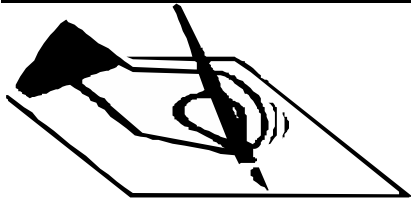


# INSIGHTS



September, 2008



## A Message From

### Interim Superintendent, Dr. Telena Wright

The new school year is off to an exciting start with the addition of a new campus. Total district enrollment is at 1730. With the opening of the intermediate campus there are now four campuses serving students. Opening Argyle Intermediate opened up classroom space at Hilltop by moving Grade 5 students and opened up classroom space at AMS by moving Grade 6 students. The intermediate school provides an excellent transitional learning environment for the years between elementary and middle school.

Accountability ratings released August 1 gave Hilltop an academically acceptable rating, MS a recognized rating, and HS an exemplary rating. The district received an academically acceptable

rating. Analysis groups included in the rating for Hilltop and the district are Hispanic math and reading, economically disadvantaged math and reading, white students in every tested grade and subject, and all students. Scores improved in economically disadvantaged math since last year, but were at 69% where 70% was needed to use an exception for the recognized rating. One subject area, science, kept MS from being exemplary.

The school board set goals for the 2008-09 year on August 25, 2008. New goals for this year are:

1. Establish and maintain a long-range/comprehensive proactive financial plan, maximizing resources and demonstrating fiscal responsibility and accountability.
2. Earn a Texas Education Agency accountability rating of Exemplary through the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS), including earning Gold Performance

acknowledgments in all identified measures.

3. Maintain and/or enhance operational effectiveness of AISD School Board through sound policy development and oversight.

4. Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to recruit, retain, and train highly qualified staff.

5. Develop a process to continually update Board, staff, and community on business issues within AISD.

You will recall our community passed a \$21 million bond package last November. Three million dollars of this package was used for the intermediate renovation with \$2.2 million for the renovation, \$300,000 for furniture, fixtures, and equipment, and \$500,000 for technology. \$1.1 million of the bond money is being used for stadium renovations. Artificial turf was completed by Hellus Construction in time for the first scrimmage. Final installation of stadium seating to accommodate an additional 461 fans will begin Monday, September 22, and

## **Dr. Wright Continued...**

be completed by October 3. Next stadium improvement project is the addition of a concession stand on the visitors' side of the stadium.

New teachers, a new principal, new nurse, and new counselor add valuable staff to the district this year.

Conrad Streeter is the AIS principal; he came from an assistant principal's position at Killough Lewisville High School. Mr. Streeter taught math and science in LISD for seven years. Along with his dad he built two hands-on science museums, the Sci-Port Discovery Center in Shreveport, Louisiana, and Imagination Station, in Wilson, North Carolina. Ron Veit joins the intermediate staff as counselor, Ellen Malone as library aide, and Kris Wildeveld as nurse. Jennifer Augenstein is teaching math at AIS and Brady Bell is teaching science and PE. Yvolene McGarvey is the campus secretary.

In the athletic department, AISD is making an addition this year. Soccer is being added as a sport. Marcus Koke will be heading up the soccer program as the head coach of both the girls and boys programs. His teaching assignment is Texas history at the MS. Natalie Coonrod

is the new head girls' softball coach; she teaches special education at the MS.

HS teaching staff additions include trainer Duane Allred, social studies teacher and coach Cindy Davis, and science teacher and coach Jason Tucker.

Hilltop Elementary welcomes one new teacher, Dana Yocum.

It is a pleasure to work with the parents and students in AISD. We are fortunate to have parents who are willing to be involved in our district and who value education. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any concerns or questions.

