



In Plain View

Spring 2016 Plainview ISD Staff eNewsletter

Hope. Believe. Achieve... Together!

Coronado Staff vs. Students



Coronado Middle School rewarded students with no disciplinary issues by hosting a staff vs. students basketball game. Helping to fill in on the staff team were members of the local police department. The PHS cheerleaders and band were on hand to cheer for both teams. It was a close game all the way with both teams putting all they had into scoring, but in the end, the staff won 43 to 36.



Celebrating Read Across America Day



Do you like green eggs and ham? Thunderbird first grade students do. They cooked up a recipe of Dr. Seuss's famous eggs as part of their Read Across America / Dr. Seuss's birthday celebration. Teacher Jessica Hinojos is shown supervising the young chefs.



La Mesa families celebrated Read Across America Day with donuts and reading in every hallway, classroom, and nook within the building.



Spotlight on Staff: Jennifer King & Becca Dunlap

They are sisters, bringing their individual gifts, talents, and desire to make a difference to two totally different areas of our school district.

Jennifer Measles King is a fifth grade teacher at Edgemere; Becca Measles Dunlap works on the school business side as Purchasing Manager for the district.

Jennifer and Becca grew up on a farm/ranch near Tulia. Their father died in 1974, a big loss at a very young age for both girls. Their mom, Becky, later remarried a widower, John Bliss. Between them, there were eight kids. Added to that over time were spouses, 17 grandchildren and their grandchildren's spouses and 5 great-grandchildren creating a very large, strong family unit.

"Our parents cook, worship, and model marriage for all of us," said Jennifer. "They believe in getting together for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and Independence Day to eat and fellowship. For that is as close as we get to heaven on earth."

Jennifer is married to Tulia native Kevin King. They have two sons, Patrick, age 30, and Sam, 24. Both boys are graduates of PHS.

Jennifer is a graduate of Tulia High School and West Texas State University. She taught seven years at Amarillo and Walcott (Deaf Smith County) before moving to Plainview and taking a job teaching 5th grade reading & science and later Texas history and reading at Edgemere. In 1996, she resigned

from teaching to open her own business, King's Keepsakes & Framing.

"What fun I had learning about creating frames and memory boxes. It was a pleasure to get to know much of the community beyond the school system and I treasure the relationships with customers that were cultivated from 2001-2010, to this day! Plainview customers are the SWEETEST!" said Jennifer.

She eventually made the decision to sell the shop to her apprentice, David O'Brien.

"I needed to rest my neck since arthritis was causing such pain," she explains.

"Then, Janie Hart stopped by my house in late July 2013, and asked if I would ever consider returning to teach. Before I knew it, I was a new 'old' teacher in 8th grade at Coronado Jr. High, teaching American history. What a blast! I fell in love with Plainview's kiddos all over again. Next, I was ready to go to my comfort zone: 5th grade. I saw an opening at my precious Edgemere. Vickie Young, my ole team teaching partner hired me, but went over to LaMesa. So, I have been teaching 5th grade ELAR/ American history and having the time of my life! I am blessed beyond measure because I love my colleagues, my students, and my job at EDGEMERE."

Why did you chose to be a teacher? I know that my faith has always played a role in what I do. Mahatma Gandhi wrote, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." I feel like I am either an



extension of my Savior, or a gal who grabs her purse and runs out of the building at 4:00 p.m. I want to love kids first, then teach them why they live in the greatest, most wonderful country that was ever created.

What have you enjoyed or learned in your job? Kids are just people...and they have so much to give. However, if we are not real, or genuine, they will see through us and give us nothing, (phonies get 'No Respect'). I try to show them I make mistakes, have scars, bleed, and am totally a "work-in-progress!" Once they understand we are not going to be perfect and we really LOVE them, they are ready to do whatever it takes.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time? Gardening & Genealogy

Any Community Activities you are involved in? Bible Study Fellowship & Texas Master Gardeners

What is something on your 'bucket list'? Alaskan cruise in the summer

Anything else you want to add about what's important to you or



Spotlight on Staff (cont.): Jennifer King & Becca Dunlap

your life experiences? Jesus Christ and family is all that matters.



Becca Dunlap graduated from Great Bend Senior High in Great Bend, Kansas after her parents transferred from Tulia to Kansas the summer before her junior year. She attended college at Barton County Junior College and Amarillo College.

She is married to Spike Dunlap who also happens to be her very best friend. They will celebrate their 30th anniversary in July. They are the parents of three children. Their daughter Jordan, graduated from PHS and West Texas A&M University. Emily graduated from PHS and Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and will graduate with her master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Angelo State University in May. Son Drew graduated from PHS and will graduate from TTU in May.

Becca began working for the Purchasing Department 13 years ago. She has held the position of Purchasing Manager for the last seven years.

"I had never even heard of a purchase order when I was hired! But in these thirteen years, it's fascinating to see what all is purchased/procured to make a school district run," said Becca.

