

# CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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## Tigers finish season with regional semi-final win

*Head Coach Roger Brown (right front) led the Tigers to their longest playoff run since CHS played for state in 1996. Tigers were 12-0 in District play with a 34-6 overall record..*

The CHS boys basketball team was stopped short of making an appearance at the state UIL 3A boys basketball playoffs by a No. 3-ranked James Madison High School team.

The Tigers 57-55 loss came during the Regional Final round at Prosper High School on Saturday, March 2.

The Tigers defeated Edgewood 45-29 at the regional tournament on

Friday to advance.

Seniors Dodge Brown, Casey Shields, Colton Broeske and Carlton Dodd graduate this year but three of the starters — Sammy Brown, Christian Scott and Jayson Harris — will return next year.

For the complete story, see [The Commerce Journal](#)



### TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

#### Open House Schedule

Wednesday, March 13	6-7 p.m.	A. C. Williams Elementary
Thursday, March 14	4:45 - 6 p.m.	Commerce Middle School
	6 p.m.	CMS Choir Concert
	5 - 6 p.m.	Commerce High School
	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Commerce Elementary School

## Retired teachers donate books to campus libraries

The Northeast Hunt County Retired Teachers Association presented CMS and CES campuses with books to add to their libraries this month.



*Retired teachers Paula Massey, Martey Massey, CMS Principal Dr. Shenequa Miller, Kay Jensen and Bettina Zvanut displayed new books that were donated to CMS from the Northeast Hunt County Retired Teachers Association.*



*Martey and Paula Massey (standing) along with Kay Jensen shared new books with CES students in the ArboREADum.*

## Weird science at NETXCM

Fifth graders participated in Weird Science at the Northeast Texas Children's Museum in February. Students rotated through three hands-on labs to have experiences in measuring liquid volume, temperature and plasticity. The science program is held annually at the museum and it teaches 14 of the elements of the Essential Knowledge and Skills on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

CISD is fortunate to work with NETXCM on engaging activities for students close to home.



## Eighth graders fly through physics experiments

Eighth-grade algebra students took a field trip to iFly in Frisco where they learned physics principles as they each flew in a vertical wind tunnel. CMS teacher Stephen Clayton obtained funding for the trip from a Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation grant.

Clayton said he proposed the activity because students need to be exposed to STEM activities, that is, science, technology, engineering and mathematics. He said it was important that students see the many different opportunities available for them through STEM applications.



## CES Students of the Month

CES Students of the Month of March were chosen for their hard work, dedication to learning, and leadership. Pictured from left to right back row are Second Grade Oliver Walden, Dulcee-Kay Whipple and First Grade Noah Perry and Camilla Arraguin. Front row includes Kindergarten Easton Ritchie and Allana Duncan and Pre-K Gunner Wooten. Not pictured is Brooklyn Rodgers.



## CSEE Foundation Boots & BBQ Celebration & Fundraiser 6 p.m., CHS, April 6

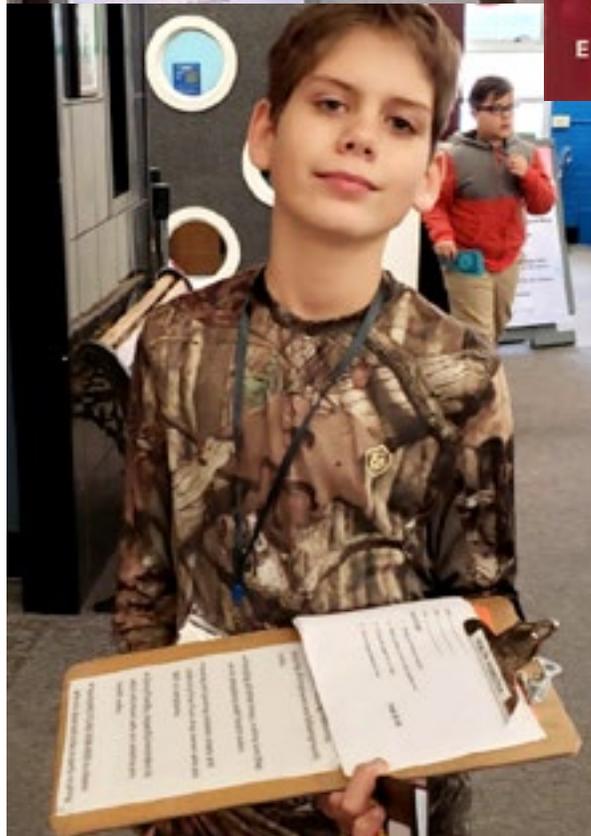
Support CISD and the Foundation. Get tickets now through April 1 at the CISD Administration Building — \$25 each.





## Enterprise City teaches life-long lessons

Fifth graders visited Richardson ISD's Enterprise City where they participated in a role-playing simulation in a "mini city." Prior to their visit, teachers spend time studying the free enterprise system especially basic economic concepts and personal finance. When students arrived at Enterprise City they were ready to spend a full day applying economic and civic knowledge to a simulated market place activity.



*Before arriving at Enterprise City, students learn how to maintain a checkbook, apply for a business loan and procure and manage human and material resources. Once students arrive at the city, their skills and experiences expand as they become employees and consumers.*

*While at Enterprise City, students learn to earn, loan, save and spend money and make choices about how to price and market their inventory. The goal is for students to run their shops so efficiently that they repay the bank loan, including interest, and make a profit by the end of the day.*

## Black History Month celebrated at CMS

ACW Assistant Principal Tina Bronson was the guest speaker at the annual Black History Month celebration at CMS. Student groups including the CMS Jazz Band, CMS cheerleaders and TAMU-C Greek performers provided additional entertainment.



▲ CMS cheerleaders performed a contemporary dance for the Black History Month celebration.

◀ ACW Assistant Principal Tina Bronson talked about growing up in a military family, having to move often and what she did to persevere.

## 'Make the Knot Too' lets CMS girls experience mentorships



Community women were invited to CMS to meet with CMS girls with a goal of developing mentorships in a program called "Make the Knot Too." Modeled after the "Make the Knot" program for boys held in the fall, the program helps girls connect with other females who are strong role models. The girls learn how to tie a scarf for casual and business attire.

## ASPIRE progress unites city, schools and university

What began almost two years ago as an effort to provide more enrichment opportunities for CISD and TAMU-C students has grown into a strong partnership among the City of Commerce, TAMU-C and CISD.

The community celebrated the successes of the ASPIRE program during dinner and dialogue February 20 at TAMU-C.

The program's director, Dr. Sharonda Pruitt, coordinates activities such as the summer program, after-school program and AVID, which helps students develop study skills and become career and college ready.

Dr. Mark Rudin, president of TAMU-C, shared his vision for future of ASPIRE saying, "Let's start thinking about a relationship where there is no difference [among campuses]. Let's start thinking about it as one campus, collectively."

For the complete story, click [here](#)



*Second graders made their annual visit to the Dallas World Aquarium. Prior to their visit, the students pick an animal they might see at the aquarium and write a report. Students are thrilled when they spot their animal while touring the aquarium.*

