

My AISD

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Carter trio hard to replace

You don't have to look far at Carter Junior High to find out the kind of impact Patti Jones Franz, Helen Scheffler and Lindy Manasco have made on the campus.

When you go into the main office, there's a plaque on the wall honoring each teacher of the year on the campus. During one four-year stretch, they each won the award.

That speaks to the kind of teacher that each one is. It also speaks to the kind of impact each has made at Carter. They'll be hard to replace, too, as each of them have decided to retire at the end of the year, bringing a close to a total of 111 years of service to the district with most of them coming at Carter.

"They are known around Carter as the pillars of the school," Principal Rene Lizardo said. "In my three years here I've seen them support new and veteran teachers in what it takes to make it long term at Carter. I have lots of respect for them and have, on occasion, called the three together to get their opinion when I have a big decision to make about the school."

It's been great to have the three resources to lean on, especially



Patti Jones Franz (37 years), Helen Scheffler (40 years) and Lindy Manasco (34 years) each decided this would be their final year to teach at Carter Junior High.

considering everything they've done for the school.

Scheffler is retiring after 40 years in the AISD, with the last 30 years coming at Carter after spending her first 10 at Ferguson Junior High.

"I'm probably going to miss the kids," said Scheffler. "They're the reason I'm still here. It's still fun. I enjoy every minute of it. I just know it's time."

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A message from Dr. Cavazos

It's amazing how quickly this school year has gone by. It seems like just yesterday I was making stops at 11 campuses on the first day of school. And now we are preparing for the summer break.

Some of you are preparing for breaks longer than that. Thank you for your service and congratulations to all of our district retirees. I'd like to commend the Carter trio of Helen Scheffler, Patti Jones Franz and Lindy Manasco for their service. They have combined for 111 years in the district, with most of them coming at Carter where they helped lay

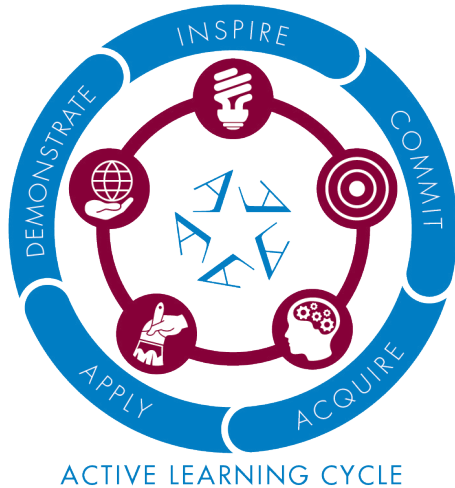
the foundation for many of the programs at the school.

Thanks are also in order to all of our employees for their hard work in providing outstanding service. You help provide a districtwide culture of respect, integrity and service as set out in the 2016-2021 *Achieve Today. Excel Tomorrow.* strategic plan.

I hope you enjoy your summer break and look forward to seeing you in the fall as our district continues to grow with places like the Dan Dipert Career and Technical Center and Agricultural Science Center slated to open.

Time to celebrate job well done

It's that time of year when we are approaching the finish line. We celebrate with excitement and anticipation the successes and achievements of the students we all serve.



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In a few days, thousands of our learners will walk across the stage and receive their high school diplomas, the first step to a bright future with endless possibilities - possibilities that are theirs for the taking because of their hard work and your commitment to teach and support them along the way.

This time of year holds a unique



THE LEARNER'S EXPERIENCE

place in the days of the calendar. It's when we stand at the finishing point of one chapter in our learning journey and at the same moment at the threshold of great things to come.

I once read an article that presented a new way of looking at goals. It hit home with me, and I would like to pass it on to you. It stated that rather than looking inward at self-improvement, look outward and resolve to improve the lives of others. By so doing, you will not only positively affect the life of another, but also increase the quality of your own life in the process.

Isn't that what we are really all

about? What we do everyday, if done well, is intended to improve the lives of our learners and their families. I would like to invite you to celebrate that.

Celebrate all that you have personally accomplished in the previous months and the ways that you have collaboratively worked to become better at what you do - facilitate students' learning.

Celebrate the small breakthroughs and the unexpected wins.

Celebrate the effort that was exhibited as learners (both students and adults) persisted with tasks and new concepts that were both challenging and rigorous.