940-464-7241 x1006 or  
[twright@argyleisd.com](mailto:twright@argyleisd.com)

## **ARGYLE I.S.D. NEEDS YOUR HELP. CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?**

The level of parental involvement in our school district is one of our greatest assets and what helps distinguish us from other school districts. Our parents volunteer many hours of their time, make contributions to our Athletic and Band Booster Clubs, work in the Concession Stand, and support different fundraising groups, like the PTA and PTSA.

One might wonder what more could I possibly do to help the school district financially? Well, there is one way that you can make quite a significant impact that you might not have known or thought about. There is no commitment of your time or financial resources involved. All that is required is making sure your child is in attendance at school every day.

The two main sources of Argyle I.S.D.'s funding comes from local property taxes and money received from the state. Since we are deemed a "property wealthy" school district by the state, we have to give back to the state some of our local property taxes that we collect. The purpose of this is to reduce our wealth per student down to the number that the state sets to make us equal to what the "poor" districts are receiving per student.

The money we receive from the state is based predominantly on our Average Daily Attendance (ADA). The money we owe back to the state has an inverse relationship to our attendance figures. If attendance goes up, we owe less back to the state. If attendance goes down, we owe more back to the state.

**Mr. Paul Lyles**  
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I am including some examples using last year's actual attendance figures, to give you an idea of the impact that is made to our district by student absences. Keep in mind that every district is unique, with regard to their tax base and number of students. Therefore, one student in another district may not have the identical dollar impact that it has here in Argyle.

Argyle ISD ended the 2006-2007 year with 1,710 students. Last year, we recorded 11,118 student absences, or an average of 6.5 absences per student. The impact of one child missing one day of school last year would have been a reduction in our state funding of \$24 and an increase in our "Robin Hood" payment back to the state of \$43. This one absence would have been a total net loss to the district of \$67.

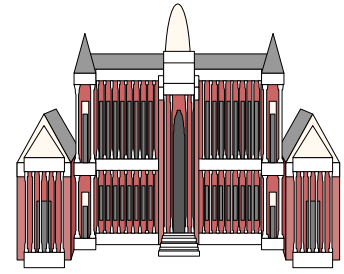
If every student averaged one less absence for the year, we would have seen an increase in our funding of \$12,316 and a reduction of our "Robin Hood" payment by \$22,743. This would have been a net gain of \$35,059. Looking at it another way, this could help offset increased fuel and utility costs, pay for library

books, library aides, teacher classroom supplies, etc.

As mentioned earlier, we had 11,118 absences last year. If we would have had perfect attendance, we would have seen an increase in state funding of \$186,762 and a reduction in our "Robin Hood" payment by \$344,894 for a net gain of \$531,656. I realize absolute perfect attendance is unreasonable, but I just wanted to show how significant a difference can be made to our bottom line.

We are just asking you as parents to take this into consideration when you may be planning that 3 or 4 day weekend trip wrapped around a Friday or Monday. Sometimes ski vacations in the spring don't exactly align with our Spring Break schedule. Illnesses and other issues do come up, and we understand that. My main point is try to avoid situations like taking your daughter shopping all day on a Wednesday. Homework assignments can easily be made up, but those dollars lost from your child's absence can not be made up. Let's work together and count on each other.

Paul Lyles  
CFO  
Argyle ISD



***Argyle High School***  
***Principal***  
***Mr. Jeff Butts***

It is hard to believe we are approaching the end of our first six weeks. I guess time flies when you are having fun. The staff at Argyle High School is very excited about the 2008 – 2009 school year. I would like to congratulate our teachers and students for being classified as an Exemplary campus. The hard work that they have put forth is greatly appreciated. I would like to thank our parents and our community for their great support as well.

