



PORT ARTHUR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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MARCH ON TO TAKS SUCCESS

A Partnership in Learning



Woodrow Wilson School of Technology and Engineering received a special gift from Air Products, Inc. on April 20th. The school received a \$5000 donation from the company to be used to purchase school supplies for the students. Air Products assists Wilson teachers weekly with extra tutorials and science demonstrations to assist with the foundational lessons already being taught to students in their classes.

The District, Board of Trustees, Superintendent, Wilson faculty, staff and students are so appreciative of the support of the community.



Wheatley Celebrates Week of the Young Child

Wheatley School of Early Childhood Programs celebrated the "Week of the Young Child" April 11-17th. They conducted activities such as: book door decorations, family literacy night, family fun day and the WOYC program.

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the world's largest early childhood education association.

The purpose of the week is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

Texas Vocabulary Comes to Life

To conclude their Texas unit, Sam Houston Elementary's kindergarten students paraded down the halls of the school dressed as a Texas vocabulary word. With the help of teachers and parents, the students were able to replicate creative costumes for the program. There were a variety of costumes representing Texas from the mockingbird to NASA.

The student body lined the hallways to cheer on the participants. This is the second year that the kindergarten classes have participated in this program.

MHS Takes on TAKS and Runs Away with the Gold



The Memorial High School Student Council recently held a word wall contest. All teachers on the campus were involved. The word walls focused on TAKS vocabulary and were created by students. Carkenda Griffin's 4th period class won the contest and received a pizza party as the prize.

We congratulate Ms. Griffin's students and encourage all students to continue to put their best TAKS foot forward.

MHS boys and girls track teams recently won 2nd place in the district track meet held at North Shore High School.

The girls won a total of 144 points, earning gold medals in tow of three relays and performing well in other events.

The boys racked up 83 points, coming in second to North Shore. Three of the boys teams finished in second place.

The student athletes that participated in this event will advance to the District 21-5A regional qualifiers meet in Humble May 3-4th.

We congratulate all of the students on a job well done and wish them much success in the future.

IMPORTANT DATES



May 3-7: Child Nutrition Week

*May 5: Child Nutrition Reception for staff of Child Nutrition Department (2-4 p.m.)

*May 11: Student Advisory Council Scholarship Awards program @ MHS (8:45 a.m.)

*May 13: PTA City Council Mtg @ Stilwell (10 a.m.)

*May 13: Teacher Retirement Reception @ Carl Parker (5 p.m.)

*May 20: MHS Academic Banquet @ Civic Center (6 p.m.)

*May 25: Academic Bowl @ MHS (Pre-k-5th @ 8-11 a.m.; 6-12th @ 11-2 p.m.)

*May 26: Motiva Academy @ Carl Parker Center (5 p.m.)

*May 27: Regular PAISD Board Mtg @ Stilwell (7 p.m.)

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Quote of the Month

"We've got to work to save our children and do it will full respect for the fact that if we do not, no one else is going to do it."

Dr. Dorothy I. Height

Tis the Reason for Hay Fever Season

Living in Southeast Texas can be a wonderful thing, unfortunately, for those who suffer from allergies and sinus, it can be a very painful thing.

According to everydayhealth.com, allergy shots are the only available treatment that change the way your immune system respond to allergens. But because shots are time-consuming and not without risks, patients and their doctors often choose not to use them for mild allergies. In addition, shots are not always effective, and there is controversy about their use in bronchial asthma.

The best way you can help shots and other allergy medicines do their job is to reduce your exposure to the things you're allergic to. Most people with allergies are allergic to more than one substance. If so, it's probably worth your while to consult a doctor and plan a strategy for identifying and avoiding triggers as well as treating symptoms.

The most common allergic reaction is rhinitis-seasonal (hay fever) or year-round. The four major categories of allergens that trigger allergic rhinitis attacks are: pollen, molds, dust mites and cockroaches and pet dander.

