

# CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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## Homecoming goes on, without the game



*CHS Principal Steve Drummond introduced the homecoming court to families and friends gathered under the stands.*

Threatening storms caused the homecoming game vs Leonard to be canceled, but pre-game activities continued with some program changes. Students in the homecoming court chose to proceed with the ceremonies under the protected tunnel at Memorial Stadium. The cheerleaders, friends and families flanked the hallway, cheering as the honorees passed through.

Hall of Honor inductees made an abbreviated appearance on field to a small crowd who braved the weather.

Officials called the game off around 8:15 p.m. and it was not rescheduled.

However, the queen and king were announced and the girls and guys looked like royalty.



*Sarah Anthraper and Kobe Lloyd were named Homecoming Queen and King.*



*A loud crowd backed the cheerleaders at the afternoon pep rally.*



*The 2018 Hall of Honor induction ceremony and luncheon was held on homecoming day. Left to right: Wyman Williams, Class of 1965; Harry Turner, Norris School Class of 1964; Chris Elliott, Class of 1980; and Scott Williams, Class of 1991 were recognized. Shown on the back row are CISD Board President Kathleen Hooten and Superintendent Charlie Alderman.*





## WatchDOGS kicks off at ACW



Dads, grandfathers, uncles and other father figures along with students filled the ACW cafeteria for the WatchDOGS (Dads of Great Students) launch event. The program aims to get men to volunteer at least one day all day at their child's school during the school year.

About 300 people attended the event and were treated to pizza provided by a grant from Commerce Community Cares.

When they volunteer, the men may read and work on flash cards with students, play at recess, eat lunch with students, patrol the school entrances and hallways, assist with traffic flow and any other assigned activities where they actively engage with students.

Alison Walker, CISD family services coordinator, says all participants must undergo a criminal record check and each volunteer will receive a WatchDOGS t-shirt to wear while on duty at the school.

Anyone interested in joining the program may contact the ACW office for information (903 886-3758).

*Dads and students were entertained by making geometric shapes with marshmallows and spaghetti while at the WatchDOGS kick off event.*



## CES Students of the Month

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

From left to right, back row are first graders Tate Storm, Maliyah Sims; second graders Landyn Kea and Tania Pedro-Olmedo.

Front Row: kindergarteners Anthony Riley, (not pictured Allana Duncan); Pre-K Dillon Sheldon, London Collinsworth







*Students receive homework help, use their creativity in art and design and release their energy with physical activities every day after school in the ACE program.*

## Afterschool program takes off

Over 250 students are participating in the Texas ACE program across the district and many more are expected to sign up, according to James Daugherty, ACE project director.

The program is the result of a four-year, \$3.4 million grant which will provide after-school and summer programs for students on all four campuses. Activities will be coordinated by the Boys & Girls Club and four site coordinators who include Abigail Patterson, CES; Heather Weatherbee, ACW; Tyler Carthers, CMS and Bryan McInnis, CHS.

CISD teachers have been contracted to work with students for an hour after school to complete homework and then paid workers and work-study students from the university provide activities until 6 each evening. Students receive a hot meal and a snack plus transportation home.

A family engagement coordinator, Anissa Hodo, will coordinate activities at each campus for parents and students. Open house activities are scheduled beginning September 20 at ACW.

“The programs we are offering are attracting a lot of students, especially at CHS and CMS where engineering and robotics programs are draws,” according to Daugherty.

### Open House Schedule

CMS	September 20	5:30-6 p.m.
CHS	September 24	5:30-6 p.m.
CES	September 26	5:30-6 p.m.
ACW	September 27	5-5:30 p.m.





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## Around CISD....

Students in Stephen Clayton's CMS math classes worked with different objects to study math concepts.



ACW students in Lindsay Plunkett's art classes raced to see which team could build the highest tower using only playing cards and tape.



Mr. Drummond...get it?