

# CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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## CSEE Foundation funding enhances learning

Projects funded by this year's Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation grants carry on annual traditions and also provide new learning opportunities for students outside of the normal school budget.

The Foundation funded ten grants totalling over \$36,400 this school year.



*Second graders were face-to-face with creatures they studied in class at the Dallas World Museum.*



*CMS Camp Write On's mission was to strengthen students' confidence as young authors, according to teacher Rebekah Russler. The week-long writing camp culminated in Campfire Day where students shared their writing with their peers around a simulated campfire.*



*Students in upper level science classes gained experience in using new technology such as TI-Nspire CX calculators with a grant submitted by teachers Jason Thompson and Bill Knutson.*



*Fourth graders made their annual trip to Austin compliments of the CSEE Foundation.*

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## 2012 Teachers of the Year



**Glenda Henderson** · Commerce High School



**Beverly Galyean** · A.C. Williams Elementary



**Clayton Minor** · Commerce Middle School



**Heather Kilgore** · Commerce Elementary

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## *Tiny circles round and round*



The Tooth Fairy is a VIP to children at CES and they were eager to listen to her tips on good nutrition and dental hygiene during an assembly.



**Exemplary  
Expectations**

## **Tiger Band continues streak**

### **Sweepstakes winners for second year in a row**

The CHS Tiger Band won the trifecta of this year's competitions as they wrapped up marching, concert and finally, sight reading. In the last UIL event, the entire band must sight read music and perform a musical piece without rehearsal.



*Senior band members proudly display their UIL Sweepstakes trophy at CHS.*

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## *Welcome to CISD, CLI* *Community leaders make annual visit*

Commerce Leadership Institute class members visited the District during Texas Public Schools Week. The group visited the Central Administration Building where they heard a presentation about the district from class member and Director of Curriculum Julia Robinson and CSEE Foundation Director Janet Peek. Ms. Peek explained the work of the foundation to provide resources for students outside the school budget.



Recent Foundation-funded events included the fourth grade trip to Austin to visit the Capitol and the second grade visit to the Dallas World Aquarium.

At A. C. Williams Elementary School, Principal Wes Underwood gave the class a tour of the building highlighting artwork and science experiments exhibited for open house. Commerce Community Plaza organizer Linda Grubert and Coordinator Maria Garza presented information about the Plaza which provides Hispanic families educational services that are sanctioned by the Mexican Consulate.



Next stop was Commerce High School and a tour led by Principal Virdie Montgomery. He explained the Rachel's Challenge program at his school and the impact it has had on creating a climate of compassion and kindness at his campus for the last four years. Class members were treated to a school lunch to wind up their visit.

