

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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Anderson wins scholarship

CHS theater teacher Karri Anderson was the recipient of a Thomas H. Waggoner Professional Development scholarship this summer to participate in the 2020 Virtual Fine Arts Summit sponsored by the Center of Educator Development in Fine Arts.

Mrs. Anderson has been the theater teacher at CHS since 2003 and has directed many award-winning plays. She also serves as the CHS UIL Coordinator.

Thanks, Mrs. Anderson, for all you do to help our students excel.



CMS cross country teams nab high honors

The CMS Cross Country boys team won first place and the girls won second place at the Kaufman Invitational Meet. The boys team had five finishers in the top 10.

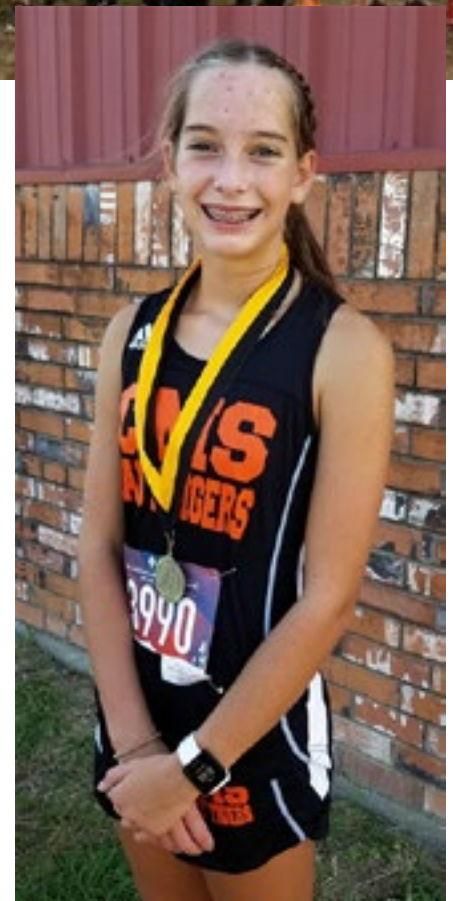
Chase Gossett placed second. Alonzo Rios was third. Cole Bruister came in fifth while Alexis Trejo was seventh. Jared Buchanan won the 10th spot.

Emily Shipmen placed first and Emma Gossett came in second.

The team has four more meets until the district meet on October 31.

The team is coached by Colton Reynolds.

Emily Shipman, first place finisher at Kaufman



Commit now to online for second 9 weeks

October 1 is the deadline to commit to online learning for the second nine-week grading period. Parents may choose to continue online or they can switch their children to at-home instruction.

To commit to online learning, go to <https://forms.gle/PHaqp4wmopLFH85VA>

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Three ACW teachers receive TRTA classroom grants



Margaret London, Fourth-grade teacher



Haylee Miller, Fourth-grade teacher



Kaitlin Lunceford, Fifth-grade teacher

The local chapter of the Texas Retired Teacher Association generously supports CISD teachers through its annual grant awards.

This year, three ACW teachers received classroom assistance grants.

Haylee Miller, a fourth-grade teacher, is purchasing science books and an aquarium to help students learn about animal habitats. Students will be able to raise caterpillars and witness their

transformation into butterflies.

Another fourth-grade teacher, Margaret London purchased multicultural literature to use in her reading and social studies classes.

Kaitlin Lunceford, a fifth-grade teacher, will lead students in producing and editing news and weather forecasts using the equipment she purchased with grant funds.

CES Students of the Month soar

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

Pictured in order from left to right:



Back Row: Pre-K — Josiah Hamilton
Kindergarten — Allen Cisneros
First Grade — Maddox Lytle
Second Grade — Michael Valerio

Front Row: Pre-K — Yessenia Trejo
Kindergarten — Addyson Medina
First Grade — Maya Mims
Second Grade — Amilya Spillman

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Tiger band opts for pop-ups during pandemic

Due to safety concerns imposed by COVID-19, the Roaring Tiger Band does not travel to out-of-town football games. Instead, the band has performed two outdoor pop-up concerts prior to the games on Friday evening.

