

# CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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## CES Rock n Rolls during 50s day

Only one day is more anticipated than 100s day at CES and that's 50s day. Students and staff donned bobby socks, t-shirts and poodle skirts to celebrate the 50th day of school. In physical education classes, students did the twist, the hand-jive and reminded teachers that "Rock n Roll is here to stay!"



**Exemplary  
Expectations**

## CHS recognized for college readiness



Commerces High School has been presented the 2011 College Readiness Award by the Texas ACT Council. The award is in recognition of CHS having a significant increase in its ACT Composite score over the past five years while, at the same time, increasing or maintaining the number of students taking the ACT assessment.

"These results show that

our school is providing the kind of education that makes a positive difference for all students in preparing them for college and the workforce," CHS Principal Virdie Montgomery said.

He added that work will continue to increase opportunities for students to become prepared for college and the world of work.

Commerces and Lone Oak ISD were the only Hunt County schools to receive the distinction.

## WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL

*5:30 p.m. • Thursday, December 8*

*Commerces High School*

*Come celebrate the arts and the season  
with choral, theatre and band performances  
along with art exhibitions.*

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## ACW, TAMU-C collaborate on Math Day

Students from the math and science teacher preparation program at Texas A&M University-Commerce led hands-on math experiences for ACW students. The college students worked with four master ACW teachers to plan activities that would engage the young students in meaningful activities throughout the day.

Last year's first Math Day was such a success, Principal Wes Underwood and TAMU-C Assistant Professor Mark Reid started preparations early in the summer.

"It was a wonderful experience to see excited, young people learning and future teachers growing," Dr. Reid said.



## Deuell, Flynn honored

Commerce ISD and TAMU-Commerce recognized state legislators Senator Bob Deuell and Representative Dan Flynn at a recent reception at the university attended by northeast Texas area superintendents and higher education officials. Before the reception, Senator Deuell visited ACW to see the CISD's newest learning environment.



*Shown above left to right are TAMU-C President Dr. Dan Jones, Dr. Bob Deuell, Representative Dan Flynn, CISD Superintendent Blake Cooper and Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp.*

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## *CHS presents 'Alice in Wonderland'*

CHS presented "Alice in Wonderland" as its annual dinner theatre production in mid November.

Cast members were selected by auditions and costumes and props were designed and produced by the Advanced Theatre classes, led by CHS teacher Karri Anderson.

The dinner was provided by the family and consumer science classes under the direction of Kirsty Briscoe.



**THE CHS HEALTH SCIENCE CLASS** traveled to CES to teach kindergarten students the importance of hand washing. The students have been covering a unit on the spread of germs and how to properly wash their hands.

The final project was to create an activity to teach children that washing hands is important and fun! The class created songs, made videos and used glitter to show how germs are spread from one person to another.



**THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED CMS CHOIR** performed at the October Rotary Club meeting held at the Church of Christ. The all-girl choir practices daily and are led by volunteers who are music education students at Texas A&M University-Commerce. As the choir expands, boys will be invited to participate.

## *Lady Tigers defeated in first round*

With a 27-8 record, the CHS Lady Tiger volleyball team finished as district runner up losing to Celina. The team was 6-2 in district competition.



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## CSEE Foundation awards over \$36,000 in grants

Projects receiving funding this fall by the Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation include:

- Advanced Instruction for AP Statistics and Chemistry— Bill Knutson and Jason Thompson, CHS math and science teachers
- The Art of Darkness...and Light— Karri Anderson, CHS theatre teacher
- Recording Robotics History— Rebekah Russler and Andrew Simpson, CMS English and math teachers
- Camp Write On 2011— Rebekah Russler, CMS English teacher
- Go, Go, van Gogh— Lonnie Plunkett, ACW art teacher
- Texas: Now and Then— Tina Bronson with fourth-grade teachers
- Trip to Museum of Science— Sondra Feduccia and third-grade teachers
- Symphony Video Conference— Angela Neal, elementary music teacher
- iLearn with iPads— Heather Kilgore and Cari Sturch, CES teachers
- Trip to Dallas World Aquarium— Rhonda Overman and second-grade teachers



Teachers received word of grant funding Publisher's-Clearinghouse style as Foundation board members visited classrooms to make the announcements.