

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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100s all around as CES celebrates 100th day

The 100th day of school is a big deal at Commerce Elementary School. Students decorated t-shirts and posters with 100 items. They counted by five and tens to 100 and celebrated with a 100-ft Rice Krispie treat.



Freshmen places in state band

Percussionist Lucas Condor made seventh chair in the UIL 3A All-State Band held in San Antonio.

Congratulations, Lucas. Your hard work paid off!

Students bring home blue ribbons from Ag Mechanics shows

Ag Mechanics teacher Courtney Goodwin and her team of welders and craftspeople brought home six blue ribbons from the San Angelo show and four blue ribbons and two red from the Fort Worth show.

Other blue ribbon winners in both shows include Lane Hill, Paxton Roden, Holten Pemberton, Benton White and Reabeccah Tarrant.



Cousins Jackson and Kayla Gossett brought home blue ribbons for their smoker from the San Angelo and Fort Worth Ag Mechanics shows.

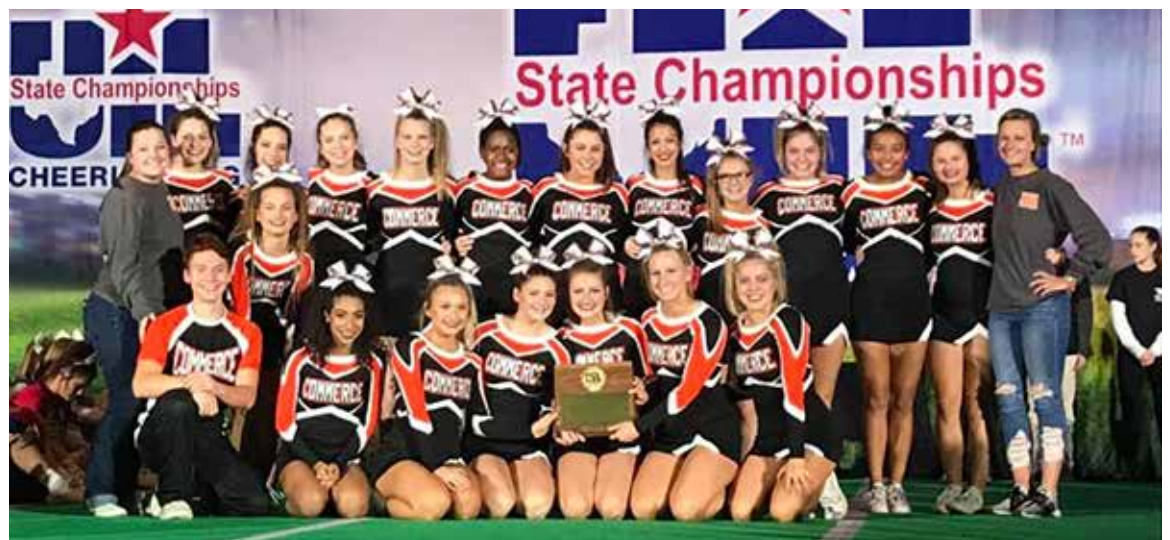


▲ *Miguel Zavala and Wesley Chavez won second in class at the Fort Worth Age Mechanics Show and first in class at the San Angelo Ag Mechanics Show for their stock trailer.*



◀ *Ben Fox won blue ribbons at San Angelo and Fort Worth Ag Mechanics shows.*

The Tiger Cheer team won second place in the 3A State UIL Championships. The team placed first in crowdleading and band chant.



Career Day exposes students to career pathways

Over 550 students from 11 school districts attended the Northeast Texas Career and Technical Education Consortium (NETCAT) 8th-Grade Career Day held at Texas A&M University-Commerce on February 1.

Students rotated through sessions featuring various careers and jobs such as law enforcement, agriculture, fire and EMS, health care, military, counseling, teaching and A/V, IT training. Dr. Andrea Ellis, NETCAT director, invited area businesses and government entities to participate.



