

INSIGHTS



April, 2005

VOTE



Carolyn Pierel
Superintendent

As I stated in a previous article in January, the AISD Board called a bond election for April 9, 2005. The amount of the authorized bond sale would be 35 million and is proposed to be sold in several phases, or issues, beginning in August of 2006, again in August of 2008 and finally in August of 2009. The exact sales dates could change depending on future increases or decreases in tax values. The proposed projects as recommended by the Citizens' Facility Committee are: construction of a new middle school on the current Argyle Elementary site, construction of a new elementary school on a site yet to be determined, construction of a new administration building on land owned by AISD near the current high school, renovations and additions to the high school stadium and various district-wide improvements and capital projects. All registered voters should have received an

information brochure in the mail.

I urge all registered voters in AISD to take the time to vote on April 9th at 800 Eagle Drive (the Administration building). The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.



Meet Your Board Member

Dr. Deborah Cantrell, a Neurologist/Epileptologist at North Texas Neuroscience Center has served on the AISD Board for the past four years. She and her husband, Dr. Jeff Cantrell, live in Argyle with their two sons, Trevor and Trent.

She originally ran for the Board to help with strategies to maintain high academic standards in a community that is growing at a fast rate. Learning school law and what Boards and districts must do to comply with the various statutes has been her greatest challenge.

Debbie commented that knowing she has in some way contributed to students being able to realize all their future hopes and dreams is her greatest source of satisfaction as a Board member. Not being able to discuss certain things with the community is sometimes frustrating, and she wishes that constituents better understood these limitations. She believes in community participation and encourages people to attend monthly Board meetings. Dr. Cantrell observed that the Argyle community is comprised of intelligent, goal oriented individuals who may have different viewpoints and come from different backgrounds. Therefore, she believes that Board members have to make decisions honestly and thoughtfully which are based on what is in the best interest of all the children in the district. Her major goal for Argyle ISD is to provide each child in the district a quality education in a safe environment. She stated that education should be academically challenging and also produce a well rounded individual.

Finally, Debbie emphasized that the Board should utilize innovative and bold strategies in meeting current and future district challenges. "As a Board

Debbie Cantrell continued...

and a community we face ever changing dynamics. It is imperative that we strive together to ensure the standards within our district are of the highest quality," she concluded.



TEXAS BANK
SUPPORTS ARGYLE
ISD THROUGH THE
CHOOSE-TO-CARE
PROGRAM

Dr. Telena Wright
Asst. Supt. Curriculum

Texas Bank sponsors the Choose-to-Care program for Argyle ISD students. AISD supports safe and drug-free campuses through the innovative, web-based, tip line program.

The ChooseToCare.com website allows students, parents, employees, and other members of the school community to go online to provide information about student safety issues, anonymously, if they prefer. If someone knows about something that may be harmful to students and that person does not want to tell someone in person, the web

provides another option. The online reporting system is confidential, safe, and secure. Weapons, threats, drugs, sexual misconduct, bullying and other acts of violence have no place in AISD.

Russ Rosenberg, President of Asset Control and co-developer of ChooseToCare, stated that the website is just one option available for people to use to voice their concern directly to school administrators. "ChooseToCare is not meant to replace the one-to-one relationship between administrators, faculty, and students that schools have worked so hard to develop. It is an additional option that is being provided to them," said Rosenberg.

"ChooseToCare is an innovative and timely update on the more traditional 800 number services," says Bill Dolphin, Direct of Business Development for Asset Control and co-developer of the concept. Dolphin, who has developed and administered care-line programs for multi-national companies believes the web-based approach will appeal to those individuals who, for whatever reason, just do not feel comfortable communicating one-on-one with officials. He says, "It's about providing people with an option that allows them to come forward with information they might not otherwise be willing to provide. With the web, they can communicate from the privacy of their own home and in a setting that allows them to

compose their thoughts. We believe this provides the school with the opportunity to get more complete information than through other means."

When users communicate through the ChooseToCare.com site they are communicating in a secure web environment-encrypted with the same SSL technology used by financial institutions. ChooseToCare uses a digital certificate that allows users to verify the site's identity. Additionally, the site posts a privacy policy statement that lets users know the conditions under which they are providing their information, and to whom their information will be given. Privacy is key to the credibility of the service from the user's perspective as well as from the school's perspective.

Go to ChooseToCare.com to file a report. No Web access? Call toll-free: 877-277-3812.