Two issues I would like to inform our school community about are communication and visiting our campus. We are constantly trying to improve communication with our parents and our community. The main way we try to get information to the public is through our Argyle High School website. This website is updated frequently with special events that are occurring on our campus as well as certain handbooks and documents that inform

**Mr. Jeff Butts**  
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our parents and our students of policies and procedures. We encourage parents, students, and community members to visit our website as often as possible in order to stay informed of events occurring at our school. Other ways in which we attempt to better inform our constituents are the school phone tree, the school marquee, the scrolling column on the Argyle ISD website, parent email banks, and of course our Fall and Spring Insight Articles to name a few. We have also developed an Argyle High School brochure that will be mailed to all High School students and parents with the report cards at the end of the first six weeks. The purpose of this brochure is to inform our parents of programs we offer at AHS. If you have suggestions on other ways we can better communicate with our school family, please let me know by emailing me at [jbutts@argyleisd.com](mailto:jbutts@argyleisd.com).

The second issue I would like to inform you about is visiting our campus or coming to pick your AHS student up during school hours. We now have an attendance office at the South end of our campus that deals with student attendance. We call the South entrance the

“Bird Nest”. The North office on our campus is called the “Bird Cage”. The majority of the time that a student leaves the building during school hours, they need to do so through the South entrance of our campus or the Bird’s Nest. We encourage all appointments to be made after school hours if possible. However, we realize this cannot always occur. Therefore when parents need to pick up their student during school hours, we would like for you to call ahead to our attendance office and inform the attendance officer you need to pick your student up for an appointment. The attendance officer will have your student sign out and meet you at the South entrance in the parking lot. This keeps you from having to come up to the school entrance to pick up your student.

If you choose to come in the building to get your child, we ask that you come to the Bird Cage and our secondary receptionist will assist you. We would like people who are not students to always check in with the Bird Cage before entering our campus. This helps with our campus security.

We try very hard to keep our students safe and our campus secure. We feel that having these two entrances helps us to keep up

with our students at all times. Your help in using these entrances as described above better helps us to accomplish this goal.

I would like to thank our parents and guardians for allowing Argyle High School to play a part in the molding of your child into being a successful part of this great country in which we live. If there is anything that we can do to better serve your student, please let us know. We feel that through the team work of our community, parents, teachers, students, administrators, and our School Board, we can truly have the best school district possible.



*From the desk of...*  
**Chris Daniel,**  
**Middle School Principal**

Welcome back! The first few weeks of school have been awesome at Argyle Middle School. We’ve had a few changes on our campus that I would like to let you know about.

With the passing of the bond last November, all of our classrooms are now equipped

**Mr. Chris Daniel**  
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with LCD projectors and some will have Mimio boards ([www.mimio.com](http://www.mimio.com)) and document cameras. We are also excited about our middle school football games taking place on the new field turf at the stadium.

We also have two new AMS staff members. Natalie Coonrod, who will be our Content Mastery teacher, comes to us from Wylie ISD where she was the Special Education department head and coached high school girls. Marc Koke has been teaching history and coaching high school boys in Wylie ISD also. He will be teaching Texas History and Career Explorations to our middle school students. We are excited to have them on the AMS staff.

A few other notable changes in teaching/extracurricular assignments include:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Leader and Yearbook- Holly Kirby
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Texas History- Jason Pitts
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Leader- Debra Drake
- Technology- Matthew George
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science- Barbara Hayden
- Cheerleading- Amie Carlisle

- UIL Math/Science- Gayla Burnett
- UIL Coordinator- Edie Collins
- Resource Reading/English/ Dyslexia- Mandi Pels
- Exploratory French- Robbie Sanders

On another note, parents are still able to access their student's grades online via the Parent Portal (<http://gradebook.argyleisd.com/txconnect/login.aspx>). Grades are updated by the teachers at least once per week. If you have problems or questions regarding this service, please contact the middle school office.



**Argyle**  
**Intermediate School**  
**Principal, Conrad Streeter**

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have already completed our fourth week of school. The students are really adapting to the Intermediate Campus and we are so pleased with how well the year has started. Educating children is a TEAM effort, and we are very fortunate to have skilled teachers, involved parents,

and a strong PTA. When we all work together toward the common goal of educating our children great things can and do happen.

