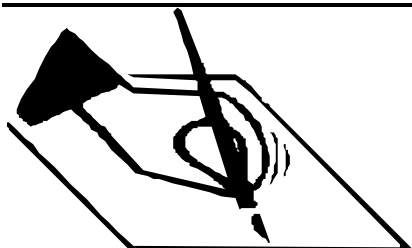


INSIGHTS



November, 2006



A Note From

*Carolyn Pierel
Superintendent*

The Presidency – America’s Foundation Essay Program

Thursday, October 26th was a red, white and blue day for Argyle High School. Students from both the middle school and high school (8th, 11th and 12th grade) recently participated in an essay contest sponsored by the America’s Foundation. This year’s topic was The Presidency.

Winners were awarded prizes and scholarship money at an assembly held in the Argyle ISD Performing Arts Center. Elected officials attending included AISD Board President Sue Bancroft, Mayor Richard Tucker and special guests Senator Jane Nelson and U.S. Congressman Michael Burgess.

Senator Nelson spoke to students on the topic of Leadership. Congressman Burgess gave the keynote address on The Office of the

President. They were welcomed to the campus by members of the AHS student council as the band played a medley of patriotic songs. Afterwards, at a brief reception they were provided with a delicious buffet prepared by volunteers from the PTSA. The room was made especially beautiful with arrangements from Bloomfield Floral who decorated the stage as well. Senator Nelson and Congressman Burgess visited classrooms and then were seated onstage for the assembly. Student council officers led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags and Mayor Tucker recognized the elected officials as well as the sponsors and judges for the contest. Superintendent Pierel recognized the high school and middle school faculty members who worked with students and planned the events of the day.

The following students from Argyle Middle School were presented with award money by John Michaels of Noble Classic Homes who sponsored their awards: 4th Place, Kerry Wade - \$25.00, 3rd Place, Jason Barnett - \$50.00, 2nd Place Claire Edwards - \$75.00 and 1st place, Meagan Robbins - \$100.00.

Presentations of the 11th grade awards were made by Wayne

Holt of the Wayne Holt Agency – Allstate Ins. The winners were: 4th Place, Maribel Nunez - \$25.00, 3rd Place, Courtney Self - \$50.00, 2nd Place, Chandler Hamilton - \$75.00 and 1st Place, Catherine Pettibon - \$100.00.

In addition, three one thousand dollar scholarships were awarded to the winning senior students. The Miles Foundation awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Hilary Krebsbach, The Argyle Chamber of Commerce presented the same to Justin Johnson and NorthStar Bank of Texas awarded their scholarship to Scott Admire.

The program concluded with a personal challenge to get involved by Senator Nelson.

Argyle ISD has been privileged to receive many honors and participate in many wonderful events throughout the years. However, none have been more special and meaningful than this wonderful, patriotic event. Program organizers Peyton and Jana Inge of The Argyle Real-T-Team are to be complimented for bringing this opportunity to our students. They have worked tirelessly to foster a “better understanding and appreciation for the rich heritage we have in America”.

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In addition to the program on the 26th, our winners were very fortunate to meet with and receive special recognition from Governor Richard Perry the preceding day. This was arranged as a special treat for our students by the Inge's.

The District appreciates the involvement of the many individuals and businesses who worked to make this such a special day. We look forward to even greater things in the future as we continue participate in this essay program.



LONE STAR CUP

*Dr. Telena Wright
Asst. Superintendent*

Argyle High School is one of only five Texas high schools receiving the prestigious Lone Star Cup for 2005-06 UIL accomplishments. Mark Cousins, UIL Athletic Coordinator, came from Austin to present the cup to AHS on October 20. Presentation was made to Mr. Jeff Butts, HS principal, at halftime. Also in attendance at the presentation were Dave Stephenson, Titus

Sports Marketing, and Ron Clark, a representative from Huffines Dodge in Lewisville.

The Lone Star Cup is an award presented by Texas Dodge dealers. Argyle won state championships in marching band, girls basketball and UIL state academic meet. All University Interscholastic League (UIL) member high schools in good academic and athletic eligibility standing are included for contention. This annual program recognizes five high schools, one in each of the five UIL classifications (5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A), based on their overall team achievement in UIL Athletic/Academic championships.