From the desk of...
Sonja M. Ball
Middle School Principal

Last year I wrote an article for a fall issue of *Insights* in which I addressed the topic of bullying. I re-submit this article for your reading with some minor changes, as we are continually addressing the issue at AMS.

I have had the privilege to work with middle school

Sonja Ball Continued...

children for the last five years of my educational career. I must say that I have thoroughly enjoyed middle school age children. As I have attended regional, state, and national meetings of educators for middle school children, one theme is always present. Bullying. All across our nation educators, parents, and students are seeking ways to deal with the ever present issue of bullying. Each week I receive mailings from companies that are developing programs and curriculums that focus on anti-bullying and tolerance.

At Argyle Middle School the faculty and staff take bullying and teasing very seriously. Mrs. Flanagan and I are continually looking for ways to help our students deal with the issues surrounding bullying, teasing, and harassment. As I have reported before, both Mrs. Flanagan and I have attended workshops presented by the Love and Logic Institute. Jim and Charles Fay lead participants through a process that includes responding to children with empathy and asking questions to help children find solutions to their own problems. Each time we attend we re-affirm our commitment to the approaches and methods outlined by the Fays. I have purchased many of their resources and am more than willing to loan them to anyone who is interested. As I have said previously, I encourage everyone to visit the Love and Logic website, www.loveandlogic.com. I

recommend the article "Teaseproof Your Kids" to help children combat teasing and bullying.

AMS has committed to helping children with bullying in several other ways as well. Mrs. Flanagan works with students through conflict mediation. Reporting incidences of bullying to her is the only way she can help children process through problems. Creating a safe environment for our children is paramount to our children's success. Therefore, we are choosing and implementing a school wide approach to dealing with bullying to begin next fall. The program we will implement will involve students, parents and teachers working together to create and insure a safe and secure school environment. I look forward to working with all of our stakeholders in this endeavor at AMS in the coming months. As we solidify plans I will keep everyone informed concerning the role each of us can play in continuing the traditions of excellence we have established at AMS.



The Argyle Middle School 6th grade classes held a Science Fair on Tuesday, March 1. There were 125 project display boards set up in the High

School's auxiliary gym. All projects were assigned a number and were judged anonymously. Judges came from Denton, Pilot Point and Argyle. We also had a few of our own teachers from the Elementary School, Middle School and the High School who assisted in judging. Thank you to the judges for offering your valuable time to our Science Fair. We were all so impressed with the quality of the projects. The students worked so hard, and I am very proud of them. On the evening of Wednesday, March 2 we had all the projects on display for the families to view, and ribbons were awarded. The judges' results were:
Tied for First Place:
The Wind Beneath My Wings – Kent Sommer
Batter Up – Trent Cantrell
Second Place:
Dye the Natural Way – Brent McQuirk
Third Place:
Stressed out Magnets – Key Bennett
Tied for Fourth Place:
Fruit and Vegetable Dyes – Sydney Wells
To Flush or not to Flush – Skylar Hagan
Fifth Place:
A-Maze-Zing Plants – Maddy Mathis

Honorable Mentions were awarded to Miranda Laurion, Elena Katsinas, Morgan Sain, Lance Sommer, Piper Davis, Kristin Faciane, Nick Strelke, Lisa Bird and Jace Hudson. All of these students were eligible to move on to the next level and participate in the

MS Science Fair Continued...

Fort Worth Regional Science Fair. The FWRSF was held at the University of North Texas March 21-24. There were 500 students participating in this regional science fair. This was an excellent learning experience for all involved.

I would like to thank the PTSA who helped coordinate the science fair and provided lunch for our judges. I would also like to thank all the parent volunteers who helped set up the project boards as they were coming in that morning and those who stayed after the awards assembly and helped to transport projects back to the classroom. I could not have done this without you and I am grateful for the time you put in to make this such a great success.

Barbara Hayden



“Honor The Game”

*by Steve Schmidt
Girls Athletic Coordinator*

Every week, it seems, we hear of another case of athletes, coaches, or parents going over the edge in their behavior at various sporting events across our nation. Players physically attacking their opponent, coaches assaulting officials, fans berating coaches. All groups

have been guilty of poor, embarrassing behavior. All groups have suffered due to the actions of (usually) a small percentage of their peers. The headlines may astonish us for a brief moment, but few lessons seem to be learned, as the incidents continue to take place.

