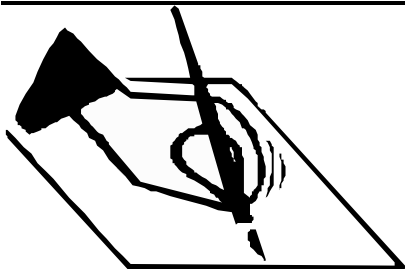


INSIGHTS



April, 2010



Items of Interest from the Superintendent, Dr. Telena Wright

The 2009-10 school year has brought many successes and much learning for our students. We added a new pre-kindergarten program at HT in the fall which has been a wonderful addition to our educational program. We continue to have a wide variety of opportunities for learning and participating both inside and outside the classroom available at all four campuses.

The support that you as parents and the community show to the school enable us to provide a quality education for all students in the district.

Change in Hilltop Administration

In January, Lisa Lyles replaced Robin Block as the Hilltop principal. Ms. Block accepted a position with Region XI Education Service Center. Mandi Pels moved from her

teaching/coaching duties at AMS/AHS to become the Hilltop assistant principal.

Changes to Graduation Requirements

On January 15, 2010, the State Board of Education adopted amendments to the graduation requirements. The new requirements are effective beginning in the 2010-11 school year. School districts retain the authority to add requirements beyond what is required in state law and rule for graduation. Argyle ISD Board approved continuing to require technology applications for all three graduation plans. Otherwise, AISD requirements are the same as the state. Changes applicable to all three graduation programs include the following:

- Students are no longer required to complete the one-half credit in health.
- The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Professional Communications course was added as an option for students to satisfy the speech requirement.
- The CTE Principles and Elements of Floral Design course was

added as an option for students to satisfy the fine arts credit.

- Students are now required to complete only one credit in physical education (P.E.) and are no longer required to complete the Foundations of Personal Fitness course as part of that credit.
- The following courses will be expanded to be one-half to one credit each: Foundations of Personal Fitness; Adventure/Outdoor Education; Aerobic Activities; and Team or Individual Sports. Students may satisfy the one credit of P.E. by taking any combination of these courses.
- Students may earn credit for any of the P.E. courses listed above through participation in athletics, JROTC, or appropriate private or commercially-sponsored physical activity programs conducted on or off campus for up to four credits toward graduation.
- Students may earn up to one credit for any of the

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P.E. courses listed above through participation in Drill Team, Marching Band, or Cheerleading. In order for a student to earn credit for one of these activities, the activity must include at least 100 minutes per five-day school week of moderate to vigorous physical activity.

- Students may no longer substitute Dance or two- or three-credit career and technology work-based training courses for P.E. credit.
- Students who earned their P.E. credit through a Dance or CTE substitution prior to the start of the 2010-11 school year will still get credit for that substitution.
- Credit may not be earned for any P.E. course more than once and no more than four substitutions may be earned through any combination of allowable substitutions.

Changes specific to each of the three graduation programs are summarized below.

Minimum High School Program (MHSP)

- A student, the student's parent or other person standing in parental

relation to the student, and a school counselor or school administrator must agree in writing signed by each party that the student should be permitted to take courses under the MHSP. A student must also satisfy one of three criteria in order to opt into the MHSP: be at least 16 years of age; have completed two credits required for graduation in each subject of the foundation curriculum; or have failed to be promoted to Grade 10 one or more times.

- A student who was permitted to take courses under the MHSP prior to the 2009-10 school year may remain in the MHSP.
- If an admission, review, and dismissal committee makes decisions that place a student with a disability on a modified curriculum in a subject area, the student will be automatically placed in the minimum high school program.
- Students may satisfy the English IV credit by successfully completing the CTE Business English course, AP English Language and Composition, or AP English Literature and Composition in addition to the courses that were already allowed.