Celebrate the impact you have had on lives and the impact that you may not even truly realize at the moment. You have made a difference. And as each student leaves your classroom for the last time this school year, relish in the joy of knowing that he or she is going forward in life a little stronger and better because of you.

Thank you for what you do and who you are. I wish you a wonderful summer break and congratulate you on a job very well done.

Dr. Steven Wurtz is the chief academic officer for the AISD

Knox Elementary winner of library grant

Knox Elementary received a \$6,000 grant from The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries. More than \$930,000 in grants will be distributed to 160 school libraries across the country this year for the purchase of books and reading materials.

"As a former librarian, I know school libraries play an important role in improving student achievement and encouraging students to love reading," Bush said.

"With this grant, your librarian will make your library the perfect place for students to fall in love with reading."

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries provides grants of up to \$7,000 for schools so they can extend, update and diversify the book and print collections in their libraries with the goal of encouraging students to develop a love of reading and learning. Since its inception in 2002, it has awarded \$14.3 million to more than 2,700

schools across the country. In addition to the annual grants, the "Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative" in 2006 provided nearly \$6.5 million to school libraries affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to rebuild book collections lost or destroyed in the storms.

This April while in Africa, Bush announced the first ever international grants from the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries.

Therisanyo School in

Gaborone, Botswana, and Ella Du Plessis High School in Windhoek, Namibia, each received \$2,500 toward their school libraries.

In 2014, The Laura Bush Foundation transitioned from the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region in Washington, D.C., to the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas where it is managed as a restricted fund. More information can be found at www.laurabushfoundation.org.

ACCESSIBILITY
TANGIBLES
RELIABILITY
RESPONSIVENESS
EMPATHY



Accessibility

Sally Hansen

Martin High School

What they said: She is always accessible with a smile and responds quickly and effectively to visitors and staff. She is the engine in the office and we are so very lucky to have her. She is the best first impression to visitors we could have.



Tangibles

Sandra Lazala

Butler Elementary

What they said: Sandra exhibits all aspects of exceptional customer service. Our school is a shining example of her diligent work. Sandra not only takes care of Butler but she takes exceptional care of the teachers and students at Butler.



Reliability

Jamal Muhammad

Seguin High School

What they said: Mr. Muhammad is a hands-on educator who knows his students' strengths, areas of concern to be supported, work practices, likes and dislikes, and details that the average teacher may or may not consider important.



Responsiveness

Anthony Miles

Transportation

What they said: When I couldn't find anyone else to assist me in my efforts to follow through on serving a student with special needs, Anthony responded quickly and congenially and I was able to meet the needs of the campus and student in a timely manner.



Empathy

Amy Gresham

Advanced Academics

What they said: Amy Gresham has gone above and beyond to help teachers in the new GT lead teacher position. She has been accessible, empathetic and responsive to us with support and responds to needs very quickly. She comes out to schools to help in any way she can.

A customer forms an impression of service received over time depending on a range of experiences. Have you recently experienced exemplary service from anyone in the AISD? If so, affirm their practice by sending a shout out to aisdserves@aisd.net, and we'll recognize them! Be sure to let us know which component of the framework was exemplified (accessibility, tangibles, reliability, responsiveness or empathy).

Perks link added to intranet

The AISD [intranet page](#) is always being updated with new discounts and offers for employees in the district.

In an effort to make it easier for stakeholders to find some of the top discounts, a new perks page has been set up. The perks page can be found [here](#) on the staff page on the intranet.

The only thing you have to do once there is click on the offer you're interested in and a PDF of that offer will pop up.

These offers include everything from discounts on tickets for concerts at the American Airlines Center to an offer for mosquito protection at your house.

We are also always

trying to update the [classifieds](#).

That's where there are plenty of offers on everything from restaurants to exercise options. We are also working to add more options for stakeholders seeking summer employment.

The intranet page, which will soon undergo a facelift, is also your landing

spot for all the forms you need to use, tech help requests as well as a place where you can find email addresses for all AISD district employees.

If you have suggestions on what you'd like to see on the intranet and the type of discounts and deals you're interested in seeing, please e-mail Anthony Andro at aandro@aisd.net.