What do you enjoy about your job? We joke at the Business Office that you truly do learn something new every single week! It's also fun when staff come in and are so passionate about their area they teach/coach/lead. I realize it's cliché



The John and Becky Bliss Family

to say "it's for the kids" but in the end, every single thing we do is to educate the children of Plainview. It is for the kids! While I don't get to see a child learn a new concept or see the "light come on," I do get to hear when it happens. It really makes the challenges of school business so rewarding!

What do you enjoy doing in your free time? I enjoy cooking, container gardening, reading, and spending time with my family. I am blessed with a wonderful family and we laugh a lot!

Any community activities you are involved in? Spike and I serve God by teaching an adult Sunday School class at First Baptist Church. We joke that we "get" to teach the class because it's very rewarding.

What is something on your 'bucket list' ? Skydiving (tandem!)

and traveling to Ireland are on my bucket list.

Anything else you want to add about what's important to you or your life experiences? I would say for both Jennifer and I that our faith and family are very important to us. Our father died when we were ages 7 and 12, but have been blessed with a wonderful stepfather for 40 years. Our mother is a wonderful homemaker and gardener. We agree that Jennifer inherited her gardening skills and I inherited my mother's love for cooking.

So which sister is older?

Becca recounts numerous times someone has mistaken her for Jennifer, even asking if they are twins, but she is quick to point out there is an age difference.

"People ask 'Who is older?' Seriously? LOL! When you're around us, it's obvious that I'm the baby of the family," says Becca.

2016 LaVern Roach Nominees

Plainview High School recently announced the names of the 10 finalists for the LaVern Roach award, the most prestigious recognition and the highest honor given to PHS male seniors.

The award honors world-renowned welterweight boxing champ LaVern Roach, a 1943 PHS graduate who died in 1950 from injuries received in a boxing match in New York City.

Roach's widow, Evelyn Roach Trice, established the award after his death to promote the lifestyle her husband embodied - clean living, good citizenship and sportsmanship.

Honored as LaVern Roach nominees are Chiemeka Abanonu, Ethan Andrade, Matthew Buxton, Eric Earhart, Jayton Ellis, Rolando Gill, Ben McGee Watters, Brian Switzenburg, Payton Thornton, and Marc Wallace.



Nominees for the 2016 LaVern Roach award are Payton Thornton (left), Ethan Andrade, Chiemeka Abanonu, Matthew Buxton, Marc Wallace, Eric Earhart, Brian Switzenburg, Jayton Ellis, Ben McGee Watters and Rolando Gill (not pictured).

The recipient will be determined by popular vote of the student body.

His name will be added to a plaque at PHS that bears the name of previous recipients. He will also be honored by the Lion's Club which manages the award.

Elementary students vote for Texas Bluebonnet Award

Students at our elementary schools participated with students across Texas in reading and voting for the Texas Bluebonnet book award. The Bluebonnet Award reading program encourages children to read and explore a variety of books from the master list and then use critical thinking skills to select a favorite book. The 2016 Bluebonnet Award winner is "When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop" by Laban Carrick Hill. District Librarian, Susan Flippin, coordinates the local participation.



College Hill



Edgemere



Hillcrest



Highland



La Mesa



Thunderbird



NEW BABIES IN THE PISD Family

Heather and Jeremy Tucker have a new daughter, Terralee Ann Tucker, born on January 25, 2016. She weighed 7 lbs.



11oz. and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Phil and **Rebekah Mize** (Edgemere). Rebekah says Terralee is absolutely wonderful and growing so fast already!

Daniel and Katie Nash are the parents of a new daughter, Rowynn, born on March 3. Rowynn, the granddaughter of **Patti Hutto** (Admin Office), weighed in at 8 lbs. 4 oz.



Cheers! Kudos! High Fives!



PHS senior Cameron Hurta, son of Dina Hurta (La Mesa), was named a candidate for the 2016 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. He was also recognized by the Plainview ISD Board of Trustees in January for his selection as a state finalist in the State Congressional Debate competition.

JoVanna and Mark Medina exchanged wedding vows on January 2 at St. Alice Catholic Church. They are both attending West Texas A & M University. JoVanna is majoring in Business Administration and Mark is majoring in Education. He is employed by CVS as a Pharmacy Technician and JoVanna is an Administrative Assistant at ESC Region 16 for the Special Ed



Department in Amarillo. JoVanna is the daughter of **JoAnn Gamez** (Admin Office).



Highland counselor **Cailey Stoerner** was honored with a lunch and cookie cake celebration during "School Counselors' Week" in February.



Members of the PHS robotics teams demonstrate one of their robots for members of the Board of Trustees during the March meeting.

Sympathy



To the Aramark, College Hill, and Edgemere staffs on the loss of a much-loved coworker Linda Rodriguez and her daughter Jade Villeda.

To Rebekah Mize (Edgemere). Her mother, Jodie Skelton, passed away on January 11.

To Anita Flores (Admin) on the passing of her sister on March 3.

