

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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The CHS Theatre Department's production of "The Elephant Man" advanced to Area UIL competition. The cast and crew received a total of a dozen medals, including Best Actor. The final performance of the play will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 18 at CHS. Admission is free; however, donations will be accepted.

Much to celebrate at CISD...

It's time to recognize and honor the hard work and talent of CISD students and teachers as the year comes to a close. From fine arts to academics and sports, students make our community proud.



▲ Senior Andrea Barrett placed 10th in her class at the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Competition.

► Seniors Dodge Brown and Sarah Anthraper received the Dexter award for their hard work and commitment to sports. The award is presented in honor of a former CHS coach who inspired his players. The award was initiated by the coach's former players.



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Music inspires top-notch performances at CMS, CHS



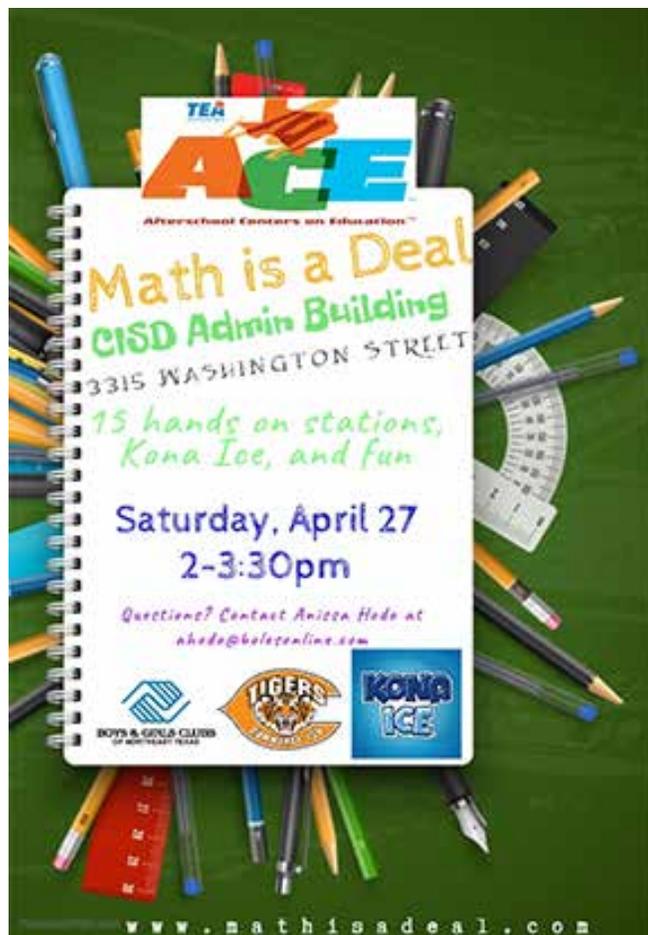
The CMS Choir received straight ones (superior ratings) at UIL for their singing and they made threes (good) for their sight singing. They are under the direction of Oshadhee Satarasinghe.



The CMS Honor Band competed at the UIL Region 3 Middle School Concert and Sight reading contest held at Canton High School on March 27. The band earned Superior ratings (1st division) for their concert and sight reading performances and was awarded the coveted Sweepstakes trophy. The band is directed by Jason Wallace.



Even though only nine students competed in UIL, the CHS Choir impressed judges with their quality of sound. The choir received superior and excellent ratings on singing and sight singing. They are also directed by Oshadhee Satarasinghe.



Career Day opens options for ACW students

ACW students were urged to look toward the future as they rotated through 10 sessions representing different careers during the school's annual Career Day. Community members explained their careers in nursing, writing, teaching and beekeeping. City officials explained their responsibilities in recreation, management and law enforcement.

Because of an emphasis on career and college readiness, CISD educators think it is never too early to get students considering their interests and how they relate to potential careers.



CES Students of the Month

CES Students of the Month of April were chosen for their hard work, dedication to learning, and leadership. Pictured from left to right back row are Second Grade Gabriel Brown and First Grade Ahmed Elzohairy and La’Niah Lewis. Front row includes Kindergarten Journey Pham and Pre-K Courtney Miles-Nash and Aderinola Adesuloro. Not pictured are second grader A’Kea Reynolds and Kindergarten student Dante Elliot.

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Top 5 percent scholars honored by Rotary Club

Rotary club members and parents gathered to honor students who were named to the top five percent of their class. Several honorees were participating in a tennis tournament and were unable to attend.

Rotary Club president Jim Ayres (right) presented the awards.



Freshmen

Trinity Campbell
Emma Dobbs
Meghan Green
Michael McWhorter
Isabelle Rudin
Cadye Shaw

Sophomores

Kayla Gossett
Alyssa Haddock
Ryan Huynh
Meagan Jones
Katie Marcos
Allison Underwood

Juniors

Daniel Angel
Sejal Bhasin
Bailey Guinessey
Rishi Nippani
Margaret Robinson
Savannah Shaw

Seniors

Sarah Anthraper
Summer Hanson
Ashley Lopez
Caitlyn Rogers
Jakob Scarcelli

Band out and about...



▲ CHS Band Director Kara Wallace was a guest on KETR radio where she invited the community to support the band program through the "Taste of Commerce" which was held Saturday, April 13 at CHS. Guests will be able sample food from 20 area restaurants at the event.

► A total of 64 CMS and CHS students saw a performance of the Dallas Winds at the Myerson Symphony Center, where CMS band director Jason Wallace is a principal tuba player.



Foundation celebrates grants in excess of \$500K

Since 2005, the Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation has raised funds to offer grants to teachers who propose innovative programs to stimulate thought and advance new approaches to teaching. Grants in excess of \$500,000 have been awarded to provide experiences for students that cannot be covered in a school budget.

The CSEEF's annual fundraiser, Boots & BBQ, showcases how teachers have used grants to impact student achievement.



The CHS Cheer Team showed off uniforms purchased through a Foundation grant. The team placed second at the state UIL competition.



Founding members of the CSEE Foundation Bill Fuhrmeister, Beverly Pirkey and Dr. Jack Pirkey (left to right) discuss the roller bender the Foundation purchased for use in Courtney Goodwin's welding class.



Foundation secretary Janet Peak visited with ACW teachers Baylea Higgs and Sarah Looney about their grant which provided pedometers for use in PE classes.



Mayor proclaims Boys & Girls Club Week

Commerce Mayor Wyman Williams signed a proclamation declaring April 8-12 Boys & Girls Club Week.



Northeast Texas Retired Teachers Association President Martey Massey presented CES PE teacher Charletha Wilburn a check for \$100 for PE equipment.