I would like to thank so many of you for helping us start off so smoothly. Based on parent comments and observations we seem to be creating an environment that is both safe and conducive to learning for 10-12 year olds. Students look excited each morning as they arrive to school and most of them appear ready to learn. Our staff is committed to not only challenging your child academically but also in your child's specific interest and hobbies outside of school. It is well documented that students who feel connected to their school on multiple levels are more likely to be successful. As a school, we are determined to create an atmosphere that welcomes all students and parents.

We dedicated our school last week amidst all of the excitement of Homecoming Week. We had a nice turnout for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Ice Cream Social. I am excited to inform you that we will be getting a marquee in the next few weeks. Point Bank has agreed to sponsor the entire project. The marquee will be another method for us to

## Mr. Streeter Continued...

communicate with our community. Your child was given an agenda/planner two weeks ago. As a school we are constantly looking for ways to help our students with organizational strategies and to improve communication with parents. I would like to encourage each parent to look at their child's agenda each night for daily and weekly assignments, test dates, or even a short note from the teacher. Please assist us in teaching our children/students the importance of responsibility and organization.

If you have not done so already, please consider joining our PTA or Dad's Club. Both of these groups are doing great work for our kids and teachers. It is also a great way to be directly involved with your child's education. Please contact Jana Weaver (PTA) or Sean Northcutt (Dad's Club).

**Thank you for making our school a special place!**



***From: Robin McWhorter,  
Elementary Principal***

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you to the start of a new school year at Hilltop Elementary. For most, it is a greeting extended to friends; to others, it is an introduction and an invitation. To all, it constitutes a pledge of continued efforts to provide the best possible education for our students.

Our school's reputation and success rest, in large measure, on parental concern and involvement. Our school mission is to afford each student an education commensurate with his or her abilities, relevant to this country's needs, and challenging to a degree that will prompt a love of learning. This is no easy task; therefore, we need your cooperation and understanding if this year is to provide a profitable and satisfying experience for your child. Our school, from its foundation, has stressed academic excellence...in this

there is no compromise or change.

Our school takes pride in our highly qualified and dedicated faculty. We are very pleased to have added the following faculty members to our family this year: Dana Yocum-Third Grade; Jennifer Brevick- Paraprofessional; Kelly Hanlon- Library Aide; Jesse Longoria- Physical Education Aide. These educators, along with our returning faculty, welcome your questions and insight regarding your children. All faculty at Hilltop Elementary view education as a partnership between home and school, and we realize our students reap huge benefits from a positive working relationship. Over the years, the spirit and tradition that is our school have played a key role in shaping the educational experience. Ours has been a tradition of students committed to the proposition that the privilege of coming to school carries with it the obligation to do the best they can.

Due to your support by passing the bond last November, all of our classrooms are now equipped with LCD projectors and some have document cameras and Mimio equipment. We are excited about the learning possibilities this new

**Ms. McWhorter  
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technology provides for our children.

If there is anything we can do to help your child, please do not hesitate to call. The unvoiced problem cannot be resolved, as the missed opportunity rarely offers itself again. Our goal remains to provide the best possible education for each student. We trust that your experience with our school will enhance your faith in public education and that you will find in this school an education for your children that is worthy of your love and concern for them.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for your patience, cooperation and flexibility during dismissal time this week. We are continually striving to provide the safest mode possible to release all of our students. For safety reasons and to help with traffic flow, we are asking that you not arrive more than 15 minutes early for dismissal. Kindergarten through Second grade car pick up begins at 3:00 in the back of the school. Third grade and Fourth grade car pick up begins at 3:15 in the front of the building. Students at our parent walk-up area release at 3:15 as well. Please discuss with your child how they will be picked up every day and

try not to deviate from their regular routine.

