

Weekly Update

A Review of Achievements & Activities in Cleburne ISD

January 7-14, 2020

Parent Meeting on Two-Way Dual Language Program for Incoming Kindergartners Scheduled



An informational meeting for parents on the Two-Way Dual Language program available to kindergarten students enrolling for the 2020-21 school year will be held January 27 at 6 p.m. at the Cleburne ISD Central Offices, 505 N. Ridgeway. Available exclusively at Irving Elementary School, will be the third year for CISD to offer the bi-literacy program to kindergartners with English or Spanish as their home languages. Since its introduction, the program now extends to the third grade, with participants receiving instruction in the core subjects in both languages, based on a 50/50 daily immersion formula. Details regarding the meeting have also been sent home with elementary students through backpack mail.

January is School Board Recognition Month

The numerous contributions made to the district by a special group of volunteers are being celebrated, in observance of School Board Recognition Month. Cleburne is joining with districts across the state in honoring their elected governing boards for their dedication and commitment as advocates for children and public education. Trustees John Finnell, Elizabeth Childress, Mike Witte, Teddy Martyniuk, Wendell Dempsey, June Bates and DeAnna King will be honored at the January 21 board meeting.



Golden Pride Trumpeter Mason Hill Receives All-State Band Honors



Mason Hill

Cleburne HS senior Mason Hill was selected for the Texas Music Educators Association 2020 All-State Band following Area B auditions held Saturday. Hill advanced to the Area round of the All-State process following his participation in All-Region tryouts in which he was awarded first chair trumpet for Region 30. Senior Jordan Abbott and sophomore Izaiah Bursiaga also advanced to the Area level of auditions.

Sixteen members of the Pride will perform in concert Friday as members of the TMEA All-Region Band for Region 30. The students include Hill, Abbott, Bursiaga and Alyssa Cox, Allison Febinger, Alonzo Gonzalez, Aidan Herrick, Dakota King, Sierra Pugh, Maryn Tennison, Hailey Traweek, Moises Vargas, Camila Varjao, Julian Vital, London Walker and Blake Wilson.

Middle School Cheerleaders Team Up to Take First at Game Day Spirit Competition

Members of the Smith and Wheat Middle School cheer squads performed as a team and came away with the championship banner at Saturday's Mustang Invitational Game Day Spirit Competition held in Grapevine. Smith cheerleaders included Maia Botello, Brookelyn Wylie, Olivia Vecco, Kya Rudd, Jolea Irvin, Katelyn Jones, Hannah Priser, coached by Raelynn Jordan, joined by Wheat cheerleaders Jayden Butler, Trinity Chambers, Angelina Barfield, Isabella Barnes, Gazale Cruz, Jayla Valenzuela, Mariah Morales and Coach Tianey Wallace.



Cleburne FFA Students Fare Well at Johnson County Jr. Stock Show and Youth Fair



Cleburne FFA members Westly DeHart, Adan Santana, Uriel Montoya and Lizaro Mireles were named the Overall Grand Champion Group in the Ag Mechanics division at the 2020 Johnson County Junior Livestock Show and Youth Fair. A number of CISD students were among the exhibitors at the annual event as members of 4-H or FFA. The smoker built by the four-member team will now be utilized by the new CHS Barbecue Team organized through the Culinary Arts program. Also among the top competitors from CHS were Piper Lanford, Trace Collup and Juan Mares-1st place Group Trailer Division/Ag Mechanics; Alexis Wallen-grand champion showmanship in broilers; Amy Wallen-reserved champion showmanship in broilers and championship in swine; Kayley Leck-grand champion broilers; Yuridia Rojas-reserve champion and Britney Gonzalez, 4th place-Youth Fair cookie division.

Pinnacle Bank Donates LifeVacs to All Campuses to Assist in Choking Emergencies

Cleburne High School Nurse Christi Gregory, left, looks on as cafeteria Manager Crystal Hankins practices the use of a LifeVac on a CPR manikin. Pinnacle Bank has donated four LifeVacs to every CISD campus to be used in the event a student or adult experiences an airway obstruction and begins choking. The device is a new tool available to staff in addition to their training in the Heimlich Maneuver. Campus nurses and child nutrition staff are receiving information in the use of the LifeVacs this week.



Cleburne HS Students Among Medal Winners at Region XI Technology Olympics



Cleburne High School freshmen Damien Corral and Ilen Valdez came away with top honors as competitors in the Education Service Center Region XI Technology Olympics. The competition involved students with visual impairments in grades 3-12, giving them the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills using their assisted technology. Damien placed second in Braille Writer Level 2 and tied for the bronze medal with Ilen on Tablet/Phone Apps Non-Visual Access using iPads. Ilen was the bronze medal winner in the Braille Writer Level 2 event and received a participant medal for her art project entry. Serving as their “coach” at the competition was April Vernon, CISD teacher of Students with Visual Impairments.

Jacket Swimmers Competing Friday at District Meet

The Jacket swim team will be competing Friday at the 7-5A District Meet, taking place at the Debbie Weems Natatorium in Mansfield ISD, start time 10 AM. Cleburne is heading into the contest off a first place finish at the Western Hills Cougar Shoot Out. Team members include Broc Ballard, Cheyanne Harmon, Damion Starks, Belle Mahaffey, Jadin Umphreys, Jaxon Coates, Jorie Nagel, Julie Hall, Kambree Coates, Klarice Hunsicker, Luke Jones, Matthew Harman, Morgen Mathson, Reese Easley, Ryan Head, Samara Harman, Taliana Youngberg and Parker Pritchard, coached by Joseph Ennis and Beth Hall.



CHS Cheerleaders Headed for UIL Spirit State Contest Following Top 15 Finish in 2019



The CHS Cheerleaders will be judged for their skills in firing up the crowd as participants in Friday’s 5A-D1 UIL Spirit State Championships, taking place at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Good luck to cheerleaders Katie Barnes, Leneigh Bennett, Marissa Bosher, Nadia Botello, Jade Boyd, Emma Burns, Aliya Carrizales, Ella Conley, Jazmin Contreras, Trinity Cruz, Rowan Eyman, Alyssa Falkingham, Karsyn Ford, Jaydn Govea, Kaylee Harmon, Nazeret Kuykendall, Madison Lynn, Morgan Marvell, Olivia McGaughey, Kyndal Medford, Raney Mead, Alexis Ortiz, Allison Perez, MattieLu Ward, Andi Whitefield, Super Jacket Megan Baadsgaard, Nathan Barnes, Adam Avants, Alexa Roberts and Crazies Taylar Bowersox and Josh Jackson.