

Weekly High Five

August 12, 2008

With first year teachers and teachers new to the district reporting this week, it is time to welcome everyone into your campus family. Show your interest in the lives of your colleagues and help build relationships on your campus. Introduce your new staff to the great things about your campus and the district!

With our renewed emphasis on instruction, it is important to set a climate where staff feels encouraged. Please remember that central office staff is here to support you with any needs you may have. In addition, I welcome and appreciate any feedback from you. It is very valuable to me, whether it is positive or negative. My door is always open; feel free to stop by whenever you are in central office.



Congratulations New Principals



Michelle Wilmoth
Bowie HS
Formerly Principal
at Boles JH
B.S. - University
of Dallas, 1980
M.Ed. - UTA, 2000



Michael Martin
Webb ES
Formerly AP at
Butler ES
B.S. - UTA, 1997
M.Ed. - UTA, 2003

Congratulations New Directors



Sandi Perez
Bilingual/ESL
Formerly AP at
Anderson ES
B.S. - Texas A&M,
1992
M.Ed. - Texas
Woman's Univ.,
1995



Nell Fielding
Guidance/Counseling
Formerly Lead
Counselor at
Seguin HS
B.S. - University
of Mobile, 1974
M.Ed. - Dallas
Baptist, 2001



Teresa Williamson
Professional
Development
Formerly Special
Ed. Asst. Director
B.S. - Sam
Houston State,
1975
M.Ed. - TCU, 1987

Business Updates

We continue our work to finalize the budget this month. The FFC made a report to the board at last Thursday's board meeting. The \$17.9 million operating deficit is \$2.4 million less than the preliminary budget presented to the Board in June. Cuts totaling \$828,947 have been made to the proposed budget. The FFC identified items from the budget that could be deferred into a bond. In addition, they recommended that the board also include in a future bond election 72 propane-fueled buses and replacement of computers. The board will hold a work session on Thursday, August 14 to further discuss the budget. The board may vote on the budget at the August 21 regular meeting.

Education Foundation Employee Giving Campaign

The AISD Education Foundation Employee Giving Campaign will run August 22 through September 19. An appeal letter and contribution form will be included in the August paycheck. Every dollar donated through the Campaign is used exclusively by our teachers and is awarded through either the Classroom Project or Impact Grant program. With your help, we can have a successful campaign.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Aug. 14: New AISD teachers report, School board meeting
- Aug. 15-17: State sales tax holiday
- Aug. 18: All teachers report
- Aug. 20: Convocation
- Aug. 21: School board meeting
- Aug. 25: First day of classes

New Principal Receptions

Michelle Wilmoth - Bowie HS
Wed., Aug. 13 at 4:30 p.m.

Michael Martin - Webb ES
Thurs., Aug. 14 at 4:30 p.m.

Melinda Reeves - Martin HS
Fri., Aug. 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Did you know?

Three AISD alumni are competing in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

- Daniel McCormick: Judo
2004 Lamar HS graduate
- Randi Miller: Wrestling
2001 Martin HS graduate
- Jeremy Wariner: Track
2002 Lamar HS graduate

Arlington HS alumna and Key ES parent Melissa Lawson won NBC's "Nashville Star".

Bit of Inspiration

"A good leader encourages followers to tell him what he needs to know, not what he wants to hear."

John C. Maxwell



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