- The following CTE courses were added as options for students to satisfy the third mathematics credit: Mathematical Applications in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources; Engineering Mathematics; and Statistics and Risk Management.
- Students who entered Grade 9 prior to the 2010-11 school year will have seven and one-half elective credits.
- Beginning with students who enter Grade 9 in 2010-11, students must complete one fine arts credit and will have six and one-half elective credits.

Recommended High School Program (RHSP)

- The following CTE courses were added as options for students to satisfy the fourth mathematics credit: Mathematical Applications in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources if taken prior to Algebra II; Engineering Mathematics, and Statistics and Risk Management if taken after successful completion of Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.

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- The following CTE courses were added as options for students to satisfy the fourth science credit: Engineering Design and Problem Solving; Advanced Animal Science; Advanced Biotechnology; Advanced Plant and Soil Science; Food Science; and Forensic Science.
- The phase-out of Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC) was removed allowing students on the RHSP to continue to take IPC as one of the science credits if IPC is successfully completed prior to chemistry and physics. Students on the RHSP must complete a biology credit, a chemistry credit, and a physics credit.
- A student who is unable to comply with all of the requirements for a P.E. course due to a physical limitation certified by a licensed medical practitioner may still earn a RHSP diploma if the student demonstrates proficiency in the relevant knowledge and skills that do not require physical activity as part of a modified P.E. course.

- Students will have five and one-half elective credits.

Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP)

- The CTE Engineering Mathematics and Statistics and Risk Management courses were added as options for students to satisfy the fourth mathematics credit after successful completion of Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.
- The following CTE courses were added as options for students to satisfy the fourth science credit after successful completion of a biology course, a chemistry course and a physics course: Engineering Design and Problem Solving; Advanced Animal Science; Advanced Biotechnology; Advanced Plant and Soil Science; Food Science; and Forensic Science.
- A student who is unable to comply with all of the requirements for a P.E. course due to a physical limitation certified by a licensed medical practitioner may still earn a DAP diploma if the student demonstrates proficiency in the relevant knowledge and skills that do not require physical activity as part

of a modified P.E. course.

- Students will have four and one-half elective credits.

Additional information regarding the graduation requirements, including frequently asked questions, will be posted in the near future on the following website:

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/graduation.aspx>.

Readistep and PSAT/ACT/SAT

This year AISD will be participating in a program being offered free to students with funding from the Texas Legislature. AISD will participate in Readistep for eighth grade. AISD already participates in PSAT for tenth graders, but the district has been covering the cost at that grade level. Now the cost will be covered from the state. High school juniors who are enrolled in a Texas public school district have a one-time opportunity to take one free college admissions test this year. Thanks to funding from the Texas Legislature, the Texas Education Agency has contracted with ACT and The College Board, which oversees the SAT testing program, to make free tests available this spring and early summer. This is part of a larger effort to increase college preparation efforts in the state.

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UIL Success

Hilltop and AHS both won district in UIL academics. AMS won second in district. These accomplishments show dedication on the part of parents, students, and AISD academic coaches. Congratulations to all!

Building Projects

The concession stand on the visitors' side has been a great addition to the stadium. The Board has approved taking requests for proposals for two other projects: covered walkways by the portables at the MS/HS and a metal storage building on the south end of the stadium. Currently we have 12 portable classrooms at the MS/HS. When there is rain, students have a difficult time moving between the building and the portables without getting extremely wet.

Pre-kindergarten Success and Expansion

For the first time this year Hilltop pre-kindergarten was offered. In this initial group only students who qualified economically or through other criteria such as being in a military family or being limited in English proficiency were included. In the fall of 2010 we will be opening a second pre-kindergarten class that students who pay \$90 a week may attend. This tuition fee was approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Studies have shown that high quality pre-kindergarten can better prepare children for school, increase their chances of academic success, and even enable them to avoid welfare and crime later in life. But these are not the only positive outcomes of a high-quality pre-K experience. These studies also suggest that pre-kindergarten can strengthen a child's commitment and attitude toward school, enhance the parenting skills of children's parents, and have positive impacts on family relationships.

