD. While campuses remained open, student travel was limited initially as a precautionary measure. We kept staff, students and families updated in several ways, including e-mails, Web site postings, recorded phone calls and letters to parents. Throughout this constantly changing situation, we have worked to determine what was best for both students and staff. Their health and safety is our top priority. I want to thank everyone for your patience and calmness during this time.



Tarrant County Teacher of the Year



Congratulations Vicki Bates, Ellis ES!

Ellis ES Teacher Vicki Bates was named Tarrant County Teacher of the Year by the Camp Fire USA First Texas Council at the Celebration of Champions last week. Vicki was honored for her work with children in the pre-k program and for creating and co-authoring early childhood curricula and books. She also leads educational workshops at the local, regional and state levels. Congratulations Vicki!



Powerful Difference Award



Congratulations Jennifer Terrell, Starrett ES!

Jennifer Terrell, Starrett ES teacher, was a first-prize winner in the Powerful Difference Award contest sponsored by the makers of Pine-Sol cleaners and ABC Radio Networks. She was chosen for her many years as an educator and for founding Today's Other Choices, a non-profit organization that provides students with positive role models, tutoring services, college counseling and a place to grow academically and socially. Jennifer is a perfect example of the outstanding teachers we have here in the AISD!



University Scholar



Congratulations Lisa Menton, Lamar HS!

Lisa Menton, English III Teacher at Lamar High School, is finishing her master's in curriculum and instruction with a triple literacy focus at UTA. She was recently recognized as a University Scholar at the President's Convocation for Academic Excellence for being in the top 1 percent of the 2009 graduating class. She has also won several other awards for her work with the reading association and for other academic successes. Way to go, Lisa!



International Teacher of the Year Runner-Up

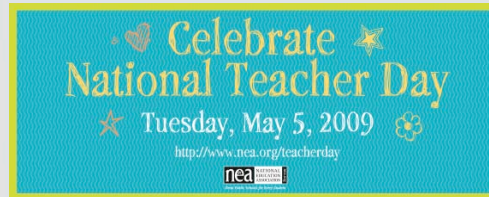


Congratulations Juli Warner, Martin HS!

The World Affairs Council of DFW recently honored **Martin High School Teacher Juli Warner** as the runner-up for the 2009 International Educator of the Year. The award is given to a local educator who has shown great commitment and dedication to international education.



Employee Appreciation



This week we celebrate three special groups of employees through **Teacher Appreciation Week**, **Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week** and **National Nurse Week**. We could not meet the needs of our students without the support of these wonderful employees. Thank you all for your hard work throughout the year.



Duff Derby 5K & 1 Mile Run/Walk



Duff Elementary and its PTA will host the first-ever Duff Derby this Saturday. Race day activities include a pre-race warm up, door prizes and awards, followed by the Duff Carnival with a bounce house, games and family-friendly activities. Proceeds of the race will go to the Duff Track Fund, which will be used to build a one-eighth mile track on campus. The first race begins at 8 a.m. Anyone interested in participating can register now at The Runner or at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.



Reading Recognition Night



**ARLINGTON ISD READING
RECOGNITION NIGHT**
AT RANGERS BALLPARK IN ARLINGTON

I'm excited to announce that elementary and junior high students who read 100 minutes during Spring Break or successfully participated in a principal-approved reading program will be honored during **Reading Recognition Night** at the Rangers Ballpark next Wednesday, May 13. The Rangers will take on the Mariners beginning at 7:05 p.m. Eligible students were able to order one free ticket to attend. Staff, other students, family and friends can still purchase discounted tickets. The Rangers will donate \$2 from every ticket purchased to the AISD Education Foundation. As a part of this special event to promote reading and literacy, we will recognize campus Teachers of the Year in the pre-game, on-field recognition; members of the Elementary All-City Choir will perform the national anthem; and I will throw out the first pitch. Purchase your tickets now for this fun evening!