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**Come to our Book Fair Safari!  
Hilltop Elementary  
September 29 -  
October 3  
8:00am - 3:30pm**



***Argyle Band News***

***Kathy K. Johnson  
Director of Bands  
Argyle High School***

Over the summer, the Argyle High School Wind Ensemble was selected as the Texas Music Educators Class 3A State Honor Band. With this accomplishment comes the honor of performing a concert for the Texas Music Educators Conference in San Antonio in February 2009. This award makes the Wind Ensemble the top class 3A high school band in the state of Texas.

This fall has been fast and furious! The high school band has been rehearsing since the summer and has performed their UIL Contest Show at the football games. The middle school is working towards their fall concert and the beginners are learning to play their first notes! All is well in the land of music!

Good luck goes out to Michael Lemish and the Argyle High School Drumline for a successful

## **Ms. Johnson Continued...**

### Plano Drum Line

Competition! Argyle will compete against twelve other high schools in our category on Saturday, September 27! Go all the way AHS Drumline!!!

The High School Marching Band begins its competitive season on Saturday, October 4 with a performance at 1:15 p.m. at the Golden Triangle Marching Contest at Collins Stadium. The next competition, Birdville Marching Festival, is the following Saturday, October 11, at Birdville Stadium. We will round it off with our UIL Region Marching Contest on Saturday, October 18, at Birdville Stadium in North Richland Hills. This is a state year for us and we hope to advance to the UIL Area Marching Contest on October 25 and then the UIL State Marching Contest on November 3. You can see the band's contest show, "Exodus", during half-time at the Varsity Football Games.

High School students will be auditioning for the Region Band on Saturday, November 8 in Bridgeport. Area auditions will follow on January 10, 2009 here at Argyle. The high school Winter Concert will be on Sunday, December 7, at 4:00 pm.

The Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Bands will be performing with the high school band for middle school night on October 17. The middle school Fall Concert is on Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Argyle High School PAC and the middle school band will perform at the middle school football game on Thursday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m.

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students will be auditioning for the Region Band on Tuesday, November 18 in Sanger.

All middle school bands will be performing a Winter Concert on Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 pm.

### **OUR THANKS:**

Thank you to our parents and Band Boosters, Lori Schinske and Wyvonna Ulman for their efforts in raising funds for the band. Thanks go out to Ann Athey, Suzanne Schermerhorn, Alanna Sommer, Carla Hamm, Yolanda Taylor, and Sue Mosier for all the work they have done with fittings and alterations of our uniforms. Thank you to our new 'snack queens', Amy Olson, Denise Bennett, and Tina Strelke for taking care of the 'sweet and salty' cravings of the band students and directors. Many thanks to Steven Moore, Tim

Hamm, James Price, and John Schinske for driving our trailers. Special thanks to Jackie Thomas and Kim Turner for their help with clerical tasks and trip planning. Thank you, Joan Witmis, for the great job you did organizing the tailgate dinner; we especially liked the decorations! Thank you to the community of Argyle for your undying support. Finally, thank you to all of the parent volunteers from 'pit pops' to 'bleacher creatures' to drivers....without you, we couldn't do our jobs nearly as well!



**Argyle Middle School**  
School Counselor  
Tina Shobe

*Aspire, dreaM, Soar*

Welcome back to another great Argyle school year! I am looking forward to new and exciting programs at Argyle Middle School.

One event to look forward to is Career Day 2008. This is going to be a great opportunity for our students to become aware of different careers so they can explore their areas of interest. If you are interested in being a part of this experience,

## Ms. Shobe Continued...

please contact me as soon as possible. Please check the Argyle website for the exact date and time for Career Day 2008 and other programs that will be going on at AMS. Along the same lines, I am planning to address different topics through guidance lessons in the classrooms. I also plan to bring in guest speakers that have had actual experiences in many areas that need to be addressed in middle school.

At the end of each six weeks, we will continue to recognize Eagle of the Six Weeks and Eagle Pride winners.