New Course in Fall 2010

In the fall, course offerings at AHS will include an SAT prep class for both the reading and math sections of the test.

Additional Positions for 2010-11

Three additional positions for HS for 10-11 have been Board approved. New positions are English, math, and counselor. For the first time there will be two HS counselors to assist students with academic and personal/social concerns. A specials teacher for art will be added at AIS. Julie Lyle will be assuming those duties. A pre-kindergarten teacher for the second class is Board approved. Kim Johnson will be teaching the second class. Feel free to call or email at any time with any concerns that you may have.
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Chris Daniel *Assistant Superintendent for* *Curriculum and Instruction.*

In an effort to better prepare students for college, the 81st Texas Legislature passed legislation and provided funding for districts to administer, at no cost, a college preparation assessment at grades 8 and 10. Students in grade 11 may also choose to take a college readiness assessment at state cost. Argyle ISD's plan for this initiative is to administer the College Board's Readiness exam to 8th graders and the PSAT to 10th graders. Students would be able to choose either the SAT or ACT during their 11th grade year. The details of this plan are as follows.

Argyle ISD will be administering the **College Board's Readiness** exam (www.readystep.com) beginning this May. Readiness is a low-stakes middle school assessment that provides early feedback on students' skills. It also has the ability to identify areas in which students need to develop their skills, as well as students who are ready for more advanced course work.

In addition to the 8th grade assessment, the 81st session also

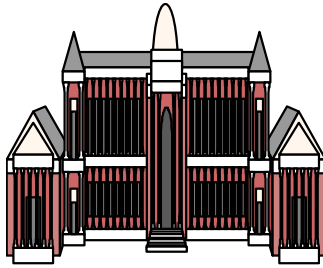
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provides funding for all 10th grade students to take the **PSAT at no cost to students** and/or the district. Our hope is that beginning next school year, we can have a College Readiness testing day. On this day, October 13, all 8th and 10th graders would take the College Board's ReadiStep or PSAT. At this time we will administer the PSAT to all 10th graders on this day. The ability to administer ReadiStep in October to 8th graders is still being discussed at the Texas Education Agency.

Finally, beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, students will have the opportunity to take one of the nationally norm-referenced assessment instruments, **SAT or ACT**, used by colleges and universities as part of their undergraduate admission process **at no cost**. The details about the process for this initiative will be communicated to you from the Argyle ISD website.

For additional information about college readiness assessments visit www.collegboard.com or www.act.org.

The 4th grades at Hilltop are presenting a musical called Pirates! on Monday, May 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.



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

We are having a tremendous year at Argyle High School. Our students are doing a great job both in the classroom and in their extracurricular activities. We are gearing up for the upcoming TAKS tests and also AP tests. Our students will take the TAKS test the week of April 26th and the AP tests will begin the week of May 3rd and will run through May 13th. I am very proud of the students and faculty and look forward to great results.

We are also getting ready to begin going over class selections for next year. Parents should be receiving a "Wingspan" soon about the nightly meetings, which will go over course offerings. We will begin with parents of incoming freshman. Our high school counselor will then be going into classrooms and speaking to our students about their course selections for next year. I encourage you to attend the meetings at night in order to understand the courses your student needs to take next school year.

On Wednesday April 7th, we had our first Challenge Day Club meeting. There were approximately 150 students

who attended this meeting. This Club's main responsibility will be to carry out the idea that all students can come to a school where they feel safe, loved and celebrated. We encourage all students and our community to be a part of this movement that will change the culture of our school. If you would like more information about the Challenge Day Club, please contact me at (940)464-7241 or at

jbutts@argyleisd.com.

Our students and faculty at Argyle High School are doing a tremendous job and are to be commended for the effort that is being put forth in keeping the great tradition of excellence that has been established at Argyle High School. If you have any questions concerning the education of your student, please give us a call. We here at Argyle High School strive to help every student become successful in all of their endeavors.



