

Superintendent's Report

May 28, 2009



I have some great news to share with you this evening!



Preliminary TEA Ratings

Expected Exemplary Campuses

Ashworth Elementary
Butler Elementary
Ditto Elementary
Farrell Elementary
Moore Elementary

Expected Recognized Campuses

Martin High School	Burgin Elementary	Knox Elementary
Bailey Junior High	Corey Elementary	Little Elementary
Boles Junior High	Duff Elementary	Miller Elementary
Ferguson Junior High	Dunn Elementary	Morton Elementary
Amos Elementary	Fitzgerald Elementary	Pearcy Elementary
Atherton Elementary	Foster Elementary	Pope Elementary
Beckham Elementary	Goodman Elementary	Rankin Elementary
Berry Elementary	Hale Elementary	West Elementary
Blanton Elementary	Hill Elementary	Williams Elementary
Bryant Elementary	Key Elementary	Wood Elementary

The testing office released preliminary TAKS findings along with preliminary campus and district ratings Tuesday, and we have made remarkable strides and improvements on ratings. We expect an increase in the number of Exemplary campuses from three to five and of Recognized campuses from 15 to 30. That means that more than half of all AISD schools that are eligible for an accountability rating will be Recognized or Exemplary! This has been an amazing year with everyone working together toward set goals. We have stayed focused on the one thing that is going to make the biggest impact on our students – instruction. I am proud of the improvements we have made!



AWARE Foundation Award of Excellence Recipients



Congratulations Debi Roberts, Webb ES; Jessica Hall, Miller ES; Valarie Yurkunas, Pope ES; Katy Wells, Bailey JH; and Susan West, Arlington HS!

The AWARE Foundation recently recognized outstanding AISD classroom teachers at the annual awards banquet. All nominees for the **AWARE Foundation Award of Excellence** were honored, and winners and runners-up received monetary awards. Congratulations to all of the nominees and winners!



Berry Elementary “I AM!” Dancers



Berry Elementary fourth-grade students in the **“I AM!” program** performed their spring concert last night and earlier today. Sponsored by Dance Theatre of Arlington, “I AM!” is a motivational program based on dance movement and interaction with arts professionals. The students attend weekly classes within the school day and perform at various games, festivals and events throughout the year. Started by Persis and Persis Ann Forster in 1994, this program has served hundreds of students and been recognized by the city and America’s Promise, the Alliance for Youth.

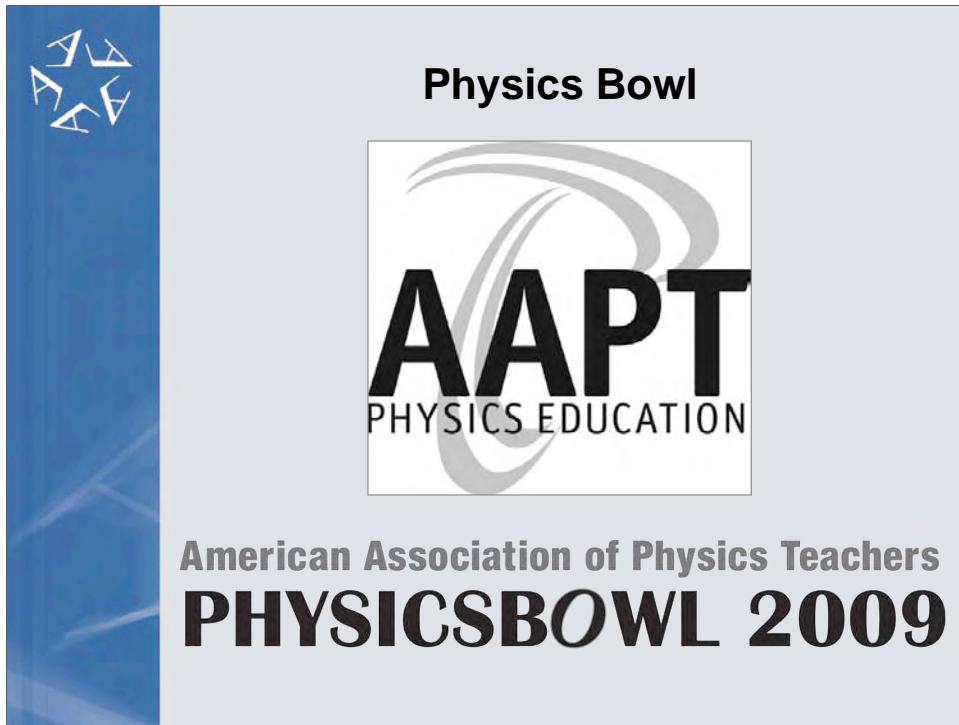


Lone Star Challenge



*Congratulations Sarah M., Jordan Z., Madeleine S.,
Madison B., Sydney D., Matthew P., Ankit P., Barrett K.,
Jacob G., Katrina C., Stephen W., Kyle H., Alana B.,
Grace P. and Tran L., Dunn ES!*

