

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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PARTNERSHIP STRENGTHENED. A&M-Commerce President Dr. Mark Rudin (seated at left); Wyman Williams, Commerce Mayor and Commerce Boys & Girls Club President and CISD Superintendent Charlie Alderman signed an agreement to benefit the local Boys & Girls Club. Back row: City Council member Gene Lockhart, Boys & Girls Club supporter Larry Young, Council members Stephanie Mueller and Jean Klaus, CISD student Kylie Hanson, Council member Beckey Thompson and Boys & Girls Club board member Collette Young.

A&M-Commerce extends agreement with Boys & Girls Club

A&M-Commerce entered into an agreement with Commerce ISD and the Boys and Girls Club of Northeast Texas on September 10 wherein the university committed \$25,000 annually and Commerce ISD committed \$40,000 annually to support the local Boys and Girls Club.

University President Mark Rudin said, "A&M-Commerce is pleased to serve as a partner with the Northeast Texas Boys

and Girls Club and Commerce ISD on this initiative that serves such a critical role in the community."

Commerce Boys and Girls Club Board President Wyman Williams emphasized the vital role of the program.

"Boys and Girls Club offers a safe and affordable place for students to be after school to focus on their academic work and also take part in fun activities that build confidence and teach leadership," Williams said.

According to the agreement, the university's annual contribution will be used to employ qualified personnel

who will coordinate enrichment activities for the children, including collaborative activities with the university.

The agreement also provides opportunities for 20 work-study students from A&M-Commerce to mentor children at the Boys and Girls Club.

Additionally, the partnership opens research opportunities to graduate students and faculty from A&M-Commerce.

The collaboration is in keeping with the Commerce Together initiative, an ongoing effort among A&M-Commerce, Commerce ISD and the local community to work together on initiatives that benefit our community.





Carevide Health Clinic celebrates grand opening

Community leaders gathered for a ribbon cutting welcoming Carevide, the school-based health clinic, to CISD. The clinic offers immunizations, sports physicals and sick visits. Leadership Hunt County provided funds for a clothes washing and personal showering facility at the FACE Center, where

Carevide clinic is located. Shown with Commerce Chamber of Commerce members are Stan McKee, cutting ribbon, who is chairman of the Carevide board of directors, and Alicia Wittkopf, chief operations officer for Carevide.

Coordinators to focus on curriculum, data

New curriculum coordinators have been placed at CMS and ACW to work with teachers on curriculum delivery and to analyze data to identify gaps in instruction. Hannah Farrell was named District Coordinator of School Improvement/ Secondary Curriculum Coordinator and Sheila DeMidio has been hired as Elementary Curriculum Coordinator for ACW. Farrell was a social studies teacher at CHS, while DeMidio will return to CISD in October after two years teaching in Cumby.

Cari Sturch, who has been the elementary curriculum coordinator at CISD since 2013, has been assigned to CES.

Superintendent Charlie Alderman and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Patricia Tremmel are also working closely with principals and coordinators to assess needs and develop plans of action for academic improvement.

Hannah Farrell, formerly a teacher at CHS, has been reassigned as the District Coordinator of School Improvement, with an office at CMS.



CHS cross country meet draws over 1000 competitors

A total of 51 school districts with over 1000 runners participated in the annual CHS cross country meet held on August 24. Coach Colton Reynolds was impressed with his team's performance among the 1A to 6A schools.

On September 5, the team competed at the North Hopkins meet.



▲ CHS's Juan Arreguin was the first place finisher at the North Hopkins meet.

◀ Wesley Chavez finished second in the North Hopkins cross country meet.

Results were as follows:

Varsity boys — 1st place team

Juan Arreguin 1st
Wesley Chavez 2nd

Varsity girls — 4th place team

Camille Eborn 4th
Viviana Rebolledo 7th

JV Boys — 2nd place team

Jose Serrano 7th
James Rodriguez 9th
Isaac Hernandez 10th
Enrique Morales 11th

JV Girls — 3rd place team

Nancy Diaz 4th
Maria Diaz 7th

MS Boys — 2nd place team

Oliver Roberts 1st
Alonzo Rios 12th

MS Girls

Ashley Shipman 3rd



Winners from the North Hopkins cross country meet on September 5 are pictured.

CES Students of the Month

Commerce Elementary School students were chosen for Students Of The Month for September. Students were chosen for their hard work, dedication to learning, and their leadership.

Pictured in order from left to right:

Back Row First Grade: Tyson Thrash, Ka'Miya Dotson
Second Grade: Abraham Chastain, Nevaeh McFadden
Front Row: Pre-K: Axton Venable, India Collinsworth
Kindergarten: Jace Stein, Gwenivere Frank





New to Central Office

Barbara Peden has joined CISD as a payroll clerk, replacing Christi Condor who left to take a position at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Peden has worked in payroll and human resources at the Walmart Distribution Center in Terrell for the last 17 years.

She lives in Commerce and has a fourth grader at ACW and twins that attend CHS.

Welcome Barbara!



Grandparents Day at ACW

ACW welcomed grandparents to campus early this month to celebrate Grandparents' Day. Counselor Darcie Rochester planned the lunch-time event so student could honor their loved ones and share lunch.



Continuous learning hallmark of being a teacher

Whether it's because of new initiatives and strategies or a new computer program or phone app, our teachers are continuously learning to improve instruction or manage their classroom efficiently.

Over 20 teachers participated in the Digital Fluency Academy, led by a representative from the Region 10 Education Service Center.

Collaborating in their Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), teachers plan together and share ideas on how to teach a basic or complex concept.



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CMS athletes up and at 'em

Even before the sun rises, CMS athletes are doing drills and running sprints to prepare their bodies for maximum performance. CMS volleyball and football players hit the court and field at 6:45 a.m. and cross country runners begin practice at 7:30 a.m.



INDUCTION CEREMONY & LUNCHEON

*Friday
September 20, 2019
11:30 a.m.*

COMMERCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hall of Honor ceremonies and luncheon set for September 20

Ticket sales are drawing to a close for the 10th annual Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony and Luncheon to be held at 11:30 a.m., Friday, September 20 at the CISD Administration Building.

This year's honorees include Carolyn Burt, a 1995 CHS graduate and former staff member; Kristin Barker Hames, a 1996 graduate and Texas educator; Medley Wilson, a 1976 graduate and community leader; and Wade Wilson, a 1977 graduate and former professional athlete and coach.

Wade Wilson passed away earlier this year and his father, Charlie, will accept his award.

Inductees will be honored at the CHS pep rally and also will be honorary captains at the homecoming football game at Memorial Stadium prior to the game around 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the CISD Administration Building at 3315 Washington St. through Monday, September 13