These championships are included at the 2A level:

Team Sports

Boys:

Baseball
Basketball
Football

Girls:

Basketball
Softball
Volleyball

Individual Sports

Boys:

Cross Country
Golf
Track and Field
Wrestling

Girls:

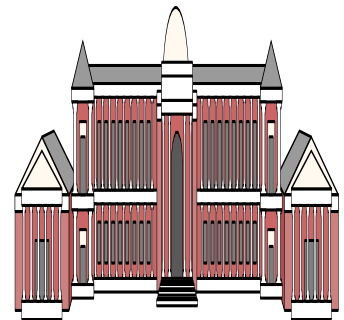
Cross Country
Golf
Track and Field
Wrestling

Non-Athletic Competitions

Boys and Girls (co-ed)
Marching Band
One-Act Play
State Academic Meet

Standings for the Lone Star Cup are compiled via a year-long accumulation of points based on team success at the district and state level in the activities.

UIL.utexas.edu/



*Argyle High School
Principal
Mr. Jeff Butts*

It is hard to believe that we are ending our 2nd six weeks grading period. I guess time flies when we are having fun. Our students and teachers continue to do an exceptional job and I appreciate the effort they are putting forth in getting us back to an exemplary rating.

While keeping a high level of concentration on our academics, many of our students and extra curricular sponsors are busy reaching new goals for their respective programs. Our theater students and Ms. Chumbley put on an exceptional play on October 23rd to kick off our Red Ribbon week sponsored by our student

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council. The program's goal was to make our students aware of the effects that drugs and alcohol have on our ability to make wise choices.

Our campus had the great privilege of having Senator Nelson and Congressman Burgess announce the winners of an essay contest sponsored by the Argyle Chamber of Commerce on October 26th. We appreciate the opportunity of having two such distinguished guests on our campus honoring the contestants of the essay contest. Heading up the program was Jana and Peyton Inge.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our playoff bound Argyle Lady Eagle volleyball team, our state bound Argyle Eagle Marching Band, the girls' and boys' regional qualifying Argyle Eagle Cross Country teams, and our playoff clinching Argyle Eagle football team. Our faculty and student participants have proven that no matter what classification that the Eagles participate in, our attention to hard work and determination leads to success. I would like to invite everyone out to attend and support the Eagles in their post district endeavors.

When you come to visit our campus, please be aware of our parking changes. We have changed our fire lanes in order to allow our visitors to park for

a brief time against the grayed out curb. This curb used to be red. Please do not park on the end cap stripes in our parking lot. If you do, you will be parking in the fire lane and could possibly be issued a citation by law enforcement.

Also we have many community members who use our track in the mornings for walking or running. Please observe the posted signs that have been placed around our parking lots. Please do not park in our numbered parking places. Our students have been assigned a parking place and you could be parking in one of their spots.

Another item that you may not be aware of is that all visitors, including vendors, need to enter and exit the building through the birdcage at the north end of our campus. We are in the process of putting alarms on our other doors that will go off if they are entered or exited during school hours. This is in an attempt to make our campus safer by being aware of who is in our building during school hours.

We are constantly striving to improve our school in every aspect. Our goal is for your student to have the best and safest education possible. If you have any questions concerning your student's success, please contact their teachers. I am excited about the opportunities for all of our students at Argyle High School and look forward to working with you in making this school year the best ever.



From the desk of...

*Chris Daniel,
Middle School Principal*

There has been a lot of exciting things happening in the middle school over the past month. We had our first dance, first band concert, a Presidency assembly, and the students have earned the privilege of spending part of the lunch period outside.

Our first dance on Friday, October 6, which was sponsored by Student Council, was a huge success! Almost half of our middle schoolers attended. The kids ate, danced, visited with friends, talked on their cell phones, and ate some more. A big thank you to StuCo and their sponsors, Susan Greer and Stacy Lesseps, for organizing this event. As a precursor to this event, we also held a "dance assembly" in the auditorium. At the assembly, expectations were set with regards to appropriate dress and dance for this school sponsored event. Specifically, dress to the dance must follow the same guidelines that we follow every day at school and dancing must be in good taste.

On Thursday, October 12 our **red and white bands** showcased their talents at their first concert. They sounded fabulous! Stay tuned for more

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band concerts that will be taking place in December. Thank you Peter Anderson, Kathy Johnson, and Michael Lemish for their work with our band kids.

