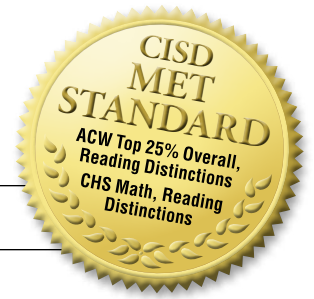


CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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Black History Month celebrates 'If not me, then WHO?'

CHS celebrated Black History Month during an assembly featuring several successful Black Americans. Arranged by Principal David Welch with Senior Ahnaliiese Bell as emcee, the program was designed to inspire all students to do great things.

Keynote speaker was Shirley Ison-Newsome, a former Dallas ISD administrator. Lisa Welch, wife of Principal Welch led the audience in singing, "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Musician Al Harper, who has been blind since birth, played several selections on the piano. David Carter, a former student of Welch's, explained how he worked to become a successful radio producer in Dallas.



CHS Principal David Welch, who began his career as a band director, led the CHS band during the Black History Celebration at CHS.



Author urges students to write about what interests them

Children's author Bill Farris spoke to students at A. C. Williams Elementary School and Commerce Elementary School about how to write, illustrate and publish their own books. Farris, a former educator, used examples to

explain how students can pick a subject to create a book about something that interests them. Kindergarten student Malachi Braziel wears scary glasses to pretend he is the frightened football player in Farris' book.



Board President Willie Blow, Board Member Etta Herring, Shirley Ison-Newsome, David Carter, Al Harper, David Welch and Commerce Mayor John Ballotti were dignitaries at the CHS Black History Celebration



Experimenting at the Northeast Texas Children's Museum

Fifth graders visited the Northeast Texas Children's Museum where volunteer teachers led students through various WEIRD science projects.



Save the date...April 12

Tickets are on sale for the annual Boots & BBQ Celebration and Fundraiser which will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 12 at CHS. Sponsored by the Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation, the event raised over \$15,000 for CISD schools last year. The Foundation has given CISD over \$300,000 to fund teacher-proposed projects and field trips. A \$200 donor will receive the designation of Foundation Champion and get two tickets to the event. Individual tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased at the Central Administration Building at 3315 Washington St. or call 903 886-3755.



Egyptian studies wrap up

Social studies teacher Shelbie Embro has kept the spirit alive at CMS where former teacher Janet John's study of Egypt is legendary. Students could rotate through several different activities from writing their names in hieroglyphics to independent reading about King Tut, the Pyramids and Queen Hatsheput. Students visited their Egyptian-themed classroom constructed in the building behind CMS. As a culmination to their study, students evaluated their peer's work and learned about the mummification process. A mummy wrap game and snacks favored by ancient Egyptians were highlights of a party on the last day of instruction



CLI members saw the work of CHS welders in the Ag Shop. The students have converted a riding mower into a miniature firetruck for a special order.

CLI makes their annual stop at campuses

The Commerce Leadership Institute always includes CISD campuses in its annual tour of institutions in Commerce and Hunt County. With lots to see at each campus, the class members filled up their morning schedule quickly.



▲ *The seventh-grade Writing Camp is in full swing and CLI members visited Rebekah's Jacobson's classroom where students were discussing their projects.*

◀ *It's always a treat to see the artists and artwork at A.C. Williams Elementary.*