

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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Semester end brings staff changes

As 2015 begins, Commerce ISD bids farewell to seasoned educators and welcomes new faces in key roles in the District.



Mary Park (standing) is retiring as the Director of NETCAT. Her assistant, Frances Sartwell, is also leaving her position.

Park has served as a career and technical counselor for a consortium of area districts for over 30 years.



Mrs. Lay, You Rock! — CES Principal Jeanne Lay (center) was honored for her 30-year career in teaching at a retirement reception held on January 14 at the school. Teachers and administrators, including (left to right) Counselor Belinda Miller, Superintendent Blake Cooper and CES Assistant Principal Diane Stegall gathered to wish her well.

Diane Stegall (left) and Cari Sturch will serve as administrators at CES for the remainder of this semester.

Stegall has been assistant principal at CES for the last five years and a half years. Sturch has been the Coordinator of Elementary Instruction for the past 18 months. She will continue her duties as the coordinator as well as assist Stegall.

Both have years of experience as elementary teachers.



Calendar

New Semester begins	January 20	Early release	April 3
School board recognition	January 20	Bad weather make-up.	April 6
Staff development day	February 27		May 22
Public Schools Week	March 9–13	Memorial Day holiday	May 25
Spring break	March 16–20	Graduation	June 5

In the news...

Tigers continue to fight for playoff spot

The Commerce Tigers boys' varsity basketball team has a key stretch of games coming up as the fight continues for a playoff berth.

[Commerce Journal story](#)

Local superintendent keeping eyes on Austin

There are a few things Commerce ISD Superintendent Blake Cooper said he will be keeping his eyes on during the 84th Texas Legislative Session.

[Commerce Journal story](#)

Commerce students to bring local flare to competition

Commerce High School students will get to test their artistic skills against teams from across the nation this spring.

[Commerce Journal story](#)



Superintendent Blake Cooper wishes Central Office receptionist Betty Brown well as she ends her 10-year career at CISD. Brown, a much-loved and respected employee, has taken a position with the Commerce Housing Authority.

Thank a Board member today!

January is School Board Recognition Month and what better time to say thanks for the seven members who set the course for Commerce ISD.

Members include Ted Oats, president; Randy Starks, vice president; and Kathleen Hooten, secretary. Also, Michael Beane, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Etta Herring and Gabe Wittkopf serve our community to ensure our students have the best possible education.

Thanks for your service!

