

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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The top ten students of the CHS graduating class were recognized at the CHS Honor Night. Prior to the awards ceremony, students honored their most influential CISD teacher at a dinner held at the school.

Top ten students are (Left to right, top row) Ashley Kirby, Connor Green, Monroe McCracken, Edwin Lopez and Grace Tolly. Bottom row includes Caitlyn Rogers, Ashley Lopez, Jakob Scarcelli, Summer Hanson and Sarah Anthraper.



Top grads prove hard work pays for bright future



Edwin Lopez (right) will attend Oregon State University through the ROTC scholarship program. Upon graduation, he will be an officer in the U.S. Marines.



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▲ Dodge Brown signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Southern Arkansas University. He is shown with his parents Roger and Tracy Brown, who are both CISD employees.

◀ Senior Carlton Dodd was awarded the Pat Brown Scholarship and the John Ratcliffe Citizen Award during Honors Night. He is shown with CISD School Board Secretary Etta Herring.

Special Olympics meet doubles in numbers since 2015



Since CISD began hosting its own Special Olympics track meet five years ago, the meet's size has doubled with 16 districts and 19 schools participating, according to Terry Buckley, meet organizer.

Thanks to Texas A&M University-Commerce, numerous businesses and dozens of volunteers (shown in the teal-colored shirts below) that helped make the event a success.



Kindergarten Circus brings 'The Greatest Show' to town

With a history spanning decades, the annual Kindergarten Circus is always welcomed by children, families and staff. Complete with lion tamers, snake charmers, clowns, weight lifters, dancers and ringmasters, the production has been honed to perfection but funny mishaps and a few surprises always delight the crowd.

The show highlights just how much these students have grown during the year and teachers celebrate this growth and are a little sad when they send them off to first grade.



CES Students of the Month

CES Students of the Month of May were chosen for their hard work, dedication to learning, and leadership. Pictured from left to right back row are Second Grade Santiago Posadas and Lilly Feduccia. First Grade Alana Price and Azaria Powell. Front row Pre-K Caden Conley and Emma Blake and Kindergarten: Elijah Russel, Alayha Samples.

Community partner helps honor mothers



CES and ACW students were able to give their mothers a special treat for Mother's Day as Brookshire's sold heart-shaped cakes and icing decorations at the schools for \$5. It's an annual tradition and students enjoy creating their special gift.



Busy days at ACW

The CHS spirit team and drumline visited ACW to pep students up about the upcoming STAAR tests.

Third and fourth graders painted an abstract art canvas in Lindsay Plunkett's art class as a fundraiser for art supplies. The paintings are displayed at Mugs on the Square and parents can purchase their student's work for a donation. The sale will be open to the community beginning May 20.



Tina Bronson named CMS acting principal

Tina Bronson has been named CMS acting principal. Most recently, Mrs. Bronson has been the assistant principal at ACW, a position she has held since June 2016. Prior to that she taught fourth grade at ACW beginning in 1997.



Students visit American Airlines Pilot Cadet Academy

In his quest to expose students to career opportunities, CHS teacher Earvin Larry arranged for 65 students to visit the American Airlines Pilot Cadet Academy in Dallas. Students toured the facility including the aircraft cabin simulator. Pilots shared their job descriptions and flying experiences. An American Airlines official explained the pilot career path at the American Airlines Pilot Cadet Academy for high school students. Last in their stop was a visit to the AA Memorial Garden for crew members killed during 9/11.



Pride Prep welcomes five new students

A partnership between CISD and Texas A&M University-Commerce is completing its fourth year of giving opportunities for incoming high school freshmen to begin gaining college credit in dual credit classes. Called Pride Prep, the program offers the college-ready students low cost tuition and a chance to rack up semester hours prior to high school graduation.

Five CMS students have won a place in Pride Prep along with incoming freshmen from area high schools.



Ben Angel, Elaine Eborn, Olivia Veraska, Madison Warren and Wenyan Ni have been accepted into the CHS/TAMU-C Pride Prep program for next fall.