I'd like to share some guidelines established by the Positive Coaching Alliance to help prevent misbehavior at competitive events. I believe they are good for any sport at any level. The key point the PCA makes is that all involved (kids, parents, coaches, officials, fans) learn how to “Honor The Game” by respecting the **R**ules, **O**pponents, **O**fficials, **T**eammates, and one's **S**elf (ROOTS). When we learn to do this, everyone wins:

Before the Game:

1. Make a commitment to Honor the Game in action and language no matter what others may do.
2. Tell your child before each game that you are proud of him or her regardless of how well he or she plays.

During the Game:

1. Fill your children's "Emotional Tank" through praise and positive recognition so they can play their very best.
2. Don't give instructions to your child during the game. Let the coach correct player mistakes.
3. Cheer good plays by both teams (this is advanced behavior!)
4. Mention good calls by the official to other parents.
5. If an official makes a "bad" call against your team? Honor the Game—BE SILENT!
6. If another parent on your team yells at an official? Gently remind him or her to Honor the Game.
7. Don't do anything in the heat of the moment that you will regret after the game.

**Honor The
Game
Continued...**

Ask yourself,
"Will this
embarrass my
child or the
team?"

8. Remember to
have fun! Enjoy
the game.

**After the
Game:**

1. Thank the
officials for
doing a difficult
job for little or
no pay.
2. Thank the
coaches for
their
commitment
and effort.
3. Don't give
advice. Instead
ask your child
what he or she
thought about
the game and
then LISTEN.
Listening fills
Emotional
Tanks.
4. Tell your
child again that
you are proud
of him or her,
whether the
team won or
lost.



Here's something to
shout about!

**2005-2006
Varsity Cheerleaders**

Kaylee Brazeel
Becca Brier
Jennifer Hilz
Julie Kurrus
Cara McQuirk
Hayley Malcuit
Jennifer Mooney
Randi Roberts
Amanda Staley
Britty Trowell
Lindsey Trowell
Rita O'Connor – Mascot

**Junior Varsity
Cheerleaders**

Camille Abernathy
Juliana Bruno
Ashleigh Byrne
Jessica DeLong
Cody Hilton
Lindsey Jenkins
Megan Kaase
Kourtney Kellar
Chloe Pourzan
Caroline Pratt
Kaylee Sutton

**2005-2006
Cheerleaders**

Argyle Middle School

7th Grade

Taylor Barnes
Courtney Byrne
Kristin Faciane
Carly Hawk
Kira Heine
Kelsea Ruehle
Haley Tomlinson
Victoria Whitaker

8th Grade

Shahaley Carr
Jennifer Dodd
Maggie Hendryx
Lauren McDuffey
Jordan Merka
Alex Robertson
Shaylynn Tackett
Skyler Webbe

Mascot

Caroline Jenkins



**GOLDEN EAGLE
TEACHER
EXCELLENCE AWARD
2004-2005 Nominees**

The Argyle ISD Education
Foundation is pleased to
announce the 2004-05
Nominees for the GOLDEN

**GOLDEN EAGLE TEACHER
EXCELLENCE AWARD
CONTINUED...**

EAGLE Teacher Excellence Award, sponsored by the Miles Foundation. Congratulations to this year's nominees! The foundation board of directors looks forward to honoring these outstanding teachers and to recognizing all of the wonderful teachers in our district. You all do so much for our students, and the community is truly appreciative and grateful.

Elementary Nominees

Kelly Little, Daphne Miller, Pam Moore, Nancy Nytomt, Jane Ruestmann, Sharon Ryan, Wyvona Ulman

Middle School Nominees

Susan Greer
BJ Gosnell (MS/HS)
Jennifer Sanders

High School Nominees

Lynda Devine, Kimberly Kass, Cliff McCurdy

Thank you to those of you who participated in the nomination process. Now, the teachers have the option of continuing with the process by completing a Teacher Application that will provide the independent Panel of Judges with background information, teaching philosophy, as well as special projects and

extracurricular contributions/involvement. The judges will select one teacher from each campus to receive the GOLDEN EAGLE Award, along with a cash award. The Campus Award recipients will then interview with the judges so that the panel can select a District "Teacher of the Year" from those three candidates.

The District "Teacher of the Year" will be awarded the Lisa MZ Award for Teaching Excellence and will receive an additional cash award.

