

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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CHS graduates 109 students

The Class of 2011 joined CHS graduates from as far back as the 1870s who have marked their accomplishment with graduation exercises. A total of 109 students were graduated during this year's event held May 27 at the Texas A&M University-Commerce Field House.

A highlight of the ceremony was a performance by the CHS Tiger Band of an original score written by student Jason Anthraper. The piece won \$15,000 in the State Farm Original Score Contest recently.

Principal Virdie Montgomery introduced student leaders Emily Ballew, Macy Sims and Morgan Morrison and each had a part in the program.

Valedictorian Araceli Cabrera-Zepeda and Salutatorian Elizabeth Canzoneri each spoke of their time here and what they hope to accomplish in their future.

Superintendent Blake Cooper reminded students to remember "who they are, where they come from and who they represent."

After shaking hands with members of the Board of Trustees and Supt. Cooper, graduates each passed a cotton ball to Montgomery reminding him that "he's in heaven with the class of 2011." He said he would proudly display all 109 whisps on the wall in his office "forever."



Teachers of the Year

Sondra Feduccia (left) and Mardi Leist were chosen to participate in the Region X ESC Teacher of the Year process. They will attend a luncheon in their honor and a Texas Rangers baseball game. Feduccia, a third grader teacher, was chosen Elementary Teacher of the Year. Leist, who teaches special education at the middle school, is the Secondary Teacher of the Year.



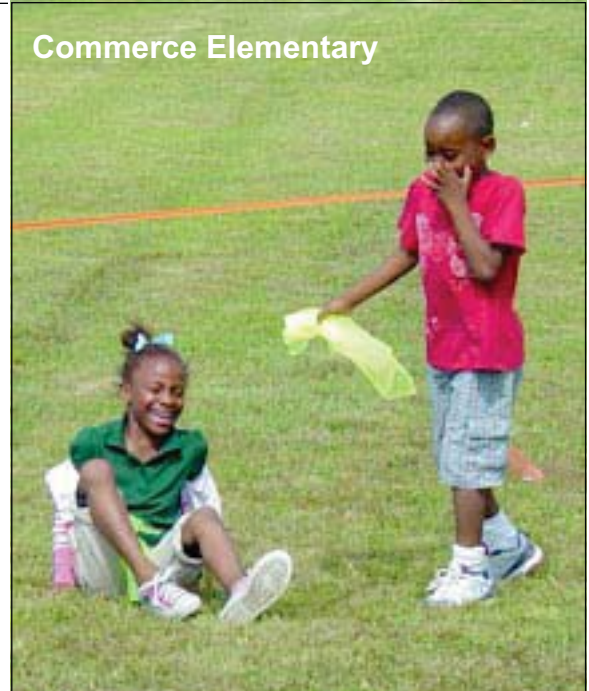
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Elementary field days are
wet and wild



ACW Elementary



Commerce Elementary



★ stars ★



CISD Stars were Philip Weise, ACW; Betty Brown, Central Office; Gracie Weston, CMS, Scott Lawson, Maintenance; Garon Burgin, CES and Tim Watson, CHS.

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CMS travels to Morris Rec Center



Exams show career readiness

A total of 21 CHS students have passed the Microsoft Office Specialist certification exams demonstrating they are proficient in Microsoft Word 2007 and Excel 2007. Technology teachers Elaine Stotts, Glenda Henderson and Eavin Larry, along with technology director Al Shipp, selected the program in the spring of 2010. The LearnKey curriculum and training effort was coordinated by NETCAT Director Mary Park. The decision was made to purchase the multi-media curriculum and teachers committed to offering certification opportunities to students in technology courses.



Angel Lunsford, Logan Talley, McKenna Sims, Anamika Chourasia, Payton Ferguson and Lisa Khauu passed Microsoft Office Specialist certification exams this spring.

iPad opens world at the desktop



Sixth-graders use iPads to conduct research right at their desks in Sherry Rector's classroom. As an extension of the novel "Singularity," the students are learning about black holes. Each student will use their research to write a paper. The iPads were purchased using grant funds from the Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation.

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Staff recognition tops off year

Teachers of the year, Star award winners and service awards were presented to staff June 7 during the final workday.

Board members Ted Oats, Russell Armstrong and Bob McLeroy cooked hot dogs on the grill for the staff.

Four retirees — Susan Patton, Patty Tarrant, Gracie Weston and William Pemberton were thanked for their years of service with a gift.

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Five-year veterans include (top row) Karen Hubbert and Bobbi McCrummen. Middle row Mike Bessonett, Elisha Hackler, Diane Stegall and William Pember and front row Misty Belcher and Jennifer Speulda.

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10 years (top) Joe Reynolds, Ron Dizer, Dewey Taylor, Karri Anderson, Alice Dizer, Sarah McCarthy, Mahra Sanders and Stephanie Moreland

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Monte Ashcraft Wanda Beane



Tina Bronson Kelly Cotton



30

30 years
Debbie Dunham

25



25-year employees Marilyn Henson, Trish King, Patty Tarrant and Shirley Williams

20



20 years Jeff Davidson and Kim Lewis

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40 years
Myra Beadles