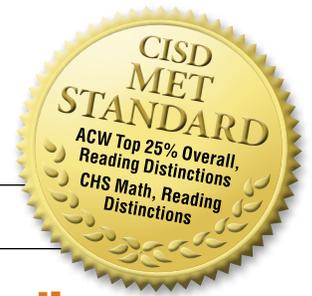


CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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District-wide strategic planning begins

Embarking on what could be a three-year endeavor, CISD administrators have begun devising a strategic plan for the district — a plan that ensures all students become future-ready, able to work and function as productive citizens.

Administrators, board members and other professional CISD staff have met several times with Region 18 ESC Associate Executive Director Cynthia Bayuk-Bishop to begin the process of determining the district's core beliefs. Vision and mission statements will follow.

"I want this to be about what's good for our community and our schools. It's not about a plan based on what administrators or I think," Superintendent Blake Cooper said.

After administrators settle on a framework of core beliefs, an "all-call meeting" will be held where communities members can express thoughts on our schools and suggest constructive ideas for improvement.

The mission of CISD should be able to withstand the changes in administration and be consistent with the desires of our parents and community, Cooper added.

Kindergarten 'Dines with Dad'

CES welcomed kindergarten dads to lunch as the students studied the letter "D".



ACW wins 23 individual awards at UIL

Eighteen A.C. Williams Elementary School students brought 23 individual awards home from the UIL academic competition held last semester at Alba Golden ISD. Schools participating were Winnsboro, Quitman, Como-Pickton, Grand Saline, Alba Golden and Commerce.

Winners in the third grade were Wenyen Ni, first music memory; Ben Angel, second in music memory and ready writing; Raegan Clark, third storytelling; and Laci Peasley, second storytelling.

Fourth-graders placing were Mikaela Baesden, third art smart; Emma Dobbs, second art smart, fourth number sense and first spelling; Meghan Green, third music memory and fourth oral reading; Michael McWhorter, first music memory; and Trinity Campbell, fourth spelling.

In the fifth grade, winners were Wade Nicholson, fifth maps, charts and graphs; Ryan Huynh, fourth maps, charts and graphs; Rossy Ramirez, sixth music memory; London Duke, fourth music memory; Abigail Weimar, third music memory and fourth social studies; Deijha Brown, sixth oral reading; Alyssa Haddock, second social studies; Meagan Jones, first social studies; and Nick Barter, fourth spelling.



Third-grade UIL participants



Fourth-grade UIL participants

Fifth-grade UIL participants

CES competes and wins at UIL



Commerce Elementary School competed in two UIL competitions before the holidays. Competing in storytelling were (left to right) McClaine Clark, Sally Walker, Brooklyn Pannell and Elizabeth Patterson. McClaine won first place in the event. The team was coached by Nancy Hill, second-grade teacher.



Students competing in ready writing were Jack Cramer, Lauren Westhafer, Raley Draughn and McClaine Clark. Lauren placed second in the event. Second-grade teacher Misti Gardner coached the students.

CMS UIL score tops in district

Commerce Middle School topped all other competing schools at the UIL academic competition held last semester at Grand Saline Middle School. The closest competing school was Edgewood with 773.6 points to Commerce's 1,128.5. Other competitors included Grand Saline with 652.5 points and Lone Oak with 652.3 points.

CMS had 23 individual first place winners and 21 first place winning teams.

Sixth grade UIL participants

Music memory: first place Daniel Angel, fifth Maria House and sixth Bailey Guinessey. Only sixth-graders compete in music memory at middle school. CMS had the first-place team in music memory.

Science: CMS had the first-place team of seventh-graders with first-place winner Grace Tolly and third place winner Connor Green. Eighth-graders also had the first place team in science with third-place winner Vineet Nippani, fourth place Marcus Rogers and sixth place Dylan Liston.

Oral Reading: In the sixth grade, Savannah Shaw placed third and Sejal Bhasin came in fifth. Seventh-graders Justyce Wallen came in second and Sarah Martin came in sixth. Eighth-grader Cody Wallace came in fourth.

