

Weekly Update

A Review of Achievements & Activities in Cleburne ISD
January 22-29, 2020

Ribbon Cutting, Grand Celebration Ceremonies for New CHS Scheduled for Sunday, August 9



Cleburne ISD is asking parents and the community to “save the date” of Sunday, August 9 from 2-5 PM for Ribbon Cutting and Grand Celebration Ceremonies commemorating the completion of the CHS construction and renovation project approved by voters in Bond 2016. The event will include tours of the new CHS, the Career and



Technical Education Center and CTE wing, the Jeff D. Cody Arena and the renovated former main building, still under construction (photo right), which will be serving as a CTE and Fine Arts facility. The building will also serve as the new campus for students attending the Janice Evers TEAM School.

District Welcomes Dr. Kristi Rhone as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction



Dr. Kristi Rhone was approved by Trustees at their January 21 meeting as the district’s new assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction. Dr. Rhone began her career in education in CISD, serving as a fifth grade and Reading Recovery teacher at C.C. Cooke and also at Irving Elementary. She was twice honored as a CISD campus Teacher of the Year and is a graduate of Cleburne HS. Dr. Rhone has been serving as the assistant superintendent of Grandview ISD since 2011, preceded by seven years as principal of Grandview Elementary. She fills the vacancy created by Dr. Andrea Hensley’s move from CISD assistant superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction to assistant superintendent of the district’s Department of Human Resources.

Trustees Honor Third Graders with School Board Citizenship Awards

The January presentation of School Board Citizenship Awards honored third grade recipients for their displays of responsibility, caring, trustworthiness and character in their work in the classroom and with students and teachers. The award winners, pictured with Trustees and Superintendent Dr. Kyle Heath included, front, l-r, Jayden Street-Adams; Tristan Parnell-Coleman; Victoria Mendoza-C.C. Cooke; Jackson Williams-Gerard; Tai’lynn Grover-Irving; Jayce Donovan-Marti and Jacob Gallegos-Santa Fe.



Applications for Kindergarten Two-Way Dual Language Now Being Accepted; Spaces Remain for Waterford UPSTART At-Home Kindergarten Readiness Program

Applications will be accepted through March 6 for enrollment in the Two-Way Dual Language program at Irving Elementary, which is open to all district kindergartners for the 2020-21 school year. To apply or for more information visit: www.c-isd.com/2way.

There are also remaining spots in the at-home kindergarten readiness program being offered to CISD parents with four year-olds who are not currently enrolled in a pre-kindergarten program. Information can be found at waterfordupstart.org.

Jacket Regional Qualifiers Back in the Pool This Weekend



Cleburne came away with major wins at the District Swim Meet, qualifying to advance to the Regional round which begins with Friday's preliminaries, followed by finals on Saturday, all hosted at the Mansfield ISD Natatorium. Cleburne's girls 400 freestyle relay team of Morgen Mathson, Samara Harman, Julie Hall and Kambree Coates finished 3rd at District to qualify for Regionals as did the boys 400 team of Parker Pritchard,



Jaxon Coates, Matthew Harman and Ryan Head, right, who were District silver medalists in the event. Regional qualifiers and their event also include: girls 200 Medley Relay (District bronze)-Samara Harman, Belle Mahaffey, Kambree Coates, Jorie Nagel; girls 200 freestyle-Kambree Coates (District gold), Julie Hall (District 5th); boys 200 Medley Relay (District silver)-Parker Pritchard, Ryan Head, Jaxon Coates, Matthew Harman; Boys 200 freestyle (District 4th)-Parker Pritchard; girls 200 IM (District gold)-Samara Harman; girls 50 freestyle (District 6th)-Morgen Mathson; boys 50 freestyle (District gold)-Matthew Harman; boys 100 butterfly (District silver)-Jaxon Coates; girls 100 freestyle (District bronze)-Kambree Coates; girls 500 freestyle (District 5th)-Samara Harman; girls 100 backstroke (District 5th)-Morgen Mathson; boys 100 backstroke (District 4th)-Parker Pritchard; boys 100 breaststroke (District gold)-Matthew Harman; (District bronze)-Ryan Head; girls 100 breaststroke (District 6th)-Belle Mahaffey. Jackets Head Swim Coach Joseph Ennis was honored as the Girls District Coach of the Meet.

Cleburne's Takara Bailey and Rylee Mullen Advancing to National Thespian Competition



Takara Bailey, far right in left photo, and Rylee Mullen, right, who have played multiple lead and supporting roles in CHS theater arts productions, are two of seven from the state chosen to advance to the National Thespian Convention following their performances at the Texas Thespian Festival. They were



recognized by Trustees at the January school board meeting. Watch for a feature story on these two talented actresses on the CISD website!

Smith MS 8th Grader George Alazar One of Four Finalists in DFW Bassoon Competition



Smith Middle School 8th grader George Alazar finished among the top four finalists at Saturday's Bocal Majority Solo Competition involving middle school and high school bassoonists across north Texas. He was among Saturday's semi-finalists in the contest held at Berkner High School and advanced to the "final four," following his performance of William Davis' "Variations on a Theme of Robert Schumann." Smith Choir Director Aimee Foster served as George's piano accompanist at the event. He has also achieved first chair bassoon honors as a member of the All-Region Band and the

Invitational Honor Band involving middle school musicians from Cleburne, Joshua, Crowley, Brewer, Weatherford and Granbury. Read about this remarkable and talented student on the CISD website!