

# CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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## Six named to Hall of Honor

The highest honor bestowed by Commerce ISD was awarded to six former staff members and CHS students October 7 during Hall of Honor induction ceremonies.

Alvis Alderman, Ann Champion, Bill Fuhrmeister, Dr. Mary Hendrix, Loretta Kibler and Janet Peek were chosen as the second class of inductees by an anonymous selection committee.

District Board members, administrators, family and friends gathered to honor these individuals who positively influenced the lives of many students as staff members. Others were honored as students who have led distinguished careers and have impacted the district through their accomplishments and gifts.

Honorees attended the CHS pep rally in the afternoon, and were honorary captains at the homecoming football game at Memorial Stadium in the evening.



*Bill Fuhrmeister is presented a plaque and stadium blanket from Superintendent Blake Cooper.*



*Honoree Janet Peek addresses the audience at the Hall of Honor induction ceremony.*



*Alvis Alderman*



*Ann Champion*



*Dr. Mary Hendrix*



*Loretta Kibler*



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## Backpacks head home filled with food

With over 75 percent of its students classified as economically disadvantaged, Commerce Elementary School staff reasoned that families could use a helping hand feeding their children over the weekend. The backpack program was born with volunteers securing food from the North Texas Food Bank in Dallas and packing the bags each Friday.

These students are shown preparing bags for other students to take home.

## Participation grows in robotics



From a box full of pieces, CMS and CHS students built functioning robots and competed in a day-long robotics competition held at Texas A&M University-Commerce October 8. CMS sponsors Andrew Simpson and Rebekah Russler said they had a great day with excellent spirit from the group and many positive comments about their display table.

With donations from James Easterling of L-3 Communications and Jon Bender, the team will purchase equipment to enable students to practice throughout the year.



## Reading Is Fundamental

Every child at CES chooses a new book through the RIF (Reading is Fundamental) grant. When money from the grant runs out, the PTO and the school makes up the difference so that students get new books four times a year.

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## **CES students learn to be safe in a fun way**

Commerce firefighters shared an important message in a fun way with CES students in early October. Students learned about fire safety as the firefighters, including Board member Gabe Wittkopf (right) clowned around.

## *Homecoming honors three royals*



### **2011 Homecoming Royalty**

Raven Massey, Jurase Brown and Jalyn Holt

A tie count resulted in two queens being honored for 2011 Homecoming on October 7. Raven Massey and Jalyn Holt jointly held the honor while Jurase Brown was named king.

The Tigers finished the night with a 43-20 victory over Bonham, its first district opponent.

## **ACW Pride Rally brings out the Lions**

A. C. Williams Elementary students celebrated the end of the first six weeks with their traditional PRIDE Rally. Texas A&M University-Commerce Lions basketball players competed against the ACW teachers in a fun game and then signed autographs for the students.

