

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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'If you really knew me' at CHS

CHS Principal Virdie Montgomery called it a chance to build unity or family on his campus as he and his staff led students through an activity where they could learn more about each other and perhaps come to realize that many other students were going through circumstances similar to their own. Staff chose the early release day on Feb. 14 to have the campus-wide program.

Montgomery said the idea came from class officers and was based on a TV show called "If You Really Knew Me." The object of the exercise was to get students to know one another and show empathy toward each other.

Students were randomly divided into nine groups of 50 students with CHS staff acting as facilitators. Students shared their experiences of being bullied, losing a parent to illness or divorce and other unfortunate events.

"I realized that students were really stepping out of their comfort zone and sharing deeply from their heart," said Glenda Henderson, CHS teacher and group facilitator.

"The activities prompted many students to realize that they are not the only ones walking a challenging path in their life at school or home," she added.



**Exemplary
Expectations**

Students who wouldn't normally speak with one another found themselves sharing their innermost challenges in small groups.

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Zero the Hero makes his annual stop

The 100th day of school is a big event at Commerce Elementary School.

A secret guest named Zero the Hero, played by CHS Principal Virddie Montgomery, encouraged students to count to 100 many different ways in the early morning assembly.

In their classrooms, students wrote stories about what they would buy for \$100 and other students brought examples of what 100 items look like.

Left: One hundred flowers look like this.

Right: CES students made their own trail mix by choosing 10 pieces of 10 different ingredients.



The Lady Tigers basketball team celebrated their bi-district championship over Aubrey High School. Coach Lemone Ards and her team prepare to play Dallas Roosevelt in the next round.

Snow day makeup

Because icy road conditions prompted district officials to close school four days in February, school will be in session May 6 and June 6. The District will seek a waiver from TEA for the additional days.

CES, ACW and CMS compete in UIL Academic competition

Commerce Elementary School, A.C. Williams Elementary School and Commerce Middle School students competed in the district UIL academic meet on January 26. Individual and team results follow:

COMMERCE ELEMENTARY

Storytelling

Allie Underwood, 2nd place
Emma Knight, 6th place

A.C. WILLIAMS

Fifth grade

Maps Graphs and Charts

Vineet Nippani, 3rd place

Dictionary Skills

Raquel Medrano, 1st Place
Alison Coker 4th Place

Number Sense

Mason Howard, 4th Place
2nd Place Team

Music Memory

Emma Hailes, 2nd Place
3rd Place Team

Art Smart

Raquel Medrano, 1st Place
2nd Place Team

Social Studies

Alan Galacia, 1st Place
Emma Hailes, 6th Place
2nd Place Team

Listening Skills

Dylan Liston, 4th Place
3rd Place Team

Fourth grade

Music Memory

Morgan Guinnessy, 4th Place
2nd Place Team

Spelling

Sara Anthraper, 2nd Place
Emily Everitt, 3rd Place
1st Place Team

Art Smart

Morgan Guinnessy, 1st Place
Sara Anthraper, 2nd Place
Caitlyn Rogers, 5th Place
1st Place Team

Third grade

Music Memory

Bailey Guinnessy, 1st Place
Danny Angel, 3rd Place
Maria House, 4th Place
Madison Sanders, 5th Place
1st Place Team

Spelling

Maggie Robinson, 5th Place

Storytelling

Sejal Bashin, 2nd Place

COMMERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Calculator Applications

6th Grade

3rd Place Team

7th Grade

Jackson Singleton, 4th Place

Listening Skills

6th Grade

Zoe Royal, 4th Place

7th Grade

Chelsey Beane, 5th Place
2nd Place Team

8th Grade

Dee Ann Lowery, 5th Place

Salma Velez, 6th Place

2nd Place Team

Maps, Charts, and Graphs

6th Grade

3rd Place Team

7th Grade

1st Philip Weise, 1st Place
2nd Place Team

8th Grade

Jacob Fairweather, 4th Place

2nd Place Team

Mathematics

6th Grade

Zoe Royal, 6th Place

3rd Place Team

Oral Reading

6th Grade

Madison Shaw, 6th Place

7th Grade

Jazmin Huey, 3rd Place

Taylor Warren, 5th Place

8th Grade

Salma Velez, 4th Place

Science

7th Grade

5th Zane Belcher, 5th Place

8th Grade

Sammy Elwell, 5th Place

Dictionary Skills

6th Grade

Mak Morgan, 5th Place

7th Grade

Emily Gruver, 1st Place

8th Grade

Chanel Cooper, 6th Place
2nd Place Team

Number Sense

6th Grade

Diana Santiago, 5th Place

Modern Oratory

7th Grade

Ciarra Perrozi, 3rd Place

Suzi Davis, 4th Place

8th Grade

Dee Ann Lowery, 3rd Place

Paige Maxwell, 5th Place

Impromptu Speaking

8th Grade

Chanel Cooper, 2nd Place

Darrien Redd, 6th Place

Social Studies

6th Grade

Claire Dobbs, 1st Place

Rodney Hawkins, 3rd Place

Jacob Tarver, 6th Place

1st Place Team

7th Grade

Jonathan Flores, 1st Place

2nd Place Team

8th Grade

Daniel Neel, 1st Place

Forrest Dickson, 6th Place

2nd Place Team

Art Smart

6th Grade

Claire Dobbs, 1st Place

Riley Davidson, 1st Place

Abby Taylor, 4th Place

1st Place Team

7th Grade

Sierra Patterson, 2nd Place

Emily Gruver, 3rd Place

Skyler Worley, 4th Place

2nd Place Team

8th Grade

Campbell Reid, 1st Place

Jennifer Mojica, 3rd Place

1st Place Team