Dunn Elementary participated in their second **Lone Star Challenge** competition. Lone Star Challenge is a program designed for fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students to compete in an elementary version of the Texas Academic Decathlon. Teams are ranked statewide, and competitors can win team and individual medals for their efforts. Coached by fourth-grade teachers Dara Hiremath and Tammy Klett, the Dunn team placed second in the district with an overall team score of 19,740 points. Great job!



Martin High School students recently received the results from their participation in the **American Association of Physics Teachers Physics Bowl**. The first-year students did well but did not place. The students in their second year of physics won the region and finished third in the nation. Senior Austin B. tied for first place as an individual. The students did an amazing job representing Martin and the AISD under the leadership of Mr. Jay Atman.

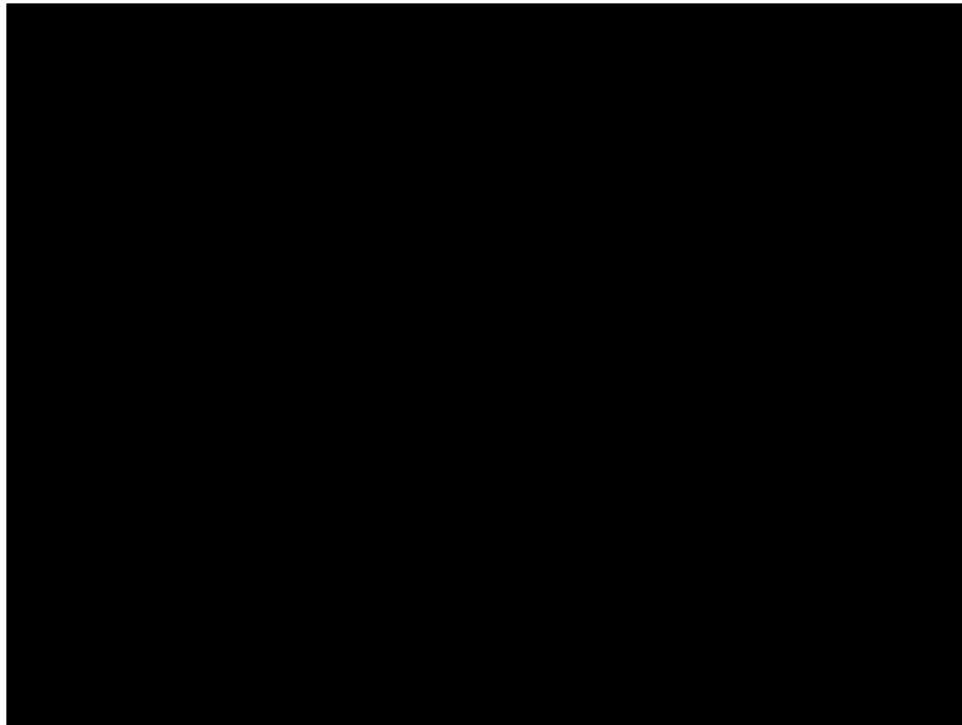


Recycle with the Rangers



Great work Bowie HS & Ferguson JH!

The Texas Rangers sponsored the April paper recycling drive, **Recycle with the Rangers**. AISD students recycled 155.9 tons of paper in April alone! The five schools with the greatest percentage increase from their April 2008 drive won vouchers to a Rangers game. With a 215 percent increase, Bowie High School won the competition and was entitled to a special assembly with a former Texas Ranger. They graciously passed the top prize on to the second-place winner, Ferguson Junior High. Mark McLemore visited Ferguson students last week!



I'd now like to invite the representatives from the **Pantego Lions Club** to the podium. The Pantego Lions Club gives generously to our AISD campuses. They have presented more than \$6,000 to Duff, Hill and South Davis elementaries, Bailey Junior High, and Arlington and Sam Houston high schools this year. In addition, they have allowed student groups the free use of their facility and complimentary admission to the pancake breakfast. Pantego Lions Club, thank you for your tremendous commitment to the students of the AISD! I would now like to invite President O'Donnell and the campus principals to join me at the podium to present the Pantego Lions Club with a token of our appreciation.