**From the desk of...
Scott Gibson,
Middle School Principal**

Argyle Middle School students have stayed busy this spring in a number of activities. Our students continue to excel in all aspects of school. Academics,

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fine arts, and athletics continue to produce amazing results from the hard work put forth by our student body and dedicated faculty. Here are a few of our accomplishments.

Basketball:

Argyle Middle School can boast having all of the basketball district tournament champions. All four teams won their respective divisions from 7th grade boys B team and A team to the 7th B and A girls. Congratulations to these fine young men and women for an outstanding performance in the district tournament.

TMSCA:

15 students from the Middle and Intermediate schools have qualified for the State Middle School TMSCA Meet in San Antonio on April 17, 2010. To qualify, the students had to score a minimum score or higher in Number Sense, Calculator, Mathematics and Science contests on February 27, March 6, and March 13. Students qualifying and their event(s) are as follows:

Raquel Gonzalez (6th) – Calculator

Tanner Boyzuick (6th) – Number Sense

Ross Coker (7th) -Number Sense, Calculator, Mathematics, and Science

Colton Katzen (8th) – Number Sense, Calculator, Mathematics
Colton Hinrichs (8th) –Number Sense, Science

Matthew Hayden (8th) – Number Sense, Mathematics, Science

Jack Graham (8th) – Number Sense, Mathematics

Kim Strelke (8th) – Calculator
Suzie Knuppel (8th) –Number Sense, Calculator, Science
Wade Burton (8th) – Science
Tyler Gibson (8th) – Science
Grant Lowry (8th) – Number Sense

Jacob Musick (8th) – Science
Colton Wilkes (8th) – Science
Jared Cole (8th) – Number Sense

Results of the state meet will follow in a later newsletter.

UIL Academics

Argyle Middle School achieved esteemed second place of six competing districts in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) District meet held at NCTC campus in January and February of this year. UIL competition allows students to demonstrate academic excellence beyond the classroom, and all students participating in this year's meet represented our school with a positive competitive spirit and camaraderie among their peers from other schools.

Middle school participants, combined with Intermediate School sixth grade, attained a total score of 779 across events, with the next closest competitor collecting 435 points. Prosper Rogers's 865 placed their school at first, leaving only 86 points between their first and Argyle's second placement.

The following students performed and placed in their event(s), with team placement across the six competitor districts also noted. Special thanks to the coaches who devoted before, during, and after-school hours to prepare their teams for the competition.

Art Coach: Cori Hederich
Art 7th grade: 2nd place team
Emily Volk (1st place)
Lola Krasniqi (4th place)

Art 8th: 2nd place team
Samantha Rider (1st place)

Calculator Applications
Coach: Gayla Burnett
Calculator Applications 7th: 1st place team
Ross Coker (1st place)

Calculator Applications 8th: 1st place team
Colton Hinrichs & Colton Katzen (1st place tie)
Kim Strelke (3rd place)

Dictionary Skills Coach: Holly Kirby
Dictionary Skills 7th
Madison Gladys (4th place)

Dictionary Skills 8th: 2nd place team
Cole McQuirk (3rd place)

Editorial Writing Coach: Holly Kirby
Editorial Writing 8th
Kathryn Harrington (1st place)
Suzie Knuppel (6th place)

Impromptu Speaking Coach: Kori Eubanks
Impromptu Speaking 7th
Skylar Ferrin (3rd place)

Impromptu Speaking 8th
Kathryn Harrington (3rd place)

Listening Coach: Mandi Pels
Listening 7th: 1st place team
Emily Volk (1st place)
Emily Young (5th place)
Hayden Little (6th place)

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Listening 8th: 2nd place team
Monica Canizares (1st place)
Hannah Neece (6th place)

Maps, Graphs & Charts
Coaches: Charisa Bosworth,
Matt George
Maps, Graphs & Charts 7th:
1st place team
Rhiannon Mohar (1st place)

