



In Plain View

Spring 2017 Plainview ISD Staff eNewsletter

Hope. Believe. Achieve...Together!

Celebrating Texas, Celebrating PISD



Highland kindergarten teacher Betsy Lewis guides her students during their Texas program.



EGG HATCHING - First grade students in Kathy Joy's classroom at Edgemere Elementary have begun the 21-day countdown as their "Easter" eggs incubate. While they are watching, they are writing, reading and building life science knowledge around the egg-hatching project.



"BORROWED" from Facebook and too cute not to share here - PHS science teachers Kristine Jernigan, Nancy Dougherty, Tracy Dawson, and Adeela Harrell.



SODER STRONG - Estacado teachers wearing their "Soder Strong" t-shirts to show support for teacher James Soder and family after he recently suffered a heart attack.



Hillcrest principal Yesenia Pardo and teacher Megan Chavez are all about "the Cat in the Hat" on Dr. Seuss / Read Across America Day,



Spotlight on Staff: Rita Rodriguez

Thunderbird third grade teacher Rita Rodriguez is setting healthy living goals, for herself and her students, through the Unicef Kid Power band program.

Rita decided to apply for the program after receiving an email from Scholastic about a UNICEF grant that allows schools to receive a free Kid Power Kit funded by a donor.

The program runs from February to May. Each student receives his/her own personal Kid Power Band. The bands work as a watch and also count each student's steps throughout the day.

Kids earn points based on the amount of steps they take. It takes approximately 2,400 steps to earn 1 point. Every 10 points earns a therapeutic food packet that UNICEF will send to malnourished kids.

"They are wanting to get up and move more which not only has a health benefit, but an educational benefit as well."

Rita said an added benefit is that the bands have helped her students become more empathetic.

"Through the program we are participating in 'Missions' and learning more about cultures around the world. The behavioral incentive comes into play with keeping them accountable for their choices. For example, if they are playing with their band during instructional time they will lose them for a certain amount of time. They want to be able to keep

their band on all day to earn points for the food packets."

She also gives students options that allow them to "earn" opportunities to go out and rack up more steps.

Rita says her students "love participating in the program" and she encourages other interested teachers to sign up for the mailing list at <http://schools.unicefkidpower.org/>

to be informed of the next opportunity to apply.

Rita, a first year teacher, grew up in Plainview and is a 2004 graduate of PHS. She is the daughter of Oscar Rodriguez and Minga Rodriguez (Highland). She has one sister, Sarah.

Rita earned a bachelor of science degree (Biology/Chemistry) from Wayland Baptist University and a master's degree in forensic science from the University of New Haven.

"After not having much luck find a job in the forensic science field, I started to really think about why that could be the case. I started to think that there must be a reason that I am still working with children and that I needed to fulfill that purpose," she said explaining her decision to go into the teaching field.

"I have enjoyed getting to know my students as well as working with so many amazing teachers throughout the year. Not only am I learning so much from my team here at Thunderbird, I learned a lot in my four years as a paraprofessional, and from all the people that I worked closely with during those years, that has helped me tremendously."



"Rita is a PHENOMENAL teacher and this is only her first year of teaching."

- Amy Meek, Principal

She adds that she often thinks back to many of her teachers and why she thought they were great teachers.

"I try to use those characteristics in my classroom," she said.

"I am a new member of AAAS – The American Association for the Advancement of Science. I joined the organization because I am a strong believer in science education and I want to take what I can learn from the organization and apply it to the classroom."

In her free time, she enjoys reading, traveling, and watching the San Antonio Spurs.

So what's on her bucket list?

"I want to step foot in every state as well as every continent," she said.





Humberto Gonzalez speaks at Texas MIP

Plainview ISD's Humberto Gonzales was a guest speaker at the Texas Migrant Interstate Program workshop in McAllen, Texas, on February 27. Humberto's session highlighted some of the successful strategies that Plainview ISD's Migrant Education Program is using in offering unique services to the migrant students in our district. Humberto also shared some of the activities the Plainview Migrant program utilizes to reach out to parents and encourage their attendance at parent meetings and their involvement in the education of their children. He shared with those in attendance how we use the APEX program for credit accrual and tutorial purposes for those students needing to pass the STAAR.

Humberto had previously been a presenter at the Region 17 RSD MEP Update session on January 31.

Humberto, a great role model and mentor for young people, was also the guest speaker for Estacado's recent NJHS induction ceremony. He spoke on perseverance, sharing that he once had a coach and mentor that started each day by saying "a journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step."