The Lisa MZ Award is funded by a NEW endowment fund, sponsored by Lisa M. Zimmerman, dedicated to the recognition of teaching excellence. The foundation announced the recent addition of the Lisa MZ Endowment Fund at the annual Black Diamond Affair, and would like to thank Ms. Zimmerman again for her support.

Once again, Congratulations to the 2004-05 GOLDEN EAGLE Teacher Excellence Award nominees! The Campus Award recipients will be announced on Friday, April 15, 2005.

**ENRICHMENT GRANTS
for STUDENTS**

Argyle ISD Education Foundation is proud to introduce ENRICHMENT

GRANTS FOR STUDENTS! These grants are available for Argyle ISD students who would like to participate in enrichment activities/programs/camps that are *above and beyond* regular, remedial, or required study – for example: Shake Hands with Your Future, Lone Star Leadership Academy, summer camp programs that offer educational opportunities, etc. Athletic/Sports camps, Band camps, and College Courses taken for credit hours will not be accepted.

Applications will be available in all campus offices by April 1st or email Kim Hinrichs at gkhinrichs@msn.com to request a Word document version. The application includes five (5) brief essay-type questions that must be completed by the student. Students may request a recommendation from an administrator, teacher, or counselor to enhance their application, but the recommendation is not required. All applications will be submitted for blind review by an anonymous Grant Selection Committee near the end of April.

ENRICHMENT GRANTS FOR STUDENTS will be awarded in May.

APPLICATION

DEADLINE: 5:00 pm
on the third Tuesday of April
(April 19, 2005)



Nurse's Corner
By Jan Haney

**PARENT FEAR FACTOR
FRIDAY**

**PLEASE COME AND
EXPERIENCE THE FUN
AND CHALLENGE WE ARE
ENJOYING WITH
OUR NEW HEALTH
PROGRAM, CATCH.**

**EVERY GRADE WILL HAVE
A BOOTH TO SHOW
WHAT THEY ARE
LEARNING.**

**TASTE NEW FOOD
EXPERIENCE PE WITH
YOUR CHILD
LEARN ABOUT LABELS
PLAY GAMES AND HUNT
FOR SALT**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2005
6:00 – 7:30 PM**

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GYM**

**ChooseToCare:
Sponsored by Texas Bank**

**If you know about something
that could harm you or
someone you know, report it
to your school officials now.
But, if reporting what you
know, in person, is not an
option – provide your
information online.
ChooseToCare.com is safe,**

**secure, and confidential. And,
you can remain anonymous.
No Web access? Call toll-
free:
877-277-3812.**



**Texas Math and Science
Coaches Association
State Meet
San Antonio
3-19-05**

**Argyle won the State
Math/Science Contest for
the third year in a row!**

These are the results:

Sweepstakes

- 1st Argyle 3026
- 2nd Salado 2049
- 3rd Elkhart 1941
- 4th Shallowater 1785

Top Gun

- 1st senior Josh Albritton
\$1,100.00
- 5th senior Justin Freebourn
\$700.00
- 1st junior Kevin Burnett
- 3rd junior Brock Spratlen
- 1st sophomore Justin
Johnson
- 4th sophomore Chris
Wilkerson

Science

- 1st team Argyle 738

- 2nd team Liberty Christian
346
- 3rd team Salado 176
- 1st senior Justin Freebourn
260
- 2nd senior Josh Albritton
212
- 1st junior Kevin Burnett
138
- 2nd junior Brock Spratlen
128
- 1st sophomore Justin
Johnson 72
- 2nd sophomore Chris
Wilkerson 68
- 3rd sophomore Aaron
Anderson 64

Biology

- 1st senior Justin Freebourn
62
- 3rd senior Josh Albritton
44
- 1st sophomore Justin
Johnson 26
- 4th sophomore Chris
Wilkerson 20

Chemistry

- 1st senior Justin Freebourn
112
- 2nd senior Josh Albritton
104
- 1st junior Kevin Burnett
76
- 2nd junior Brock Spratlen
56
- 1st sophomore Chris
Wilkerson 42
- 2nd sophomore Justin
Johnson 40
- 3rd sophomore Aaron
Anderson 28

State Meet Continued...