Under the guidance of Krystal Kulle, Mandi Pels, Alicia Reimers, and Darren Wilson, all of our eighth graders participated in the **America's Foundation Essay contest**. The essays were scored and ranked by twenty-one outside judges and narrowed down to the top four. The top four essays were written by Kerry Wade (4th place), Jason Barnett (3rd place), Claire Edwards (2nd place), and Megan Robbins (1st place). These students also had the privilege of meeting Governor Rick Perry, prior to the award ceremony. At the ceremony, they were recognized by members of the community, Senator Jane Nelson, and Congressman Michael Burgess. Congratulations to these students for their time and effort with their essays.

Finally, many of the students (especially 6th graders) are excited about **going outside at lunch**. This privilege, which is based on how well they keep the cafeteria clean, allows the students to spend the last 10-minutes of their lunch time outside. They are able to hang out with friends on the asphalt or run around on the field. As long as the cafeteria remains clean and weather permitting,

we plan to continue to offer our students this opportunity.



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**From: Robin McWhorter,
Elementary Principal**

Hilltop Elementary students and faculty celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 23-27th. Since some of you may not know the story behind the week, I thought it pertinent to relay the history behind the observance:

Enrique "Kiki" Camarena grew up in a dirt-floored house with hopes and dreams of making a difference. Camarena worked his way through college, served in the Marines and became a police officer. When he decided to join the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration, his mother tried to talk him out of it. "I can't not do this," he told her. "I'm only one person, but I want to make a difference." The DEA sent Camarena to work undercover in Mexico investigating a major drug cartel believed to include officers in the Mexican army, police and government. On Feb. 7, 1985, the 37 year old Camarena left his office to meet his wife for lunch. Five men appeared at the agent's side and shoved him in a car. One month later, Camarena's body was found in a shallow grave.

In honor of Camarena's memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin. Parents, sick of the destruction of alcohol and other drugs, had begun forming coalitions. Some of these new coalitions took Camarena as their model and embraced his belief that one person can make a difference. These coalitions also adopted the symbol of Camarena's memory, the red ribbon.

The National Family Partnership organized the first Nationwide Red Ribbon campaign in 1988. Since that time, the campaign has reached millions of U. S. children. In 1997, the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse began committing resources to ensure the continuation of the Red Ribbon Campaign in Texas, as well as the hopes and beliefs behind this grassroots effort to protect children from the dangers of alcohol and other drugs.

The students and faculty recognized Red Ribbon Week with a variety of activities including hat day, sock day and culminating with a "wear clothes from the 70's" day. As always, participation was high and the students enjoyed a little freedom to express themselves. In continuation with our tradition, a tree was planted to kick off the events. It is our plan to plant a tree every year on school grounds the weekend preceding Red Ribbon Week. Thank you once again, Reg Read, for the donation and

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planting of another beautiful tree. We appreciate you and all of our volunteers.

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**Nurse's Corner
By Jan Haney**

PREVENTION OF FLU

As we move into the flu season we need to be aware of ways to prevent flu.

- Make sure your child get plenty of rest

- Clean your hands often with soap and water or alcohol based sanitizer
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough and sneeze and clean your hands afterward.
- When coughing, it is good to cough into your sleeve at the elbow if no tissue available, but remember the germs are in your sleeve and need to be washed before wearing again.
- Keep your hands away from your eyes, mouth, and nose.

When your child is sent home from school with cough, sore throat, fever etc, you will need to decide how to make them more comfortable. It is often difficult to distinguish between cold and flu because they have some common symptoms. Below are some questions to ask to help determine if it is flu or cold. A doctor is the only one who can diagnose for sure, but perhaps these will help. Information comes from CDC website and Pandemic flu planning guidelines.

FLU VS COLDS

FLU	Cold
Sudden onset	Slow onset
High Fever	No fever (or mild fever)
Exhaustion level severe	mild exhaustion
Dry cough	severe or hacking

FLU	Cold
Sore throat	no sore throat
Headache	no headache
Very decreased appetite	normal or slight decrease in appetite
Achy muscles	no sore muscles
Chills	no chills
Vomiting and Diarrhea - Most often in young children	no vomiting or diarrhea

Cases of flu seen within 48 hours can be treated with antiviral medications that can reduce the length of the illness. If most of your symptoms match the first section, it is wise to see the doctor. Treat flu symptoms with: Plenty of rest, extra fluids like water, juice and soups. Warm drinks or cold drinks or popsicles can ease sore throat discomfort. NEVER give a child with flu symptoms aspirin because of the possibility of another deadly virus called Reyes syndrome. Treat fever with acetaminophen and ibuprofen as your doctor directs.