The first pop-up was held at Brookshire's where informed parents and surprised community members enjoyed their performance. The second pop-up was outside Oak Manor Nursing Home.

Thank you Tiger Band and directors Kara Wallace, Sydney Cohen and Jason Wallace for always giving students opportunities to shine.

Pawsitive awards at ACW

ACW administrators reward students who exhibit "Pawsitive" behavior in their classrooms. Teachers send Pawsitive Office Referrals to the principal and assistant principal when students show respect and responsibility.



Jeanie Putman, ACW assistant principal



Dr. Lisa Palazzetti, ACW principal

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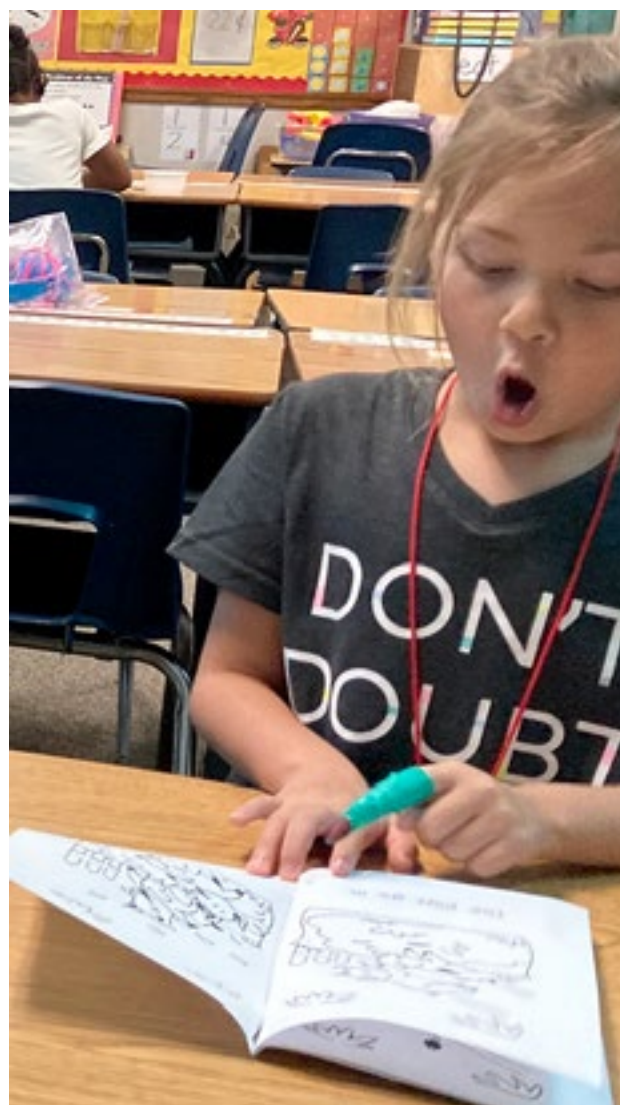
Lady Tigers sidelined, back on track

A two-week quarantine stalled the Lady Tigers volleyball team but with players returning Coach Shelley Jones said they are working hard to secure a playoff spot.

Their record is 4/4 and in district 1-2.



Planting the seed of kindness — Trying times bring out the best in people. Senior Alec Moseley proved the point when he saw a need at the local nursing home and assisted living center. When Alec's family friend moved into Oak Manor Nursing Home, Alec realized that his friend had no family to visit him and visitors were prohibited because of COVID-19. Alec started placing bird seed on the window sill, which drew birds for the resident to watch. After placing one bird feeder, Alec determined that other residents might like the experience of watching the birds as well. That realization led Alec to begin placing bird feeders outside all of the windows of the home. Alec has received donations to help with the cost of the bird seed and he plans to expand his project to other nursing homes in the area. Great job, Alec!



Engaging activities — Students in Dee Dee Harris's first-grade class practice reading daily in reading groups and literacy stations. Students rotate between reading with the teacher, practicing reading skills on iPads and completing a hands-on making words activity.