

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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CES Head Start presents parenting class

Learn how to stop arguing, set enforceable limits and help children learn and grow from their mistakes in the Love and Logic parenting education class conducted by Alison Walker, Head Start Family Services coordinator.

The course is designed to reduce conflict and strengthen parent-child relationships. The three-session class will begin at 5:30 p.m. for 1½ hours each night. Childcare will be available upon request.

Class dates are February 17, 24 and March 2.

Email Mrs. Walker at alison.walker@commerceisd.org or call her at 903 366-0642.



Welcome to 2016!

Teachers and students returned January 4 ready to start the new year and looking forward to a new semester beginning January 25.

Everyone got right to work and most are enjoying a calm start to a new year. Things are guaranteed to pick up as new sports begin their seasons and springtime events fill calendars.

Even though we are in the middle of the 2015-2016 school year, here in the Central Office we are already planning for the next school year. Soon a new calendar proposal will be shared that has school ending before Memorial Day in 2017. This is possible due to a legislative change allowing districts to count instructional minutes rather than days. We must ensure that students attend 76,500 minutes instead of 177 days. This gives more flexibility to adjust calendars based on local needs.

We will ask parents, staff and community members to weigh in on our calendar proposal. Watch for an email soon asking for your comments. We always strive to balance instructional needs with what's best for families.



CHS cheerleaders made the finals in the first UIL Texas State Spirit Championship on January 13. Out of 60 participating teams, only 20 made the finals. Each school showcased its best sideline and crowd-leading material in Fight Song, Time out Band Dance, and Time out Cheer categories. The team placed fourth in the Crowd Leading Cheer event and participated in the state finals held later in the evening.

Sponsors are Sawyer Colvin and Katie Ritchie.



Placing at District...

Seven CHS students participated in the District IV FFA Banquet at Mabank High School January 11. Commerce FFA was awarded third place in Radio Broadcasting and third place in Greenhand Quiz. Pictured left to right are Marcus Rogers, Ty Herman-Self, Tori Reiber, Taylor Belcher, Brenna Jackson, Allison Coker and Mason Howard.



Ready to strike...

CISD students begin music instruction at CES where teacher Eilene Weimar begins the process early. In fourth grade, (shown above) students tap out rhythms for major and minor notes using boomwhackers purchased by the Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation.

The foundation built at CES and ACW carries students to CMS and CHS where our award-winning bands benefit from their early instruction and experiences.



A win on the road...

The eighth-grade girls basketball "A" team brought home a first place trophy from the Boles Tournament held January 9. Coach Julie Brown was proud of the performance of her team.