To Patti Hutto (Admin Office) and Sarah Hutto (Student Services) on the passing of Patti's husband and Sarah's father, Byron Hutto.

To Jan Seago (Admin Office) on the loss of her sister, Pam Spencer.



Note of Thanks

The love shown our family in the last months is overwhelming. From prayers, text messages, emails, days donated, and financial support. Words cannot describe how humbled we are.

Eric and I have three children that have attended schools at most of the campuses, as I would move them to the campus where I was working. Now Miranda (a senior) and Reece (a sophomore) both attend PHS. Our youngest, Morgan, is a seventh grader at Estacado. They have all felt the support and love of their teachers. It was hard on them missing school while Eric was in a coma, but their teachers helped them catch up. We have been home for a month now and Eric continues to make progress everyday. It really has become a family affair with his cognitive and physical rehabilitation from the traumatic brain injury. God is so good, prayers truly have been answered. I knew I loved working for Plainview ISD. It is such an honor to be part of the PISD family.

Thank you,
Hope Hastey & Family

Buy, Sell, Rent, Trade, Give Away...

FOR RENT: 907 W. 9th, 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath
Basement/garage, Fenced yard, \$725.00
Call Phil or Nancy Cox (PHS nurse) at 806-685-0102.

FOR RENT: 811 Independence, 2 Bedroom/1 bath
Fenced yard, Car Port, \$495.00. Call Phil or Nancy Cox
(PHS nurse) at 806-685-0102.



FOR SALE: Stamped jewelry for any occasion. Allow 3-5 days for completion of order. Contact Nathena Brown (Estacado) at (806) 685-2278.



NEW BUSINESS: Matt Horton, husband of Maria Horton (PHS), has opened his own State Farm Insurance Agency located in the Stonegate Plaza.

LOOKING FOR A NEW CAR? Kimmet Bellows (Ash High School) is selling cars for Reagor-Dykes Toyota in the evenings on Saturdays. He would love the opportunity to help PISD families with their car needs and wants.

Plainview ISD Wellness

HIP HOP CARDIO

BACK to the BASICS

Beginner's Class

Sunday's at 2:00 pm

Houston School 24th and Yonkers

\$2.00 District Employees

\$3.00 Community

You are ALWAYS welcome to any of our classes:

Monthly Calendar posted on District Web page under STAFF.....Health & Wellness



Preparing for TTESS

Administrators are training in preparation to say goodbye to PDAS and welcome in the new Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (TTESS).



Ash field trip to the Bowling Alley





Mark Wallace, son of Rodney (Ash High School) and Sarah (Thunderbird) Wallace signed to play football for Wayland Baptist University next fall.

Bulldog BB - Area Champs



Congrats to Coach Leon Hagerman, District 4-5A Boys Coach of the Year!

Lady Bulldog BB - District Champs



Congrats to Coach Danny Wrenn, District 4-5A Girls Coach of the Year!

Boys Powerlifting - Regional Champs



Lady 'Dogs take 1st Place in Regional Powerlifting Meet



17 DECA students advance to ICDC



Seventeen Plainview High School DECA members will advance to the DECA 2016 International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Nashville, TN, in April.



2016 Brisket Luncheons are making the rounds...



District administrators and the Board of Trustees are once again bringing brisket lunches to our well-deserving staff. Thanks to Aramark for preparing the delicious brisket and all the trimmings.

Estacado GEAR UP students tour WBU & SPC



Over 90 students in the Estacado GEAR UP program had the opportunity to tour Wayland and South Plains College and learn more about the schools and opportunities that await in higher education.

Estacado NJHS entertains nursing home residents

Estacado seventh and eighth grade National Junior Honor Society members had the opportunity to visit a local nursing home this week where had time to sit and share conversation with residents. They passed the time with piano playing, duets, card games, bingo, and dominoes.



Highland Kindergarten celebrates Texas

Highland kindergarten students demonstrated the future of Texas is in good hands as they entertained parents with their knowledge of Texas symbols and songs that show their pride in being among the youngest citizens in the Lone Star State.



College Hill first grade Texas Program

One of the highlights of Texas Public School Week is the opportunity to see College Hill first grade as they put their Texas spirit on display for their very proud family and friends.



TECHNO TIMES

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TECHNOLOGY TOOLS AND TRICKS

April 2016

Techno Thursdays at the Technology Center

Every Thursday from 4:00—4:30 - Sign up through

April 2016

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7 Apple TV Now What?

14 There's an APP for That

21 Integration Tools for ELAR

28 Integration Tools for
Science, Math, Social Studies

You asked for some technology training!! So during April I will be Techno Training on Thursday. These are short trainings but you will walk away with some great tips, tools and training. Sign up through Eduphoria!

TEN TOOLS TO "TECHNIFY"

YOUR CLASSROOM

Kahoot!

padlet

blendspace

Flippity.net

Explain Everything

ScreenCastify

geddit

schoolology

EDpuzzle

Heads Up!

