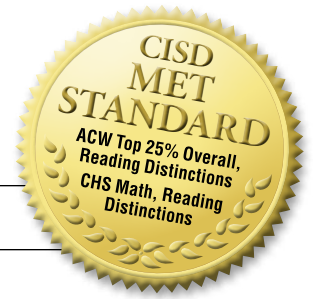


CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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Boots & BBQ sets records in attendance, donations, Champions

With over \$18,000 raised and 170 people attending, the Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation's annual Boots & BBQ celebration and fundraiser exceeded all prior records. The event, which was held at Commerce High School on April 12, provided organizers an opportunity to share their dream and lend insight to the benefits of providing new learning opportunities for Commerce ISD students outside of the normal school budget.

"We are super proud of our community for their support of the Foundation," said CISD Superintendent Blake Cooper.

"Record numbers in attendance, donations and Foundation Champions show how Commerce values education. The student presenters were awesome as was the CHS Jazz Band. The teachers' displays showed how the grants enriched their lessons. It was overall a great night," said Cooper.

During the last 10 years, the Foundation has given over \$300,000

to CISD teacher-proposed grants which have funded trips to the state capital, the Dallas World Aquarium, Caldwell Zoo and other area museums and educational venues in the north Texas area.

Donors giving \$200 or more also exceeded prior numbers. Foundation Champions, as these donors are called, reached a total of 73.

CSEEF Board President Jack Pirkey said supporters continue to amaze him with their generosity.

"We again set new records. We look forward to next year as we see the need for our continued support of teacher grants in the future. The CSEE Foundation is set to continue its productive influence on the educational process," Pirkey said.

A total of 14 grants were funded this year for a total of \$31,146.65. Six trips to area museums and educational venues as well as non-fiction books for first graders, Writing Camp for seventh graders, sound systems for two elementary classrooms and various technology purchases were funded.



▲ Second graders used technology to tell about their trip to the Dallas World Aquarium and the animals they learned about.



▲ Board President Willie Blow and Foundation Board Member Bill Fuhrmeister



◀ In the seventh-grade Writing Camp, teacher Rebekah Jacobson chose two exceptional essays to be presented to the Boots & BBQ guests.

◀ Fifth graders learned about museum etiquette before their trip to the Dallas Museum of Art. "Living artists" Claude Monet, Amadeo Modigliani, Henri Matisse and Peter Max were portrayed by students.

Monthly meetings help parents get a head start

Spencer Willis (left) from Texas A&M-Commerce University Department of Health and Human Performance joined the CES Head Start monthly meeting and took families on a grocery store tour. He gave the parents shopping tips for getting the most for their shopping dollars, reading nutritional labels, nutrients and how bodies use them, and improving eating habits in their families.



Foundation Champions

A record number of donors — 73

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Springtime hatching engages fifth graders

What better way to study the life cycle than to observe it first hand? Students in Carol Adams' class hatch chicks every spring and make it a math activity by measuring temperature, time and hatch rates. The 4H-Agrilife of Hunt County loans the school an incubator and eggs to let the students experience new life and the life cycle. Students also learn how to take care of the small creatures.



Imitation, the sincerest form of flattery

PreAp students are painting with acrylic and oil paint and basing their work on another artist's style.