"It meant there was a new season, a team to bond with, trust to create, goals to accomplish, but it all



started in the beginning with one step," he said. "There is a process. Many of you aspire to do great things, but we cannot set goals and just get there. There is a journey we must follow. There are things we must do. People we must encounter in order for us to get to the end...like any journey, your path will not be straight and it will not be easy. There are twists and turns along the way."

Humberto is married to Gina Gonzalez who works as Compliance Specialist for our HR Department.

Together, and individually, they bring both talent and heart to our district. They are two more individuals who #dare2begreat on behalf of our students and our district.

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 2017 Bluebonnet Award winner is "Roller Girl" by Victoria Jamieson. District Librarian, Susan Flippin, coordinates the local participation.



College Hill



Highland



Edgemere



Hillcrest



La Mesa



Thunderbird

2 x2 READERS While older students in grades 3-6 were reading Texas Bluebonnet List books, some of our younger students participated in reading books on the Texas State Library Association 2 x 2 list. Those are books especially enjoyed by children 2 years old - 2nd grade. District Librarian Susan Flippin asked the students to read 10 of the 20 books on the list and then vote for their favorite. Participants meeting the challenge were awarded a Texas-shaped bookmark, a paw print pencil, a 2 x 2 reading certificate and a finger tattoo mustache. The 2x2 list reading map is a western boot so the idea was to be a mustached cowboy, cowgirl for the day.





2017 LaVern Roach Nominees

Ten Plainview High School seniors were nominated for the 2017 Lavern Roach Memorial Award, the most prestigious honor given to a male graduating senior.

The award, determined by popular vote of the student body, is named in honor of Lavern Roach, a 1943 PHS graduate and welterweight boxing champion who died from injuries received in the ring in 1950. Roach's widow, Evelyn Roach Trice, established the award in 1950 to promote clean living, good citizenship and sportsmanship.

This year's award recipient is John David Andrade.

The nominees (and just being nominated for this award is a very high honor) were:

Manuel Marcus Alcala, the son of Lisandra Cardiel and Manuel Alcala, is a member of the PHS band and the National Honor Society. He has participated in football, baseball and powerlifting. He plans to enter Wayland Baptist University in the fall, eventually transferring to Texas Tech or West Texas A & M University to pursue a degree in nursing.

John David Andrade, the son of Maria Isabel Andrade, has participated in band, jazz band, National Honor Society, DECA, Amarillo Youth Symphony, Lubbock Wind Ensemble, and Plainview Symphony. He plans to pursue a degree in music education at West Texas A & M University after graduation.

Beaux Bennett, the son of Jeton Powe and Maury Powe, is a member of the National Honor Society and has participated on the football, basketball and track teams. He plans to study pre-med at Texas Tech University following graduation.

Tayvian Coleman, the son of James Coleman and Sonja Coleman, played basketball for PHS. He plans to pursue a business and finance degree at Angelo State University.

Jace De la Garza, the son of Melba De La Garza and Jamie De La Garza, participated in varsity football, basketball and track. He plans to study radiology at Midwestern University after graduation.

Bryson DeBerry, the son of Donna Mulkey and Johnny Mulkey, played basketball and track at PHS. After graduation, he plans to attend South Plains College for basics, eventually transferring to Texas Tech to study phycology.

Wrangler Haresnape, the son of **Dave (PHS) and Kim (Coronado) Haresnape**, is a member of FFA and played on the varsity football team. He plans to study animal science at West Texas A & M University.

Grant Thomas, the son of Melinda



and Brian Thomas, played on the tennis team at PHS. He plans to attend Tarleton University or Wayland Baptist University and will major in business.

Christian Wallace, the son of **Rodney (Ash) and Sarah Wallace (Thunderbird)**, is a member of the National Honor Society and the band. He played basketball and track. He plans to pursue a degree in elementary education at Oklahoma State University or Wayland Baptist University.

Kershawn Whitaker, the son of LaQuitta Davis and Damone Davis, participated in choir, football, and track at PHS. He plans to study business or psychology at Wayland Baptist University following graduation.

Middle School students vote for Lone Star Book Award

Coroando & Estacado Middle School students had the opportunity to read twenty books from the Lone Star Book list, beginning in September, and then vote for their favorite. It is a program to encourage reading implemented by the District Librarian Susan Flippin with the library assistants Melissa Alvis, Carla Caruthers, Varie Gomez and Arlinda Hernandez.



Coronado



Estacado



Cheers! Kudos! High Fives!



The Floral Design class took 15 amazing students to take their hands on Level I Floral Certification exam on March 22! Teacher Chelsea Miller says they will know if they passed April 5.