I am in the process of getting all of this information out to you via my webpage. Please visit my website for any additional information that you might find useful.

As always, please contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns. Again, I am so excited about contributing to your child's success this 2008-2009 school year!

# Go Eagles!



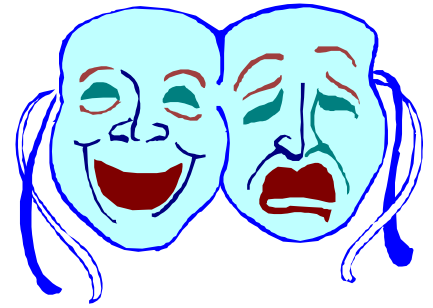
### Argyle Middle and High School Library and Media Center

**Beginning with this 2008-2009 school year, all Argyle ISD libraries have implemented new software that will now allow access to the library card catalog through the district website. With this system, called I-Bistro, students will eventually be able to utilize simple and advanced search features, browse, and manage their library account with the use of a user ID and PIN.**

**Please visit this exciting new enhancement to our Middle and High School Library by going to:**  
[HTTP://WWW.ARGYLEISD.COM/LIBRARY.ASP](http://www.argyleisd.com/library.asp)

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**DO YOU HAVE A  
CLUE?**

**The AHS Spotlight Players will be asking that question on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm and Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and 7pm when they perform CLUE in the AHS Performing Arts Center.**

**CLUE is based on the Parker Brothers board game by the same name. The audience will meet such characters as Mr. Boddy(Josh McSwain), Mrs. Peacock(Alex Robinson), Wadsworth(Michael Wolfe), Mrs. White(Julia Vickery), Professor Plum(Kyle Wiseman), Mr. Green(Baylor Morgan), Colonel Mustard(Dane Saucedo), Miss Scarlet(Kristina Zabarac), Yvette(Kaitlyn Mills), Dancing telegram(Becca Capra), an unsuspecting**

## **Do You Have a Clue Continued...**

**motorist(Sage Mehaffey), a reverend(Paul Hill), and a cop(Tim Greathouse). The play is directed by Nancy Chumbley and stage manager is Brooke McDaniel.**

**Each performance will be different than the other as the endings are completely different in all three. The admission is \$7 per person or \$5 with the donation of school supplies. The donations will be used to help needy children, so plan to have an evening of mystery and help the needy at the same time.**



### **Bowling Club**

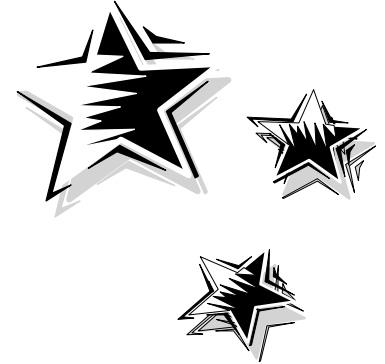
According to the most recent National Federation of State High School Associations participation survey, bowling was the largest-growing high school sport in the 2007-08 school years. More than 52,000 students competed at the 4,656 schools offering high school bowling competition in 2007-08.

The USBC High School program works to continue this upward trend by guiding all levels of high school bowling and providing rules and instructional opportunities. USBC High School offers a free membership program, which enables coaches to nominate outstanding bowlers to the national Dexter/USBC High School All-American Team, and provides high-score recognition to student-athletes. Coaches also receive resource materials such as the USBC Coaches Guidebook and USBC High School Guide.

Bowling not only offers inexpensive start-up and maintenance costs but also allows students an opportunity to become involved with their high schools, lays the foundation for a lifetime sport, and helps athletes earn scholarships and bowl in college.

Try-Outs for the Argyle High School Bowling Club are being held on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. They will be held at Brunswick Zone in Denton Texas, 2200 San Jacinto Blvd. If you can not make either days of try-outs, please contact Lori Young via e-mail at [loriyoung@argyleisd.com](mailto:loriyoung@argyleisd.com) or 940-262-7777 x 3503. Try-out fees are \$15.00, which

include discounted bowling throughout the season and free shoe rental.