Physics

1st senior Justin Freebourn
86
3rd senior Josh Albritton
64
1st junior Kevin Burnett
74
2nd junior Brock Spratlen
70
1st sophomore Aaron
Anderson 24
3rd sophomore Justin
Johnson 6
3rd sophomore Chris
Wilkerson 6

Mathematics

1st team Argyle 768
2nd team Liberty Christian
526
3rd team Salado 504
2nd senior Josh Albritton
180
4th senior Lauren Johnson
164
5th senior Justin Freebourn
160
1st junior Kevin Burnett
254
5th junior Brock Spratlen
130
1st sophomore Justin
Johnson 170
5th sophomore Aaron
Anderson 114
7th sophomore Chris
Wilkerson 84
1st freshman Eric Katzen
98

Calculator

1st team Argyle 802
2nd team Elkhart 677
3rd team Salado 675
2nd senior Josh Albritton
220
7th senior Joseph Forrest
159
1st junior Kevin Burnett
252
2nd sophomore Justin
Johnson 171

Number Sense

1st team Elkhart 567
2nd team Salado 528
3rd team Argyle 436
8th senior Josh Albritton
94
1st junior Kevin Burnett
187
2nd sophomore Justin
Johnson 78

Flower Mound UIL Meet
(Release D)
2-5-05

Sweepstakes

2nd Argyle

Science

1st team Argyle
1st sr Justin Freebourn
1st jr Kevin Burnett
2nd jr Brock Spratlen
1st soph Chris Wilkerson
3rd soph Justin Johnson
4th soph Aaron Anderson

Biology

2nd Justin Freebourn

Chemistry

1st Justin Freebourn
2nd Kevin Burnett

Physics

1st Justin Freebourn
2nd Brock Spratlen

Mathematics

2nd team Argyle
2nd sr Justin Freebourn

1st jr Kevin Burnett

3rd jr Brock Spratlen

1st soph Justin Johnson

5th soph Kelsey Ehlers

6th soph Aaron Anderson

7th soph Chris Wilkerson

Calculator

2nd team Argyle

2nd sr Joseph Forrest

1st jr Kevin Burnett

4th jr Brock Spratlen

3rd soph Justin Johnson

4th soph Chris Wilkerson

Number Sense

2nd team Argyle

Flower Mount Meet
Continued...

1st jr Kevin Burnett
3rd jr Brock Spratlen
3rd soph Justin Johnson
7th soph Chris Wilkerson
3rd fr Kirstie Wade



Band News

It is the time of year to audition Fifth Grade Students for what instrument they would like to play in band. The Band Directors will be visiting the Elementary School to visit with each student individually to determine which instrument the student is best suited to play. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Mikel at cmikel@argyleisd.com.

Upcoming Band Concerts, Contests and Events:

Tuesday, April 4th
UIL Concert Contest
R.L. Turner High School

9:15 a.m. MS White Band
10:40 a.m. MS Red Band

Friday, April 8th
American Classic Music Festival
Majestic Theater
Dallas, Texas
11:00 a.m. High School Wind Ensemble

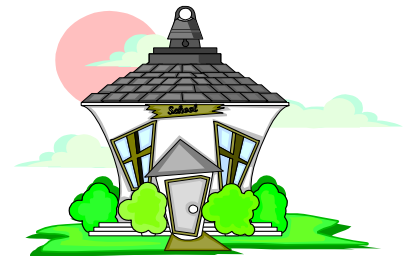
Tuesday, April 12th
UIL Concert Contest
8:30 a.m. HS Symphonic Band
10:40 a.m. HS Wind Ensemble

Spring Band Booster General Meeting
Argyle High School Band Hall
Tuesday, April 26th

Thursday, May 5
Peak Performance Music Festival
Winspear Hall
Denton, Texas
8:50 a.m. Sixth Grade Band
Sixth Grade Trip to Medieval Times
(Chaperones needed-contact cmikel@argyleisd.com)

Friday, May 6
Peak Performance Music Festival
Winspear Hall

Denton, Texas
8:50 a.m. MS White Band
10:05 a.m. MS Red Band
MS Band Trip to Six Flags after contest
(Chaperones needed-contact cburk@argyleisd.com)



**From: Robin McWhorter,
Elementary Principal**

Eagerness and exhilaration are abundant as of late on our campus. As we see Hilltop Elementary making progress daily, we can't help but look forward to next school year.

We are making plans to move to our beautiful new campus this summer. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for making this dream a reality by supporting our last bond election. I feel very fortunate to be the elementary principal in such a giving community. I thought you might like to see the building plan for our new campus, so it is included with this month's article. The faculty, students and I can not wait to "move in."

