

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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Winter Arts Festival becomes an annual event



The second grade choir was directed by Angela Neal



Children singing, performing plays and playing wonderful Christmas caroles... it's all part of the Winter Arts Festival. Established last year as a venue to celebrate the season and highlight student talent, the Festival is becoming an annual holiday tradition.

Student choirs led by Angela Neal and TAMU-Commerce students sang favorites and introduced new

songs to the near capacity audience at the Commerce High School cafetorium.

The CMS and CHS bands also performed traditional holiday music.

The CHS theatre arts department performed "Four Letters from Algernon", a play directed by student Tony Feduccia.

Student art from ACW, CMS and CHS filled the library and visitors could view original art gallery style.



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WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL

CMS Band



The CMS band was led by Elizabeth Bialecki, who is new to the district this year.

The CMS choir was newly formed this school year and was directed by senior level music education students from Texas A&M University-Commerce.

5th Grade Choir



Angela Neal also directed the fifth-grade choir.

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Art was displayed in the CHS library for visitors to see the emerging talents of CISD students.

CHS Band



The CHS band played holiday favorites at the Winter Arts Festival



CHS Theatre



The student-directed play 'Four Letters from Algernon' featured CHS advanced theatre arts students.

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Fourth graders made their annual trip to visit the State Capitol in Austin November 18. Chartered buses left the ACW campus at 6:30 a.m. filled with 118 students and 20 chaperones. The trip ties into their study of Texas history and is funded by the Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation.

Holiday Storytime



Eighth-grade students visited preK students to read favorite holiday classics. Students heard “The Polar Express,” “Twas the Night Before Christmas,” and “How the Grinch Stole Christmas.” The project gave the eighth graders practice with their fluency and the younger children enjoyed seeing and hearing the stories from their older counterparts.

CHS National Honor Society



Students in the CHS National Honor Society were busy with service projects this month.

Ringing the bell for the Salvation Army and helping children pick out clothes during an early-morning shopping spree for Clothe-A-Child helped these students earn service hours.