### **Argyle High School Rotary Interact Club**

Argyle High School's Rotary Interact Club is sponsored by the Denton South Rotary Club. The Rotary Club consists of 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders who dedicate their time and efforts into improving their community through leadership skills that teach service above self.

This year's service projects will include a monthly food drive, Toys for Tots, and the Third Grade Dictionary Project. Each month we will be collecting different canned food items for the food drive. October will be focused on **bottled water and Raman noodles for Hurricane Ike victims**. The Toys for Tots Drive will begin November 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, keep in mind that the Third Grade Dictionary Project, which provides dictionaries to third grade students, will begin later this year.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any

## Rotary Interact Club Continued...

questions about joining the AHS Rotary Interact Club, please contact President Liz Fryer, President Elect Luke Laird, or club sponsor BJ Gosnell.

Please drop off needed water and Raman noodles to the high school birdcage.

AHS Rotary Interact  
[bgonsell@argyleisd.com](mailto:bgonsell@argyleisd.com)

### Hip Hip Hooray x 3 Middle/High School Computer Labs

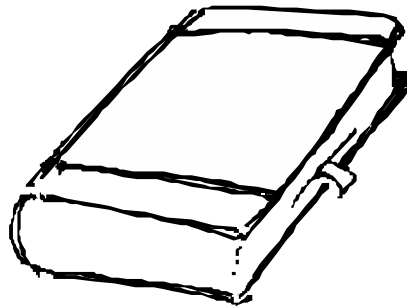
Fifteen minutes in the new computer lab, after a couple of log-in issues with new students, keys click non-stop. Enthusiasm and pensiveness intertwine as on-level seniors participate in their first "Let's Write!", a New Jersey Writing technique that encourages students to choose their own topics and genres, as long as they are school appropriate. This first day, a Thursday, most students write their lives—homecoming angst, vacations, classroom issues. Some, however, write poems or stories. At the end of class they read each other's work and constructively criticize.

Friday, we're back. Again, keys click. Briefly reading computer screens as I pass by, I notice something

different: dialogue. Short stories in the forms of prose or poetry awaken in quotation marks as the creative process takes over; tone and voice are revealed; and students *show, don't tell* their ideas. (I always say *show, don't tell* in italics.) The writing is fresh and interesting. It expands across the keyboard. Writers write.

What a joy to have a place for students to go where their imaginations can soar and where their self confidence builds with every word they write! The lab provides new opportunities for research, composition, editing, conferring—communication. As we continue to raise standards, as we strive for another exemplary rating, as we give students more tools for success in college and the workplace, we can give three cheers for a well-planned and executed space for learning!

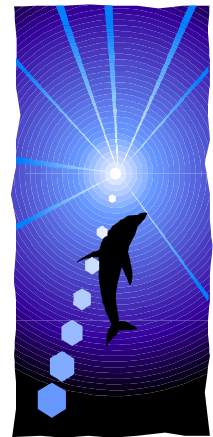
Jan Marx  
HS English Dept. Head



The 2007-2008 yearbooks are almost here!! They should be here by the beginning of October. We do sincerely

apologize for the delay, but we had some unavoidable technological problems. If you would like to submit photos for possible submission in the 2008-2009 yearbook, a link will be placed on the high school website - very soon - which will allow you to upload and name your photos! Any questions please contact Paula Smith at the high school.

[psmith@argyleisd.com](mailto:psmith@argyleisd.com) or 940-262-7777. Once the 07-08 books are passed out, we will begin taking orders for the 08-09 yearbooks.



### Fifth Grade Fundraiser:

The fifth graders will begin selling cookie dough on November 5th. The proceeds from the sale will help reduce the cost of our SeaWorld Field Trip, as well as supply scholarships to fifth graders.