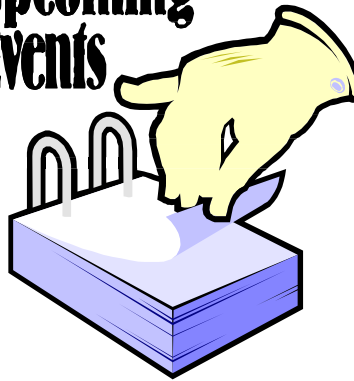
Remember that flu and colds are caused by Viruses. Antibiotics are specific to treatment of bacteria and are ineffective against viruses. Antibiotics have been one of the most important medications in this century, but over use and misuse have caused them to

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lose effectiveness in many cases.

- Remember to take antibiotics exactly as prescribed by the physician. Give the entire amount. If it says 3 times a day try to space it out so as close to every 8 hours without disturbing sleep as possible.
- Do not save old antibiotics that have not been completed. They will either lose effectiveness and do no good or become much stronger and have possibility of major adverse reactions if taken. Never take antibiotics prescribed for another person.
- Some medications are affected by antibiotics, so please discuss with your physician other medications when you start antibiotics.
- Any reaction to antibiotics, i.e. Hives, shortness of breath, extreme nausea or diarrhea, must be reported at once to the physician.
- REMEMBER careless and unwise use of antibiotics can lead to drug resistant bacteria that becomes more and more difficult to treat.

Upcoming Events



Save the Date

AISD Education Foundation Black Diamond Affair. This year's ball is called:

Deep in the Heart of Argyle

February 10th, 2007

Austin Ranch at the DFW Hilton



Argyle Band News

BEGINNER BAND

Beginner students are coming right along and will soon be preparing for their Winter Holiday Concert on December

10 at 2:00 pm. Remember, playing a musical instrument is very personal and students need lots of encouragement from home. We have many ideas for gifts for the budding musician for Christmas. Let us know if you need help!

MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS

The next Middle School pep rally will be November 7. The middle school bands look forward to performing and cheering the teams on to victory!

The Middle School Fall Concert was a great success. Students performed 'scary' music like "Monster Under the Bed", "Creepy, Crawlies", and "Tunes that go Bump in the Night". A 'frightfully' good time was had by all who attended!

On Friday, October 27, White and Red band students will be participating in a 'Master class' in preparation for the Region Band auditions. Afterwards, all students will be going to Mountasia for some fun!

Students will be auditioning for the Middle School Region Band on Tuesday, November 14 at Bridgeport High School. This will begin at 5:00 pm and will be done when everyone has completed their audition. If parents want to pick up students after their audition, please make plans in advance. Contact Mr. Anderson for the proper

Argyle Band News Continued...

paperwork and make sure that you sign your child out with the band representative before you take them.

Make plans to attend the Winter Holiday Concert on December 10. We will begin the concert with the Beginner Band and work our way through middle school and up to the high school. The festivities begin at 2:00 pm and will conclude around 4:30.

Parents and students should be visiting www.charmsmusic.com to update their information and to print off the various handouts that need to be returned. Be sure to sign and return the Parent Consent, MS Band Handbook, and Travel forms. Anyone who has trouble logging on should contact Mr. Anderson at panderson@argyleisd.com. All student fees will begin to appear so that parents can keep track of what they have paid.

MARCHING BAND

As our football team continues to win, so does the marching band. On Saturday, October 21, the Argyle High School Marching Band earned sweepstakes ratings from the UIL judges at the Region Marching Contest. This is the highest rating one can achieve and the comments from the judges were very complimentary.

The high school band will

march at the UIL Area Marching Contest on Saturday, October 28 at Collins Stadium in Denton. Five bands will be chosen from this level to compete at the State Marching Band Contest in San Antonio on November 6.

Rehearsals will continue Tuesday through Friday from 6:50 – 7:50 a.m. and also on Monday nights from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. until further notice.

High School band students will be auditioning for Region Band on Saturday, November 11 at Bridgeport High School starting at 12:30 pm.

