

# CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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*Technology acts as a magnet for this young child.*



*Fourth-grader Maggie Robinson shared what she learned about the artist Georgia O'Keefe with Foundation supporters.*



## Foundation marks another successful year

With the largest crowd ever in attendance, the Boots & BBQ celebration and fundraiser, held by the Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation, raised over \$14,000 with donations continuing to come in. Teachers and students showed the results of grant-funded projects this year such as trips to Austin, the Dallas World Aquarium, Dallas Museum of Art, the Tyler Zoo and the Heard Natural Science Museum.



*CES teacher Heather Kilgore (left) showed the new ActivTable to Dr. Jack Pirkey, Beverly Pirkey, Janet Peek and Bill Fuhrmeister. The table, which is housed at CES, allows six students to participate in activities at one time.*



*Dr. Ruth Ann White discusses the Austin trip with fourth-graders.*



*CMS Assistant Principal Christy Hansen (left) and her husband, Randy, visit with seventh-graders about their writing project, Camp Write On, I Still Believe.*

List of Foundation Champions can be found on Page 2.

## ACW gets ready for STAAR

ACW students and staff took their challenge seriously as they prepared for the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR).

Fifth-graders must pass before they are promoted to Commerce Middle School.



*Above, ACW teachers Carol Adams, Carolyn McKinney, Lisa Burden, Kathy Black and Georgia Greer were stars at the ACW STAAR pep rally.*

*At left, teachers quiz students on proper test-taking strategies in preparation for the STAAR testing this month.*



## 52 donors become Foundation Champions

Foundation Champions donate \$200 or more and are recognized during the Boots & BBQ celebration.

Alliance Bank  
Jean Appleton  
Marion and Janelle Biggerstaff  
Alton and Louise Biggs  
Willie and Paula Blow  
Earl and Luanne Bourland  
Carolyn Burt  
Gene and Betty Casselberry  
Commerce Economic  
Development Corporation  
Blake and Tammy Cooper  
Cypress Bank  
Susan Faires Dacus  
Sue Davis  
Emmett Day  
James and Toni Deaton  
Roger and Margaret Denton  
Mack and Patti Doster  
Danny and Janet Duncan  
June Dunn  
Charles and Paula Elliott  
Farmer's Electric Cooperative

Bill and Ruth Ferris  
Bill and Sophia Fuhrmeister  
Guaranty Bond Bank  
Mary and John Hardy  
Ernest Hawkins  
Gary and Mary Hendrix  
Hydro Alumnum  
Dorothy Ingram  
Dr. Dan and Jalinna Jones  
Jerry and Theta Keeble  
Jack and Pat Kelly  
Glen and Mary Kibler  
Loretta Kibler  
Mike and Trish King  
Kiwanis Club  
Dick and Brenda Latson  
Lions Club  
Wallace and Martha Sue Lowery  
Stephen and Sherry Maysonave  
Frances Miller  
Gilbert and Tammy Naizer  
Carr and Donna Newkirk

Bob H and Dianne O'Neal  
Nina Parks  
Janet Peek  
Jack and Beverly Pirkey  
Lonnie and James Plunkett  
Jim and Claire Reynolds  
Chester and Julia Robinson  
Al and Glenda Shipp  
Charlie and Sharon Smith  
Joe and Donna Spinato  
Jim and Anne Stahl  
Glenn and Diane Stegall  
Jim and Donna Tavener  
Texas A&M University-Commerce  
Wes and Dian Underwood  
Randy VanDeven  
John and Renee Walker  
Ruth Ann White  
Wyman and Harriet Williams  
Paul and Sheryl Zelhart

## CES takes action to prevent bullying

Ronnie Hill spoke to students about bullying and encouraged the young Tigers to be respectful and caring about one another during his presentation at CES.