Mary Elizabeth Sammamm, daughter of **Claire Williams** (La Mesa / College Hill) and Kurt Sammamm, will graduate Summa Cum Laude from Texas A&M University in May. She is a Terry Foundation and Texas Top 10% Scholar and is earning a Bachelor of Kinesiology degree with an emphasis in Applied Exercise Physiology. She plans to pursue a doctorate in physical therapy at Hardin Simmons University in the Fall. She began her formal education experience in Plainview at La Mesa Elementary with kindergarten teacher Sherry Thompson and former La Mesa teachers Carrie Rollins and Vicki Stokes.

Haley Raymond (PHS Class of 2013), the daughter of **Debbie Raymond** (PHS), will graduate from Texas Tech in May with a bachelor's degree in Interior Design with a minor in Business and Architecture. She is on the Dean's List at Tech.

Erika Raymond Purcell (PHS Class of 2008), the daughter of **Debbie Raymond** (PHS), will be graduating with her Doctorate of Dental Surgery (DDS), from Midwestern University in Glendale Arizona in June.

PHS StuCo News



For the 10th consecutive year, the PHS Student Council received a Sweepstakes Award, the highest award given to Student Councils in Texas. Since June of 2016, these students have raised over \$12,000 for charity and have put in over 33,000 hours of community service.



PHS Student Council was able to help three-year-old Ryder Stiner of Amarillo on his journey to have eye surgery with a \$755 donation. Because insurance will not cover the surgery, Ryder's mom is working to raise \$38,000 for surgery. Kudos to the PHS StuCo for making a difference for Ryder!

NEW BABIES IN THE PISD Family

Congratulations to Kyle and **Robyn Stevenson** (Highland) on the birth of a son, Luke William Stevenson, on March 13.



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



FOR SALE: 2010 Forest River Cherokee **Camper**, 24.5 ft. long, 5 ft. wide \$9,558.00 . Slide out forms large living area, ceiling fan, large bathroom/shower, complete water system w/ filter, entertainment center with DVD player, 2 flat screen tvs, new tires. Call 806-292-9991 or 806-292-9450. See at 1401 State Hwy 194. Contact **Kim Massey** (Hillcrest) for more info.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 408 W. 7th, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, around 1350 sq. ft. living space (1500 including garage). Original hardwood floors, new carpet in bedrooms, fresh paint, completely renovated bathroom, and kitchen floor is new. Included are a new stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, and washer/dryer
Asking \$75k. Contact Justin 685-4594 or **Chelsea Rushing** 292-4076 or email chelsearushing@plainviewisd.org.

FOR SALE: 1999 Chevy 1500 White with black inside. Great starter pickup. High miles, low cost \$5,000.00 . New radio with CD and Bluetooth. New fuel pump. Contact (806) 774-0340, **Susan Flippin** (District Librarian).



WANTED: Meredith McDonough, daughter of Doug & **Brenda McDonough** (PHS) will be transitioning from dorm life to a house this summer. She and her roommates are in need of a **twin-sized bed with a mattress, chest of drawers, end tables, and a recliner**. If anyone is spring cleaning and wants to get rid of furniture, email Brenda at brenda.mcdonough@plainviewisd.org.

WANTED: The PHS Fashion Design class needs **magazines**. Any clothing catalog would be appreciated, as well as any fashion magazines like Seventeen, Vogue, etc, People magazine shows a lot of high fashion, wedding/prom dress magazines, etc. Also they will take any **fabric, thread, notions, misc. sewing equipment** that anyone wants to donate. Contact **Rosemary Peggram** (rosemary.peggram@plainviewisd.org) at PHS.

FOR SALE: Pool table, excellent condition, \$400. Contact **Tommy Caldwell** at PHS.

HOUSE FOR SALE:

609 W. 22nd St, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1241 sq. ft. The house sits on two lots and has a 30" x 30" shop. Contact **Lupie Perez** (College Hill) 292-7287



FOR SALE: China Hutch, kitchen table, refrigerator, washer & dryer for sale. Contact **Theresa Burns** (Admin Office) 806-729-7689.



The PHS Theatre Department's One Act Play, *Twelve Angry Men*, advanced to bi-district competition. Three of the cast members – Isaac McMickings, Sawyer Tirey, and Alexis Shedd - earned district honors.



Jaxsyn Hutto, son of Sarah Hutto (Special Services) and grandson of Patti Hutto (Admin Office) demonstrates that even cowboys benefit from computer reading practice.

Sympathy



Love and prayers go out to Tonjua Smith (La Mesa) and Theresa Kinkaid (La Mesa) on the recent death of their father, Barry McMennamy.

Find Us on Facebook or Twitter

We may not always like social media, but it is a good tool to highlight all the great things that are being accomplished in our school district. We have some amazing staff, creating amazing learning opportunities for students.

