

Weekly Update

A Review of Achievements & Activities in Cleburne ISD

November 13-20, 2019

Additional Student Day Added to Christmas Break to Allow for Staff Development

Students will now report back to school on January 8, following school board action Monday night to allow for an additional day of staff development preceding the start of the second semester. March 27 was also designated as an early release day to allow for staff training that afternoon. Information regarding these changes has been sent to parents through Skyward Family Access and the school calendar on the CISD website has been updated.

Students Receive Writing Honors at 2nd Annual Alpha Gamma Poetry Contest and Festival



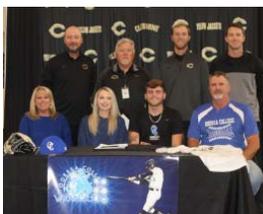
Coleman Elementary kindergartner Aiden Ramos was among the students who presented at the 2nd Annual Alpha Gamma DKG Poetry Contest and Festival held at Cleburne HS. Students in K-2; 3-5; 6-8 and 9-12 entered poetry based on specific writing prompts relating to the holidays, and had the opportunity to read their work before family and friends.

Among the award-winning writers in Grades K-2 were: 1st place-Lydia Shea-Gerard; 2nd place-Sophia Leifeste-Gerard; 3rd place-Carter Derden-Coleman. In the 3-5 division: 1st place-Samantha Foreman-Marti; 2nd place-Lilly Saldana-Coleman and 3rd place-Elena Rodriguez-Gerard (photo right).



Honored writers at the middle school level included first place winner Isabella Fisher-Wheat; second place-Olivia Estes-Smith and third place-Carly Foreman-Wheat. The top entries from grades 9-12, all from CHS, were: first place-Caitlyn Malcomson; second place-Yemi Tamez and third place-Isabelle Russek. Gerard had the highest number of submissions overall, with Gerard 4th grade teacher Gina Wade recognized for most student participation.

First College Signing Ceremony of School Year Includes Three CHS Athletes



Three Cleburne HS athletes will continue their playing careers at the college level following first semester signing ceremonies held in the Jeff D. Cody Arena.



The seniors included two members of the Jackets baseball team--pitcher Slayton Day, top left, and shortstop Cason Gregory, both four-year starters who have achieved numerous all-district, all-county and state-level recognitions. Day's letter of intent is with Odessa College, with Gregory signing with The University of Texas at Arlington. Two CHS ballplayers, Dave Owen and Dylan Gee, also played at UTA and went on to compete in the major leagues.

Maci Geltmeier, photo right, will be joining the women's soccer program at Division I Louisiana Tech University. Geltmeier has also competed in cross country and track for the Jack-ets.

Fourth Graders Presented with School Board Citizenship Awards

One fourth grader from each elementary campuses was honored for the responsibility, caring and trustworthiness they display in the classroom and with classmates in receiving School Board Citizenship Awards. Recognized by Trustees at Monday's meeting were Hagen Swisher-Adams; Chevelle Enoch-Coleman; Jackeline Agüero-C.C. Cooke; Grayson Witte-Gerard; Canyon Salazar-Irving; Delanee Mullen-Marti and Anthony Cordova-Santa Fe, pictured with Board members Elizabeth Childress, Wendell Dempsey, Teddy Martyniuk, DeAnna King, Mike Witte, John Finnell and Superintendent Dr. Kyle Heath.



Blake Wilson and Valerie Garcia Honored as Mr. and Miss Golden Pride



The final home football game of the season was highlighted by Senior Night recognitions, including the presentation of Mr. and Miss Golden Pride for 2019. The award honors two seniors, chosen by their fellow musicians for their involvement, leadership and contributions as members of the Golden Pride. This year's honorees are Blake Wilson and Valerie Garcia. Wilson has achieved numerous honors in his four years in the saxophone section, including All-Region Band, All-Region Jazz Band and as a state qualifier in UIL Solo and Ensemble. He serves as band president.

Garcia is captain of the Golden Pride Color Guard and also competes in Winterguard. She is a Bandsman of the Week honoree and serves on the Pride's Student Leadership Team.

Jacket Stadium Among Locations for "12 Mighty Orphans" Movie Production



Mighty Mites Quarterback Hardy Brown, photo right, heads down field in a scene from "12 Mighty Orphans" filmed Thursday at Yellow Jacket Stadium. Location scouts for the movie, which is being shot in and around Fort Worth, first visited the home of Jackets football in April as one of only two stadiums



in the region matching the desired time period of the 1930s. The film, to be released in November 2020, is based on the Jim Dent book, "Twelve Mighty Orphans," the true story of a depression-era football team from Fort Worth's Masonic Home, which would go on to compete at the state playoffs. Lead actors Luke Wilson and Martin Sheen were at the stadium the day filming took place. Read more on the CISD website!

CISD Students Among Participants in Annual Friends Festival Field Day Event



More than 100 CISD elementary, middle school and high school students were among the athletes engaged in field events at the annual Friends Festival held Tuesday at Burleson ISD Stadium. The morning began with the Parade of Champions, followed by a variety of activities,



with every athlete experiencing the thrill of victory and the support of teammates.



Thanksgiving Break: November 25-29

Wishing our CISD students and staff a happy and safe time together with family and friends.