Maps, Graphs & Charts 8th:
1st place team
Ty Crawford (1st place)
Tyler Gibson (2nd place)
Michael Kolember (5th place)

Mathematics Coaches: Gayla
Burnett, Debra Drake
Mathematics 7th: 2nd place
team
Ross Coker (1st place)
Reid Sullivan (5th place)

Mathematics 8th: 1st place
team
Colton Katzen (1st place)
Matthew Hayden (2nd place)
Jack Graham (5th place)

Modern Oratory Coach:
Natalie Coonrod
Modern Oratory 7th
Allyson Book (5th place)

Modern Oratory 8th
Tristan Curtis (4th place)

Number Sense Coach: Gayla
Burnett
Number Sense 7th: 1st place
team
Ross Coker (1st place)

Number Sense 8th: 1st place
team
Colton Katzen & Matthew
Hayden (1st place tie)

Jack Graham (3rd place)

One Act Play Director: Kim
Hubbard
One Act Play
Nathan Little (Best Actor)
Manily Estrada (Best
Technical)
Kirsten Couch (Honorable
Mention)
Josiah Hallen (Honorable
Mention)

Oral Reading Coach: Kori
Eubanks
Oral Reading 7th
Maggie McGehee (1st place)
Caitlin Ferguson (2nd place)
Scott Collins (3rd place)

Ready Writing Coach:
Crystal Kulle
Ready Writing 8th
Caitlin George (1st place)
Chase Kammerer (4th place)

Science Coach: Barbara
Hayden
Science 7th: 1st place team
Reid Sullivan (1st place)
Samantha Rider (3rd place)

Science 8th: 1st place team
Matthew Hayden (1st place)
Wade Barton & Colton Wilkes
(3rd place tie)

Social Studies Coach: Marty
Swinford

Spelling Coach: Edie Collins
Spelling 7th: 2nd place team
Jessica Portales (2nd place)
Scott Collins (5th place)

Spelling 8th: 1st place team
Allison Gant (3rd place)
Matthew Hayden (4th place)



Argyle
Intermediate School
Principal, Conrad Streeter

Dear Parents and Students,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the “home” stretch for this school year. April is filled with TAKS testing for our 5th and 6th graders. The teachers and staff at the Intermediate School have been working diligently to help all students prepare for the Math, Reading, and Science (5th grade only) TAKS tests. As a campus, we did very well last year and we are expecting great results this year too.

This spring semester has presented many opportunities for students to participate in activities here at school. The Chess Club is completing their tournament to crown the top chess player at AIS. In February, 30 students and parents participated in the Cowtown Kids 5K race. We had several top finishers and every runner completed the course. Our 5th graders helped win the district UIL championship for the elementary level, and our 6th graders helped bring home the runner up trophy for middle school UIL. All of our coaches and sponsors have done a great job leading their students. This

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spring we will also see both grades travelling to different places for field trips. The 5th grade will go to the Rodeo and to Sea World. The 6th graders went to a movie for World Geography earlier in the semester and will also go to the Fort Worth Science and History Museum in late April.

The month of May will be busy on our campus. We will have a family night, field day, awards ceremony, a 4th grade parent night, and a spring concert (band students). WOW! Please watch for emails, letters, and the school website for exact dates and times for all of these events.

In closing, I want to express my appreciation to Jana Weaver (PTA President), for the amazing job she has done for our school and community during her two years as president. She assembled an amazing team of parents to help create a wonderful PTA that has supported our school even before we opened the doors to students. Please take the time to thank Jana and all of our PTA board members when you see them at the remainder of our school events this year.



*From: Lisa Lyles,
Elementary Principal*

It is hard to believe that we are in the last few weeks of our 2009-2010 school year. Thank you for the support you have given our school during the changes in our administrative team. Mrs. Pels, our new assistant principal, and myself are always here and available to assist you with any concern you may have. Do not hesitate to call or come by. We are here to serve your child as well as you.