CMS powerlifters stand up to tough opponents

Coach John McSheffery said 18 CMS athletes competed against Sulphur Springs and Greenville in the latest powerlifting meet. The athletes competed in squat, bench and deadlift, some making huge gains with weight lifted.

First place winners included Reginald Gilbert, Orrin Cameron, Jonathan Marquez and Kadden Wilson.



Not to be undone...CMS girls 'Make the Knot Too'

After last fall's successful "Make the Knot" where CMS boys met with male community members to learn how to tie a business tie, CMS girls had an opportunity to meet area women to practice their scarf tying skills.

The event fosters relationship building among women and teens and CMS principal Dr. Shenequa Miller plans additional activities to strengthen community relationships.



▲ CISD Board President Kathleen Hooten participated in the 'Make the Knot Too' project with CMS girls.

◀ CMS teacher Amanda White demonstrated many ways a young lady could tie a scarf for a professional look.



CES Students of the Month

CES Students of the Month were (pictured left to right, back row) Second grade Tadeo Huerta and Alicia Hernandez; First grade Payton Kenedy and Hallie Howell. Front row: Kindergarten Tate Jones and Hagen Ragsdale and Pre-K Evan Brockway and Naomi Alvarez.



Five students participated in the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest and all five received ones, the highest rankings, for their choral performance. Shown are Choir Director Oshadhee Satarasinghe, Gordon Owens, Meagan Jones, Jayde Tittle, Leonela Pinargote and Trinity McElrath.



CHS Robotics team wraps up the year

After competing in five competition events, which included 46 matches and seven elimination rounds, Coach Earvin Larry's Robotics team is pleased with the success of the year. The team's final record was 23 wins, 21 losses and two ties.

The team members showed their skills during an exhibition at Senior Night for the last home basketball game.



ACE Dino Live brings in families



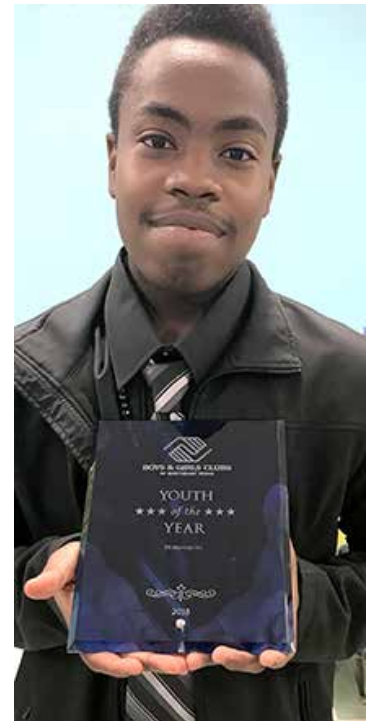
ACE/BGC Family Engagement sponsored a free family activity called Dinosaurs Live at the CISD Administration Building in mid-January. Over 200 parents and students attended the interactive event.

Finney wins area event

Freshman Quenton Finney will represent the area at the state Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year competition.

According to ACE/BGC Site Coordinator Bryan McInnis, Finney "nailed his interview and delivered a powerful speech against a standout opponent."

Finney will compete in Austin against other area winners in the state during spring break. While in Austin, he will tour the University of Texas campus, visit the Texas Legislature and participate in other enrichment events.



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ACW selects Pawsitive role models

Each week ACW students select others who are being positive role models. ACW Principal Lisa Palazzetti says it's one of the highlights of her week.



Dr. LaVelle Hendricks presents drug abuse awareness assemblies at all CISD campuses each year. Here, he tells ACW students "Don't Date a Bad Drug."

Save the Date...

BOOTS & BBQ APRIL 6

Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation board members gathered to plan and prepare for the annual celebration and fundraiser on April 6.

Buy tickets soon at the CISD Administration Building to support Foundation grants to teachers.