Make plans to attend the Winter Holiday Concert on December 10. The high school bands will follow the Beginner Band and the White and Red Bands from the middle school. We hope to start a tradition of inviting high school alumni who are still able to play their instruments to join us as we perform “Sleigh Ride”. Alumni need to contact Mrs. Johnson to sign up and receive a copy of their part to practice. Mrs. Johnson can be reached at 940.262.7777 x 2259 or kjohnson@argyleisd.com.

Students and parents should be visiting www.charmsmusic.com to print off handouts and keep updated on information. Be sure to print off the HS Band Handbook, Parent Consent and Indemnification, and Travel forms, sign and return them to Mrs. Johnson. Anyone having trouble logging on should contact Mrs. Johnson at kjohnson@argyleisd.com.



From Ms. Ruestmann
and the Elementary
Art Room

Artsonia, our school's online art gallery, is off to a great start. We have published over 800 artworks this year alone. These artworks were created by 567 artists. More than 250 parents have registered this year. Our gallery has been visited more than 25,000 times. WOW! Please stop by and visit, I am adding more artwork daily.

<http://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=3413>

***Attention Hilltop
Elementary Parents***

***Please check the lost
and found racks.
We have a large
collection of
sweatshirts and
coats.***

**THE SPIANS TO
CONVENTION**

The AHS Thespian Society will be attending the State convention in Corpus Christi November 16-18. The following students will be competing in events:

Texas Techie relay---
Michael Wolfe, Alex Pritchard, Josh Carter, Jared Rogers

Set Design---Katherine Yarbrough, Bonnie Kurrus, Bailee Beebe, Jill Beathard

Costume Design---
Katherine Yarbrough

Mask Making---Gable Huggins

Individual Set Design---
Jackie Mabry

Publicity Design---Own Lindsley

The group will also be presenting a workshop to students entitled, **BLOOD, GUTS, AND GORE.**

This competition can qualify them for the International Thespian Convention competition in Lincoln, Nebraska in June.



SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN

The AHS Thespian Society will be welcoming Santa Claus and his elves to town with a breakfast on Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00am-11:00 am in the high school cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend, eat with Santa, and have your pictures made with him. The admission is \$5. For more information, contact Nancy Chumbley at the high school.

**Hilltop Elementary School
"5 Star" Breakfast Challenge Coming Soon!**

At Hilltop Elementary School we recognize the importance of our students getting their day off to a good start with a nutritious breakfast. Having a nutritious breakfast before school enables children to perform their best in the classroom, improves student attendance, and helps children keep their weight under control.

We will be having a contest the week of November 13-17 and need your help as we work together to educate our kids on the importance of nutrition and living healthy lifestyles. You can assist your child by providing them with a healthy breakfast, helping them record what they eat each day, as well as talking to your child about the various food groups that are represented in the meal. If your child eats breakfast in the cafeteria, our wonderful cafeteria staff will be more than happy to assist them.

Your child will be bringing more details about the contest home soon.

Stay tuned...

Michael Ball, Hilltop Elementary Counselor & the Hilltop Elementary CATCH Committee

UIL Academic News

**Fort Worth Dunbar Halloween Math/Science Meet
10-21-06**

Division I seniors/juniors
Division II sophomores/freshmen

Sweepstakes
1st Argyle 2177
2nd Flower Mound 1737
3rd Azle 1169

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Great Pumpkin

Div I Justin Johnson
Div II Thomas Quintana

Science

1st team Argyle 522
2nd team Flower Mound 262
3rd team Azle 150

Div I

1st Justin Johnson
2nd Aaron Andersson
4th Heath Delka
6th Hilary Krebsbach
11th Erik Katzen
14th Phillip Fullingim