Karl Ostrowski, Venture High School



Joni Rinker-Dozier, Ousley Junior High



Hannah Stephens, Farrell Elementary

MAY TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

Special Education Summer Institute Session Highlights

RTI / Kurzweil

Session: Differentiated Tools for All Learners

Dates: June 7-8

Time: 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Target audience: K-12 teachers

504

Session: Accommodating for Student Success

Dates: June 7-9

Times: 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

Target audience: The

sessions are alternating between elementary and secondary to allow for equal opportunity

Special Education

Session: Engaging Learners through Multi-Level Instruction

Dates: June 8, June 9, Aug. 2

Times: 10-11:30 a.m. (June 8); 1-2:30 p.m. (June 9); 10-11:30 a.m. (Aug. 2)

Target audience: Teachers who support students in general education

environments with IEPs or 504 plans

Session: Using Formative Assessment Data to Meet the Needs of Exceptional Learners

Dates: June 7-9; Aug. 1-3

Times: 3-hour a.m. and p.m. sessions each day

Target audience: Both general and special education teachers who teach and/or support students with IEPs

- All Summer Institute sessions are at the PDC

AISD Summer Institute 2017

EDCAMP IS COMING TO THE ARLINGTON ISD AS PART OF THE 2017 SUMMER INSTITUTE!

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Do you want to learn more about EdCamps?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7DwCI7j0Bg>

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Energy winners honored

Congratulations to all the winners of the Energy Management awards.

The competitors went out of their way to have energy-saving activities. One school used T-shirts to remind students and staff to save energy. Another used LED lanterns for reading.

Members of the energy audit committee did audits at facilities to remind staff to “turn it off.” Several committee members sent emails reminding staff members when school breaks were so they could turn off non-essential devices.

A major factor in controlling electrical consumption is human behavior and these wonderful people help reinforce, encourage and promote habits that will continue to lower and maintain our current usage, helping to continue our savings into the future.

In the energy-management competition, a total of six winners were honored May 17 in a ceremony at the PDC, with three coming from elementary schools, one from junior high, one from high school and one from an auxiliary building.

Congratulations to Cecilia Ivey and Tony Drollinger (administration



Roark principal Anna Anderson (left) and Rachel Coffee (right) took the top prize at the Energy Management awards.

building), Kelly Limer and Sam Nix (Seguin High School), Sarah Skeen and Juan Villarreal (Gunn Junior High), Leslie Valentincic and Rose Ravin (Knox Elementary) and

Cindy Snodgrass and Susi Mitchell (Beckham Elementary). Roark Elementary, led by Rachel Coffee and Anna Anderson, was the overall winner.



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Final Day of School	June 2
National Doughnut Day	June 2
Teacher Work Day	June 3
World Environment Day	June 5
Race Unity Day	June 11
History Day Contest	June 11-15
Summer School Session I	June 12-30
Flag Day	June 14
Father's Day	June 18
Juneteenth	June 19
First Day of Summer	June 21
Summer School Session II	July 10-28

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Jones Academy dedicated

The conclusion of Jones Academy's second year as a fine arts/dual language school is coinciding with the conclusion of major bond-funded renovations to the building. To celebrate and to honor the school's namesakes, Jones hosted a [fun-filled dedication ceremony](#) over Memorial Day weekend.

The namesakes, Jimmy and Laura Jones, were on hand to tour the incredible new facilities, which include a piano lab, strings room, instrument practice rooms, a dance studio, black box theater, art studios, two STEM labs, multiple extended learning areas and more. And outside is a brand new outdoor performance area – an amphitheater funded through a partnership with Texas Trust Credit Union. The celebration included many student performances inside and outside, along with hot dogs provided by the PTA.

Though most of the work at Jones is finished, construction continues into the summer at many campuses throughout the district. The largest of these projects is the Career and Technical Center, which now has a namesake as well. The AISD Board of



Students from Lamar and Martin were able to tour the Dan Dipert CTC.

Trustees announced at its meeting on May 18 that the new districtwide facility – scheduled to open in August – will be called the AISD Dan Dipert Career and Technical Center. ([Read more.](#))

The Dan Dipert CTC is still under construction, but already it is providing

educational opportunities for Arlington high school students. Students from Lamar and Martin High Schools got a behind-the-scenes tour of the construction earlier this month, guided by the project's architects and construction managers. ([Read more.](#))

SPOTLIGHT DISCOUNT OF THE MONTH



We are pleased to offer a discounted membership benefit available through Arlington ISD and LA Fitness!