Once again this year for the fifth year in a row, our UIL Academic Team consisting of 2nd graders – 5th graders, were District Champions!!!! We held an awards assembly for our UIL team in March allowing them to have the recognition they deserve. We appreciate all the hard work Ms. Ulman and Ms. Grissom give coordinating our UIL Academic Program. A special thanks to all the coaches as well!

Some important traditions we have here at Hilltop are quickly approaching. Below is a list of

dates you will need to place on your calendar.

April

16 – Hilltop Family/Movie Night 6pm - Come enjoy free hotdogs, popcorn, water and plenty of inflatables for the children to play in and on. The movie will start at 8pm. Please bring blankets and chairs to sit on.

12-16 Teacher Appreciation Week and Book Fair

13 Book Fair Family Night

20 Parents of Children with Special Needs Meeting 9:30am or 6pm

26 TAKS Pep Rally 3rd/4th grade

27 TAKS Math 3rd/4th grade

28 TAKS Reading 3rd/4th grade

30 Caps for Kids

May

3 Fourth Grade Program

5 /6 Variety Show Tryouts, Chess Club Tournament

7 Kindergarten Round Up 1-5pm

Fourth Grade Field Day

11-14 Camp Forest Glen 4th grade

22 Variety Show 7pm AHS Auditorium

28 AR Lock in 3rd/4th graders who have 100 AR Points 7pm-12AM

I would like to say a special “Thank you” to our PTA board. They have done amazing things for our school this year!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Principal of Hilltop Elementary. I truly love playing a part in your children’s lives.



Argyle Band News

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

The Beginner Band will be attending their very first festival on Friday, April 30th at Sandy Lake in Carrollton.

The Middle School Red and White bands will be competing in the UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest on April 14th in Gainesville. They will compete in the Peak Music Festival on April 8th.

Both High School Bands will compete in the UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest on April 6th. In addition, both high school bands will compete in the Directors Choice Music Festival on May 7th at the Eisemann Performing Arts Center.

CONCERTS

The Argyle Band's Percussion Concert will be held on Tuesday, May 4th at 7 pm in the Argyle High School Auditorium.

The Middle School Spring Concert will be on Tuesday,

May 11th and the High School Spring Concert will be held on Thursday, May 13th at 7 pm in the auditorium.

The annual Band and Athletic Booster Club Golf Tournament is scheduled for Thursday, May 27th. For information on registration, contact Lori Schinske at 940.464.0523.

The Argyle High School Jazz Ensemble will be performing at Robson Ranch on Monday, May 18th at 7 pm. This event is open to the public.

The Guard will be doing their Spring Show on May 17th.

ARGYLE SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

We will be holding our beginner solo & ensemble on Thursday, May 20th at Argyle High School. All beginner band students will be performing an ensemble and most will also be performing a solo. All solos must be accompanied by a piano accompanist and be chosen either by the directors or the student's private teacher. Some solos are on SmartMusic and students who have one of those solos will be allowed to use SmartMusic in lieu of an accompanist. More detailed information will follow.

FUTURE BAND STUDENTS AND PARENTS

The band directors will be completing the process of meeting with all of the fifth grade students to help them with their instrument selection.

Information letters will be going home shortly and we will finalize schedules and instrument choices in the coming weeks.

On April 13th, between 4:30 – 8:30 pm in the high school band hall, we will have our annual "beginner drive". This is the opportunity for parents to meet the directors and to secure their students instrument for the upcoming year. There will be a music store present in order for you to take care of your instrument and band supply needs so that everything will be there for your budding musician when school begins in the fall. This is a come-and-go-as-you-please function, so you can fit it into your schedules.

2010-11 HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

The music has been written, the drill writer is busy at work customizing our drill, the guard writer is adding the color...let the show begin! We are looking forward to introducing the fun and exciting world of marching band to our incoming freshmen!

