

April 2011

## Board recognizes athletes, artists and benefactors

April begins a busy session of honoring students for their academic and athletic accomplishments and also recognizing community volunteers and donors.
Dr. Rick Selvaggi was honored by A. C. Williams Elementary for his work to beautify the campus through his gifts of trees and his work with students to plant and maintain them.


Third-grade teacher and Junior Master Gardener sponsor Sondra Feduccia, ACW Principal Wes Underwood, Dr. Rick Selvaggi and students Lily Selvaggi and Shamra Ivery


CHS Lady Tiger Basketball Team played in the Regional
Quarter finals (top row, left to right) Taite McBee, Amanda Hill, Kaci Harrison, Morgan Doolin and Coach Le'Mone Ards. Front row: Devin Rodgers, Kiearra Thompson, Kaitlyn Mulkey, Chelsea Love, April Hines and Rebekah Cooper.



## CHS Band wins Sweepstakes

Band Director Monte Ashcraft, Tina Moyer, Andrew Kohn, Jason Anthraper and Daniel Starks represented the Band to receive recognition for superior performance in marching, concert and sight reading.

## Upcoming events

May 3 CHS theatre banquet
May 4 CHS Top 5\% Scholar luncheon

May 9 Senior/Parent banquet
May 12 Athletic banquet
May 13 Band banquet
May 17 Honors Night and Top 10 Graduates dinner

May 20 FFA banquet
May 21 Prom
May 25 Flexible schedule for secondary students begins
May 26 Kindergarten circus
May 27 Graduation
June 6 Last day of school

## Board renews food service contract

Board members voted unanimously to renew the district's contract with Chartwells for food service management for the 2011-2012 school year.

Director of Finance John Walker explained during its first year of operation Chartwells was received well by students and efforts to increase participation, especially in breakfast, will be increased next year.

He also told the Board that the National School Lunch Program is calling for a price increase and he would propose that lunch prices be increased five cents for next year. A formal recommendation on any price increase will come at a later date.

## Health advisory council gives annual report

 School Health Advisory Council co-chair Jonathan Cadwell explained the council's actions this year including sponsorship of a cyberbulling presentation and a recycling drive in conjunction with IESI of Greenville. The report included information about the school meal program through Chartwells which exceeds USDA nutritional standards and the Fitnessgram project which measures fitness levels of all third through 12th graders. An upcoming project the council is considering is the Aim for Success program for CHS and CMS which is an abstinence and sexual education program.
## Superintendent's Report...

Superintendent Cooper reported the district was up another six students from March. Total enrollment is 1596. Last year's count at this time was 1602.

The Boots N BBQ fundraiser was held by the CSEE Foundation April 16. The Foundation Board reported that attendance was up as were pledges, with over $\$ 16,000$ expected to result from the fundraiser.

Cooper explained several bills in the legislature of interest to public education. Using the Rainy Day Fund has been approved to fill the deficit for the current year. The Doggett Amendment should send \$830 million to Texas for public school use. Formulas for dispersing funds have not been finalized, but Commerce could see a $\$ 200,000$ gain from it.

Cooper shared his appreciation for Senator Bob Duell who has supported public schools. Also, Representative Dan Flynn has filed a bill to delay state testing to ease budget woes.

He noted Senate Bill 504 which proposes a 20 percent savings for public schools in utility costs. Senate Bill 1214 allows private schools into UIL, which is not favored by most public school administrators.

He encouraged staff to be involved in the political process, especially any bills which close inequitable funding gaps among schools.

Board President Willie Blow asked for reports on instances of bullying and also said budget study workshops would begin again to finalize the 2011-12 budget.