Join online through this offer anytime from now until 4/3/2018 and receive a \$25 initiation and \$29.99 monthly dues per person for you and your family members*. Membership includes access to all LA Fitness clubs excluding Signature Clubs and clubs located in the counties of Suffolk, Nassau, Westchester, Richmond and Bronx in the state of New York.

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- Racquetball
- Sports Leagues*
- Kids Klub – Babysitting*
- Juice Bars*
- And more!

*Amenities and classes may vary from club to club; extra charge for some amenities. Family members must live at the same address as the employee and family memberships must be paid for with the same account as the employee membership.

CARTER FROM PAGE 1

Scheffler, who is married and has two children, considered retiring five years ago but decided to stay on at Carter.

The school is better for that. Since the STAAR test started, 98 to 100 percent of her students have passed the algebra test every year. While the content taught by the lifelong math teacher has changed, her love of the subject hasn't.

But Scheffler knows it's her time to go now. She plans to spend some of her time in west Texas helping take care of her mother,

the top with that."

Jones Franz hasn't been teaching as long as Scheffler, as she's retiring after just 37 years in the district. But Jones Franz has deeper ties to Arlington.

Like Scheffler, Jones Franz has spent her last 30 years at Carter. But she's a lifetime Arlington resident as she went to Thornton Elementary, Ferguson Junior High, Sam Houston High School and UT-Arlington before starting her teaching career.

Jones Franz has taught English, computer literacy



Helen Scheffler has taught math for all 40 of her years in the AISD.

charge of the annual year-end pool parties.

She'll miss all of those moments, but she's looking forward to her time off.

"Hopefully we're going to get to do a little bit of traveling," Jones Franz said. "Being tied to a school schedule can make that difficult. I'm just going to take some time and do nothing for a little bit."

Still, it wasn't an easy decision for her to retire. She didn't make the decision until this spring.

"It's not because I think I'm indispensable but because I know I have knowledge, like the guy from 'Taken,' a special set of skills," she said. "I have a perspective that young teachers don't have, having seen Arlington change, because it's changed dramatically in 37 years. Sometimes being able to pass that on and mentor is a rewarding part of it, too."

Manasco is the rookie of the trio, retiring after just 34 years. But she has the most Carter tenure of the three. All 34 of her years have been spent at Carter, where she also substituted for a year before she started teaching.

"I tell everybody I'm the last of the Mohicans," said

Manasco. "I started thinking about retiring last year. I wanted to do it one more year and see."

She's also a Carter trailblazer. She started the AVID program on the campus 17 years ago and helped turn it into an AVID demonstration school. She started at Carter as a PE teacher and coach and will close her career working with AVID and teaching CTHEI.

While she still enjoys the work, she's also looking forward to what's next, which includes helping her daughter prepare for an October wedding.

"It's just time," said Manasco, who has two adult children who went through the AISD. "When everyone says that you'll know when it's time, they're right. You just kind of know it. I didn't believe it, but you kind of just do."

Manasco said she'll miss the students and the staff at Carter.

"Kids are different," Manasco said. "You really are impacting their lives. We're moms, dads, counselors now. And we're teachers. You have to learn to be flexible. You learn to change your style."



Counting her time as a student, Patti Jones Franz has spent 50 years in the AISD.

who is 90. Longevity in education is in her bloodlines. Her father was in education for 33 years. Her mother was a special-education teacher and two of her sisters taught, too.

Even though she knew this was her last year, she didn't start thinking about packing up until after the STAAR test was over.

"I was focusing on the kids and what they've got to know," Scheffler said. "My students have been very successful, which is great. For the past four years they've all passed and last year I had 60 percent that were advanced. I was over

and is now teaching CTHEI and is also the yearbook sponsor.

"I still love the kids," said Jones, who has taught under 10 principals. "I love what I teach. I enjoy being in the classroom. A lot of people think kids at Carter are difficult kids. They're just kids. I really love the interaction and the fact we're making a difference in their lives."

Jones Franz started teaching when she was 21 and she was teaching ninth graders. She still keeps in touch with them and calls them "grown student friends." She's also been in