Div II

1st Thomas Quintana
7th Jake Sizelove
11th Jason Bruton

Biology

1st Thomas Quintana
2nd Heath Delka

Chemistry

1st Aaron Andersson
2nd Justin Johnson

Physics

1st Justin Johnson
2nd Aaron Andersson

Number Sense

1st team Argyle 591
2nd team Flower Mound 530
3rd team Azle 421

Div I

3rd Justin Johnson
7th Erik Katzen
12th Phillip Fullingim
13th Heath Delka

Div II

1st Thomas Quintana
13th Jake Sizelove

Calculator

1st team Argyle 490

2nd team Azle 379
3rd team Flower Mound 357

Div I

1st Justin Johnson
6th Heath Delka
8th Erik Katzen
12th Aaron Andersson

Div II

2nd Thomas Quintana

Mathematics

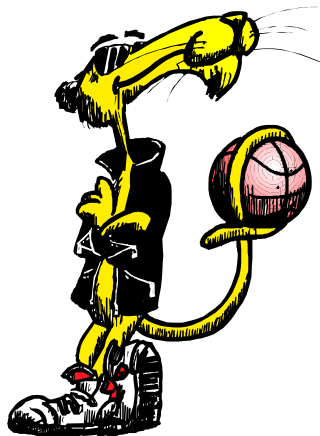
1st team Flower Mound 588
2nd team Argyle 574
3rd team Brock 248

Div I

1st Justin Johnson
3rd Erik Katzen
10th Aaron Andersson
14th Heath Delka

Div II

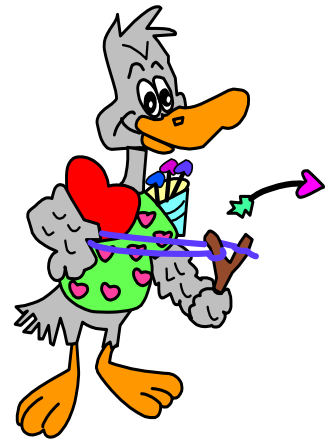
1st Thomas Quintana
4th Riley Lynch
10th Jake Sizelove



The Argyle Eagles Boys Basketball Team is playing a game vs. Aransas Pass on 11/22/06. This game will be played at the AT&T Center in San Antonio before a Spurs vs. Miami Heat game. Argyle's game will start at 2:45pm. The Spurs game starts at 6:30pm. There are 2 other high school games

before the Eagles play (Madison HS vs Stevens HS; Del Rio HS vs. Laredo LBJ). The door will open at 11:30am.

Tickets for this event are on sale in the Argyle High School Office (The Bird Cage). Tickets are \$26.35 and will get you into all of the high school games as well as the NBA game. Checks are to be written to Argyle High School.



SHOW LOVE TO YOUR SENIOR

It is time once again for parents of Seniors to place their personal ads for the yearbook. Ad forms were mailed to homes. In order to reserve a page in the book, please fill out the form and send a check to AHS Yearbook. The reservation deadline is December 1st and the picture deadline is February 1st, so honor your Senior with an ad. Call Mrs. Chumbley for more information: 940-262-7777.



**Hilltop Elementary
School Art Program
Ranks # 3 in the State
and # 22 in the Nation!**

Jane Ruestmann, art teacher at Hilltop Elementary School in Argyle, TX, deserves to take a step out of the art room and into the spotlight! Ruestmann has been recognized by Artsonia – the world’s largest online kids art museum – for outstanding leadership in the area of Arts Education at Hilltop Elementary School. The school’s online art gallery – www.artsonia.com/schools/hilltop2 - ranks # 3 in the state and # 22 in the nation, according to Artsonia.

The Leadership Award presented to Jane Reustmann honors teachers who go beyond classroom walls to encourage family

and community involvement in arts education. The award also recognizes significant achievement in the area of technology integration within the school arts program. State and nationwide rankings are based on specific criteria, which demonstrate both aspects of the Leadership Award.

While teachers in more than 100 countries showcase their student artwork on Artsonia, Jane Ruestmann has created a school community deserving of recognition. During the 2005-2006 school year, the Hilltop Elementary School gallery showcased 1695 pieces of artwork. This popular collection of art has been visited more than 20,000 times and has received 506 comments from friends and family. “Artsonia is a simple yet effective way to get parents and family members more involved in Art Education,” said Ruestmann, “and my students love it!”

In addition, family members can purchase keepsakes imprinted with the child’s artwork, with Artsonia donating 15

percent of their annual product revenue back to the school art program. The year, the art program raised \$348.

Headquartered in Chicago, Ill., Artsonia is an online kid’s art museum providing free, education resources for kids, families and schools. Founded in 2000, Artsonia continues to integrate technology in the classroom, develop multi-cultural understanding through art and increase family involvement in children’s education. To find out more, visit www.artsonia.com.

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Let us give thanks..



**Enjoy your
Thanksgiving
Holiday!**