Summer Band begins for the leadership team on July 27th, all freshmen on Wednesday, July 28th and for everyone on Thursday, July 29th. We will be defending our State Title this year and will be doing the traditional 'Rope Course' teambuilding on July 30th at the

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American Airlines training center. It is mandatory that everyone be present at these summer rehearsals in order to review and learn fundamentals and to get as much of the show on the field as we can before the beginning of school. We begin learning drill on Monday, August 2nd. A more detailed schedule will follow.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND BANQUET

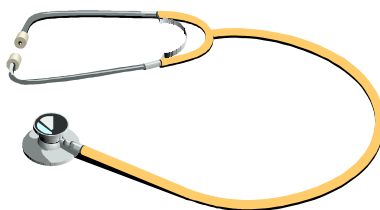
The banquet is on Friday, May 21st, at 7:00 p.m. at Hubbard Hall on the Texas Women's University campus. All parents of high school band students are invited (and encouraged to attend). This is a required activity for all high school band students. Parents and guests may purchase tickets through the band boosters. The fee for high school band students is provided by the Band Boosters.

SPRING TRIP

The high school band will be leaving on their spring trip on Thursday, April 15th and returning on Monday, April 19th. A detailed itinerary will be available at a brief meeting in the auditorium on Wednesday, April 7th. All parents and students need to plan to attend this meeting for an update on trip guidelines and to turn in all paperwork.

On April 16th, the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Bands will be in Orlando on the Disney properties recording the

soundtrack for one of the Disney feature length films. This is an educational outreach program that allows our students into a professional sound studio to experience what it is like to be a studio musician and to learn more about sound engineering.



A NOTE FROM Nurse Kris Wildeveld

Required Immunizations for the 2010-2011 School Year

Dear Parents of Students in Texas Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grades:

Immunizations are an important part of public health, and Texas law requires students in Texas schools to be immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) understands that it can be hard to find the time and money to get your children vaccinated, and many times it is not something you are able to do until the month of August. But we would like to stress the importance of getting these required vaccines at the earliest possible time, to avoid the back-to-school immunization rush that occurs every year during the month of August.

Below is a list of the required vaccines for students who will attend a Texas school in the 2010-2011 school year. This list includes new requirements that were added to kindergarten and 7th grade in 2009. *Parents of students who will enter kindergarten and 7th grade should pay special attention to the additional vaccine requirements. Please be aware that students without the required immunizations or a valid exemption will not be allowed to attend school.*

Vaccine requirements for students entering kindergarten through 12th grade:

- 3 to 5 doses of diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP/DTP/DT/Td)
- 3 to 4 doses of polio
- 2 doses* of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 1 to 2 doses of varicella
- 1 booster dose of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) 10 years after the last dose of tetanus-diphtheria-containing vaccine

Additional vaccine requirements for students entering kindergarten, 1st grade, 7th grade, and 8th grade:

- 2 doses of hepatitis A for students entering K – 1st grade
- 2 doses of varicella for students entering K – 1st and 7th – 8th grade
- 1 booster dose of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) for students entering 7th grade,

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if at least 5 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-diphtheria-containing vaccine
□ 1 dose of meningococcal for students entering 7th – 8th grade.

If you have any questions please contact your campus nurse.



1. The 8th grade classes participated in World Math Day on March 3rd. Despite a few computer problems, some students were able to compete against other middle school aged students from all over the world. We were a part of a new world record! 1,133,246 students and 56,082 schools from 235 countries united to

set a new world record by correctly answering 479,732,613 questions on that day.

Congratulations!

2. Twenty-one 8th grade math students chose to participate in the St. Jude's Math-a-thon. These students worked approximately 250 math problems in their spare time. They received pledge money from family and friends for their efforts. These students raised a total of \$1,400 in donations to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. They also earned prizes of t-shirts, Six Flags passes, backpacks and digital cameras.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of many young people!

**Debra Drake
Argyle Middle
School**

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