Below are some tips on avoiding these allergens:

1. Avoid pollen exposure: Stay indoors when pollen count is high, especially on dry, windy days; stay indoors between 5-10 a.m., when airborne pollen is likely to be at its highest each day; keep home windows closed at night and turn on the air conditioner; keep car windows closed when driving; vacation at the coast during high pollen season; don't cut your grass, have someone else do it; and don't hang clothing and bedding out to dry.

2. Avoid indoor mold allergens: Find and fix the source of the dampness favored by mold; remove rotten wood; clean mold-covered surfaces with bleach and water; remove mold-impregnated carpets and throw away any moldy items; use an air conditioner or dehumidifier during the humid summer months and keep household humidity below 50%.

3. Reduce dust mites/pet dander/cockroaches: Wash bedding, including pillows and down comforter, once a week in hot water; dry bedding in a hot-air dryer; avoid laying carpet directly on concrete; maintain humidity levels at 30-40%; give your pet a weekly bath to reduce the allergen count and get rid of your carpet. They are reservoirs for the allergen. Use small, washable area rugs and wash them regularly in hot water.

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Mentors Make a Difference at Edison



The mentoring team at Edison Middle School, along with the student mentees, recently participated in a field trip.

The trip allowed students to experience refinery operations and possible career opportunities first hand. The students toured the facility and were allowed to visit the machine shop, where they were able to view the refinery equipment that required repair and replacement. The tour was interactive; allowing students to ask questions with the refinery employees. The students were also allowed to visit with some of the technical personnel, such as engineers, lab technicians and the plant manager. The students were extremely excited about visiting the facility and are looking forward to visiting other job sites in the future.

Rocky Green, Alexander Collier, Germani Simpson, Christopher Jones, Geremiah Lofton and Khiry Walker attended the field trip along with mentors Joel Hawkins, Richard Ballou and Harold and Brandon Underwood

Lee Elementary Goes Green



Recycle, reduce and reuse. The third grade students at Lee Elementary are doing just that. As part of their earth science unit, the students were required to complete a recycling project. The students used items that normally would have been discarded or recycled at their homes to make a new item!

The project needed to be something useful, something to play with, or something for decoration. Newspapers, fabric, yarn, foil, cans, boxes, popsicle sticks and plastic bottles were some of the materials used for the project. Students were also asked to write a paper that described their project and how they were made. Projects included: a cookie monster game made out of an old cookie jar; a tornado maker made with plastic bottles; a ranch made out of popsicle sticks and a pen/pencil holder made out of Capri sun juice packs. Earth Science teacher, Mrs. Gongora, stated, "The kids did a great job. All the projects were creative and well thought out."

MHS Students Win Wiley Scholarship



Memorial High School students visited Wiley College in Marshall, Texas on April 17th. The students, along with students across the state, visited the college's open house. Two MHS students received \$1500 scholarships during a drawing. Donald Hayes and Dorian Parker were the lucky winners. In addition, the students that participated in the field trip displayed an exemplarily cooperative spirit, which was observed and complemented by others.

We are so proud of our students!

DeQueen Word of Mouf Wins Big



DeQueen Elementary School "Word of Mouf" winners include:

- Darius Palmer, 1st place
- Wayne Wong, 2nd place
- Shean Balka, 3rd place
- Anthony Lee, Honorable Mention

Congratulations students!

District Boasts UIL Winners

- *Featuring Writing/All Star Cast-(4th place)
- *Headline Writing-Hong Vo (3rd place)
- *Literary Criticism-Khanh Tran (6th place)
- *Poetry Interpretation-Cartecia Roberts (3rd place)
- *Science/Physics-Mario Grangel (2nd and 1st place)
- *Spelling & Vocabulary-Ruth Ackah (4th place)
- *Bus Safety Speech-Lan Le, Shedrick Flax and Corbin Winston (advancing to state)
- *District Meet-Lan Lee, Shanton Smith, Kyesha Hayes, Alexis Buchanan
- *Area Meet-Kyesha Hayes & Shedrick Flax
- *MHS won in the 21-5A One Act Play contest held at Memorial HS.