

# Weekly Update

A Review of Achievements & Activities in Cleburne ISD

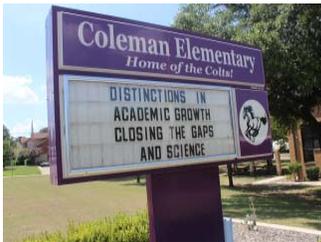
August 14-21, 2019

## Cleburne ISD Trustees Lower 2019 Tax Rate at Monday School Board Meeting



School board action at Monday's regular meeting included the adoption of the tax rate for the 2019-20 school year which reflects a ten cent reduction. The new rate of \$1.5283 is a six percent decrease from the previous year. For homeowners residing in the CISD boundaries, this means ten cents less per \$100 valuation. For example, a home valued at \$100,000 will now reflect a \$100 reduction in school district taxes.

## Coleman, Marti and Cleburne HS Receive State Recognition for Academic Achievements



Coleman Elementary, Marti Elementary and Cleburne HS have received Distinction Designations from the Texas Education Agency relating to student performance on the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness. Coleman was awarded three designations for Academic Achievement in Science, placing in the top 25 percent among "like" campuses in academic growth and placing in the top 25 percent in the closing the gap domain. Cleburne High School has received an Academic Achievement designation in social studies. Marti Elementary was recognized by the state for Academic Achievement in science, a distinction the school has consistently been awarded.

## Wheat Middle School 8th Grader Collects Two Million School Supplies to Meet Student Needs



Cleburne firefighters were among the community representatives who filled the Wheat Middle School gym with boxes containing 2,132,235 in basic school supplies--pencils to packages or notebook paper--collected by 8th grader Paige Cook, aided by donations from across the country.



The supplies will be kept in a Kindness Closet established at Wheat to meet the needs of students across the District throughout the school year. Wheat Principal Suzanne Keesee organized a school assembly on Monday to recognize Cook for her ongoing efforts to meet the school supply needs of her CISD peers.

## U.S. Congressman Roger Williams Tours Cleburne High School



U.S. Congressman Roger Williams received a close-up look at the learning taking place at the new Cleburne High School during a tour of the campus on Thursday. Williams was particularly interested in the Career and Technical Education programs offered at CHS, which receive Carl D.



Perkins federal grants in support of workforce education. Williams also conducted a press conference at the high school to discuss his newly introduced legislation to create grants for districts and schools for safety improvements.

## Trustees Recognize Four Community Partners with Business Recognition Awards



The Cleburne ISD Board of Trustees has honored four community partners with the presentation of Business Recognition Awards, in conjunction with the Texas Association of School Boards. Pictured front from left are Blake Jones, president of Cleburne Rotary Club; Kelly Evans, BSN, representing Texas Health Resources Cleburne Surgery Center; Aria Sawyer, Cleburne Dairy Queen representative and Dr. John Hall, pastor of Field Street Baptist Church.

This year's honorees have worked with schools and the district in a variety of ways, from participation in the Adopt-A-School program to providing hands-on learning experiences for students and honoring employees for their service. Cleburne's Business Recognition Award recipients will be listed along with fellow honorees from across the state on the TASB website.

## Inservice for Volunteers In Public Schools Set for August 27 for New and Returning Members

Cleburne ISD will host its annual District Inservice for new and returning participants in the Volunteers In Public Schools program on August 27 at 9 a.m. in the Central Offices Board Room, 505 N. Ridgeway. Opportunities for volunteer involvement are in place on all CISD campuses, from the Reading Buddy program to tutoring and mentoring students, helping in the school library, during lunch periods and assisting teachers with copying and other tasks. For more information call 817-202-1127.

## "Today in Cleburne ISD . . ." Launched on Instagram

The first day of school coincided with the introduction of "Today in Cleburne ISD . . ." on Instagram. Photo postings will be made each school day to highlight an event, CISD news and all kinds of information to interest and engage followers. #ComeWithMeNow--to Instagram!



## Cleburne Middle Schooler Among Duke University TIP State Honorees



Anthony Thompson is congratulated by Board President John Finnell during the Recognition portion of Monday's school board meeting. Thompson was honored at the Duke University Talent Identification Program state recognition ceremony held at TCU for outstanding scoring in the science portion of the ACT college entrance exam. He was among more than 30 Wheat MS seventh graders named to the national academic recognition program last fall for placing in the top percentile in state assessment exams. TIP honorees are encouraged to explore their academic talents in undergoing the ACT or SAT exams, traditionally administered at the high school level. Thompson, who is now an eighth grader at Wheat, also attended a three-week academic summer camp at Northwestern State University in Louisiana sponsored through Duke University.

## Enrollment Up 160 Students as District Ends First Week of 2019-20 School Year



With one week of school officially on the books, enrollment is up by more than 160 students compared to this time a year ago, with 6,820 reported. District administrators will continue to monitor enrollment, which has been increasing since the August 14 start date.



In a breakdown by campus enrollment:

Adams-428 students; Coleman-513; C.C. Cooke-596; Gerard-499; Irving-503; Marti-492; Santa Fe-333; Smith Middle School-795; Wheat Middle School-755 and Cleburne High School-1,876.

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