## Drawn to being good

Each six weeks, CES students who are “caught being good” have their names placed in a pot for a drawing to get a yard sign for display at their home. Principal Jeanne Lay says the lottery system was put in place because so many children are on their best behavior at her school.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 18 . . . . .First grade music program
- April 20 . . . . .Ag Coop Auction
- May 4 . . . . .Athletic Banquet
- May 7 . . . . .Senior/Parent Banquet
- May 7 . . . . .Theater Banquet
- May 11 . . . . .Board of Trustees Election, City Hall
- May 13 . . . . .Top Ten Dinner and CHS Honors Night
- May 17 . . . . .CHS Jazz Band and Senior Show
- May 20 . . . . .Spring Band Banquet
- Board of Trustees Meeting
- May 23 . . . . .Spring Band Concert
- June 7 . . . . .Graduation



**THE CMS HONOR BAND** performed at the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Competition and received a rating of 2 on stage and a 1 in sight reading. Director Elizabeth Bialecki reports that the CMS band was one of only two schools in our division to get a 1 in sight reading. Shown above are eighth-grade band members. Way to go Tigers!

## Camp Write On gives students platform for beliefs

Rebekah Jacobon's seventh-grade class were able to experience Camp Write On again this year due to a grant by the CSEE Foundation. Students wrote about their beliefs and shared their ideas beside a mock campfire on the CMS stage.

Four students read their essays to Boots & BBQ attendees.



## District UIL competition sends 10 CHS students to Region

CHS finished district UIL with six teams placing either first or second and 10 students advancing to Region competition on April 20 at Tyler Junior College.

Team finishes include first in Mathematics and Social Studies and second in Current Issues, Computer Science, Literary Criticism and Number Sense.

The Mathematics team included William Bowes, Ian Bruton, Amanda Hill and Mac Robinson. The Social Studies team was John Naizer, Daniel Neel, Tyrone Sheehan and Spencer Sullivan.

The Current Issues team was made up of Mike Dempsey, John Naizer, Tyrone Sheehan and Spencer Sullivan.

The Computer Science team included Audrey Anderson, Ian Bruton, Tristan Crowell and Clay Patterson.

The Literary Criticism team was Aimee Adams, Audrey Anderson, Abel Arce and Amanda Hill.

Number Sense team

members were Abel Arce, Emily Gruver and Mac Robinson.

Individual first place winners were Mac Robinson in Mathematics and Number Sense, Audrey Anderson in Literary Criticism and Cristian Cabrera in Physics.

Other winners were Laney Davidson, sixth, Calculator Applications; Mike Dempsey, fifth, Current Issues; Spencer Sullivan, second, Current Issues; Ian Bruton, fourth, Computer Science; Aimee Adams, fifth, Literary Criticism; Amanda Hill, sixth, Literary Criticism; William Bowes, fourth, Mathematics; Ian Bruton, third, Mathematics; Mikey Elwell, second, Physics; John Naizer, second, Social Studies; Spencer Sullivan, fourth, Social Studies and Micah Kitchens, fifth, Headline Writing.

Sullivan, Anderson, Bowes, Bruton, Hill, Robinson, Cabrera, Naizer, Neel and Sheehan qualified for Region in one or more categories.

## One Act Play wins District Best Actress

AWARDS AT ZONE WERE:

Outstanding Tech – Tyrone Sheehan  
All Star Cast Honorable

Mention – Ahnliese Bell  
All Star Cast Honorable Mention –  
Sarah Stogner-Dickinson  
All Star Cast – Audrey Anderson  
All Star Cast – Wesley Jensen

AWARDS AT DISTRICT WERE:

Outstanding Tech – John Naizer  
All Star Cast Honorable

Mention – Wesley Jensen  
All Star Cast – Daniel Neel  
All Star Cast – Sarah Stogner-Dickinson  
Best Actress – Audrey Anderson

## Three students qualify for UIL Theatrical Design State

Audrey Anderson will go to the State competition in Individual Costume. Mike Dempsey will participate at State in Individual Set and Rachael Sheehan in Individual Marketing.