

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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Fourth-grade teacher Tina Bronson and students read an African story to visitors at A.C. Williams Elementary School.



Wylie High School Counselor Doug Fortenberry spoke with CHS students about a positive attitude through adversity. His inspiring story began after a motorcycle accident left him a paraplegic.



**Exemplary
Expectations**

Campuses show off for company

Texas Public Schools Week provides the perfect opportunity for students and teachers to welcome parents and family members to school where a student's best writing and artwork are displayed. Teachers are more than happy to tell a parent or guardian how their child is doing in class.

This year, teachers also had new technology to show off. Grant funds provided Promethean boards, document cameras, LCD projectors and interactive response systems to most classrooms bringing teachers more opportunities to engage 21st century learners. From CES to CHS, students and teachers readily use the new tools every day.



Deborah Lytle's art class at CMS is fun for families.



Second grade teacher Kimberly Clark (right) welcomes a parent to the CES Open House.

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Fifth graders helped the visitors use the interactive response systems.



Superintendent Blake Cooper shared finance information with the CLI group.



Making tremendous progress this year, the sixth grade band played several selections for the group.

Commerce Leadership Institute class visits CISD

It has probably been years since members of this year's Commerce Leadership Institute class sat in a school desk, but they had the opportunity to do just that as they made their annual visit to district schools.

Superintendent Blake Cooper presented information about district finances. He explained that the State Legislature set a plan where all districts would have to function with the amount given during the 2005-06 school year. Without voter approval, no additional revenue is available to Commerce schools.

A school bus carried CLI members to Commerce High School and A. C., Williams Elementary School where they had a tour of the new school and also saw a demonstration of the new technology.



CHS Principal Virdie Montgomery brought Rachel's Challenge to the school last year to encourage students to start a chain reaction of kindness. Students shared with CLI how the program has brought positive change to the campus.



The halls of A.C. Williams Elementary were decked with student art work ready for the school's annual art show.

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Annual art show brings family and community to ACW

Students at A.C. Williams Elementary School produced art for viewing and crafts for sale for this year's annual art show and sale. Artwork covered the walls and students dressed in the theme of their grade wing to welcome guests.

Art from Asia, South America and Australia was produced by the students, led by art teacher Lonnie Plunkett.



An Egyptian queen and mummy greet visitors.



Parents enjoy the feedback from their child's teacher.



An artist-in-residence creates a "Day of the Dead" mask.



Parents completed surveys to help administrators with program development.

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Science labs engage students and family members.



Students enjoy hands-on work on the new Promethean boards.

Parents visit CMS during Open House

Visiting six teachers instead of just one definitely keeps parents of CMS students busy during Open House.

Activities were available for children as parents were invited to see a presentation on cyberbullying and internet safety by a U.S. Attorney's office representative, Mandy Griffith.



Entire families visited CMS during its annual open house.

Tooth Fairy brings brushing tips

Twinkles the Tooth Fairy visited Commerce Elementary School to teach children how to correctly brush their teeth and talk about which foods are healthy for teeth. At right, children were asked to line up like teeth as Twinkles demonstrated the correct brushing technique.