Impromptu Speaking: Sixth-graders took first, fourth and fifth with Sejal Bhasin, Marley Garcia and Maria Diaz, respectively. Seven-graders nabbed first, second and fifth with Sarah Martin, Grace Tolly and Mayan Wymore. Eighth-grader Skylar Shelton took third place.

Modern Oratory: Sixth-grader Marelly Garcia took fifth place. Seventh-graders Sarah Martin and Hallie Smith took second and fifth

places, respectively. Kaylee Busy and Houston Elliott took second and fifth places, respectively, for the eighth.

Number Sense: Maggie Robinson took first place for the sixth-grade team. The sixth-grade team placed first. Three students placed in the eighth grade—second place, Joseph Jang; third place, Lily Selvaggi; and sixth place Elizabeth Singleton. Eighth grade brought home the first-place team honors.

Social Studies: Rockney Reid led the sixth-grade team with his first-place finish. Marley Garcia secured the first-place team spot with her third-place finish. For the seventh grade, Morgan Guinessey took third place and won the second-place team. Eighth-graders Marcus Rogers and Alan Galacia finished third and fourth respectively, capturing the second-place team spot.

Chess Puzzle: Sixth-graders won first with Brandon Fox and sixth with Abdul Baflah, plus the second-place team honors. Seventh-graders brought home first and second places with Joshua Bell and Jakob Scarcelli and the first-place team honor. Victoria Reiber finished fifth for the CMS eighth-grade team and won the third-place team competition.



CMS UIL score tops in district

Math: Sixth grade won first place in team with Maggie Robinson bringing home first and Genesis Campbell placing fifth. Seventh-graders also won first-place team with Jakob Scarcelli placing first and Sarah Anthraper placing third. Eighth-grader Elizabeth Singleton won first place and the team placed second.

Calculator: Sixth-graders won first, second and fourth places with Justin Castleberry, Daisy Mojica and Rishi Nipanni. Seventh-grader Rylie Bowes won first and Deanna Guerra won fourth place. Eighth-graders had first, third and fourth place finishes with Lily Selvaggi, Raquel Medrano and Elizabeth Singleton. All three grade levels had first-place winning teams.

Maps, graphs and charts: CMS had first-place team winners for all three grades. In the sixth grade, students swept the competition with first- through fourth-place winners including Daniel Angel, Maggie Robinson, Maria House and Justin Castleberry, respectively. Seventh-graders finished with first place,

Sarah Anthraper; second place Caitlyn Rodgers and fifth place Summer Hansen. Eighth-graders placed first with Vineet Nipanni, third with Marcus Rodgers and fifth with Merilia Villinueva.

Art: Sixth- and seventh-graders won first-place team awards. Eighth-grade team won second place. Sixth-grader Bailey Guinessey won first place and Marley Garcia placed third. Genesis Campbell placed sixth. Morgan Guinessey placed first for the seventh grade and Sarah Anthraper placed second. In the eighth grade, Joseph Hang placed second and Raquel Medrano placed sixth.

Dictionary: Breanna Mulcahy placed fifth for the sixth grade. Seventh-grade team won first place with Josh Bell placing first, Caitlyn Rodgers placing third and Nicole Sturch placing sixth. In the eighth grade, Kenzi Farquhar placed fourth. The eighth-grade team won third.

Listening: Sixth -and seventh-grade teams placed first. Maria House won first place and Maria

Diaz won third place for the sixth grade. For the seventh grade, Summer Hanson placed first, Grace Tolly second and third place was captured by Caitlyn Rodgers.

Ready Writing: In the seventh-grade competition, Connor Green won third. Libby Blount placed fourth and Nicole Sturch placed fifth. In the eighth grade, Jade Roberson placed second and Raquel Medrano placed fifth.

Editorial Writing: In the seventh grade, Connor Green placed first and Grace Tolly placed third. In the eighth grade, Lily Selvaggi placed fourth and Jade Roberson placed sixth.

Spelling: Sixth- and seventh-grade teams came in first. In the sixth grade, Rishi Nipanni came in first and Maggie Robinson placed second. Seventh-graders Sarah Anthraper and Ashley Kirby placed third and sixth, respectively. In the eighth grade, Geri Adair placed fifth and Alan Galacia placed sixth. The eighth-grade team placed third.

Seventh and eighth grade UIL participants