Thunderbird Elementary added 5 new photos.
March 1 at 2:42pm

We Have GRIT Wednesday!



Hillcrest Elementary School added 18 new photos — with Jan Reeves and Megan Chavez.
March 23 at 11:30am

Look at these pirates at Family Math Night!



Highland Elementary - Plainview, TX added 7 new photos.
Published by Jenilyn Curry (7) · March 21 at 10:50am

Our 5th graders are preparing for their STAAR test coming up next week. They are having a STAAR Smarty Party all this week- today is "Teach it Tuesday". They brought stuffed animals or picture of their family to teach math and reading skills throughout the day.



PHS A Cappella Choir added an event.
March 24 at 10:08am

You are invited to a free concert featuring our choirs that will be participating in UIL Contests.



MAR 27 PHS Pre-UIL Concert
Mon 7:30 PM CDT · PHS Auditorium · Plainview
Music

Estacado Middle School feeling proud.
March 9 at 8:59am

The Estacado Concert Band excelled in their first competition at UIL! Students earned a Division 2 EXCELLENT Rating Overall in Concert and Sight Reading!

The Estacado Symphonic Band earned their first ever perfect Division I Rating in both Concert and Sight Reading! This is a Superior Rating. They earned an overall Sweepstakes Award for their performance! Good Luck to our Estacado Honor's Band as the compete today!



Edgemere Elementary School added 11 new photos.
March 10 at 3:10pm

It been a week of celebration at Edgemere! Pop Ice for kids who her their March lation goal, and coke floats for kids who met their goal every single month so far.



MyPlainview @myplainview · Mar 22
The Plainview golf team is in third place just two strokes out of the lead after the opening district... [fb.me/SPRkd03s](#)

MyPlainview @myplainview · Mar 23
Four Plainview girls' basketball players earned Academic All-State honors. See who made the grades. Story and... [fb.me/6xj9eQdKf](#)

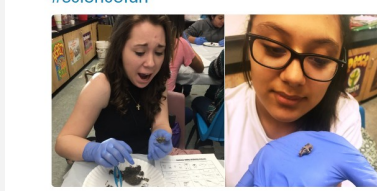
MyPlainview @myplainview · Mar 23
Ten Plainview Bulldog powerlifters have qualified to compete at the state meet Saturday in Alliance. Story and... [fb.me/6xj9eQdKf](#)

Plainview ISD @plwisd · Mar 22
Coronado ISD bands earn sweepstakes, superior, excellent ratings at UIL contest. Read more at: [bit.ly/2o5v0Nq](#)

Congrats to PHS art students on regional VASE medals and to Yingzhi Huang & Lucy Hernandez who advance to state!
[bit.ly/2m3n8bc](#)



Plainview ISD @plwisd · Mar 2
Students in the Estacado ACE program dissect pellets to study digestion in owls. #sciencefun



Highland Elementary - Plainview, TX added 11 new photos.
Published by Jenilyn Curry (7) · March 23 at 10:56am

5th grade had a GLOW Party in math and reading classes! Neon clothes, black lights, glow sticks, and finger lights-- so much fun!



Highland Elementary - Plainview, TX added 34 photos and 5 videos.
Published by Jenilyn Curry (7) · March 25 at 11:28am

Who loves school on a Saturday morning?! About 40 fifth graders do because they came this morning to participate in Math & Reading Bootcamp! They had a blast playing games and winning prizes!



Coronado Middle School
CMS students and families are invited and encouraged to attend PISD MIDDLE SCHOOL DAY at Wayland's basketball games the Saturday, February 25. Coronado families will receive FREE admission to the double-header. We hope you'll mark your calendars now and plan to join us the Saturday at Wayland's Hutcherson Center, located on the West end of the WBU campus. It will be a FUN and FREE way to enjoy your Saturday afternoon, and we look forward to seeing our Coronado families there!



College Hill Elementary - Plainview, TX added 56 new photos to the album: First Grade Play
Published by Dawn Clark Mastian (7) · March 9 at 7:48pm



Plainview Independent School District added 2 new photos.
Published by jan seago@plainview.k12.tx.us (7) · March 20 at 7:53am

PHS Tennis Team - Timothy Reyes and Eddy Ramirez won consolation at Tournament in Amarillo. Varsity group photo is at the Waco



Plainview ISD @plwisd · Mar 6
Eleven Lady Bulldog lifters qualify for state meet [myplainview.com/sports/article](#) ... via @myplainview



Highland Pie Throw

For the month of February, students who passed 8 lessons on Think Through Math and met specific qualifications for reading were in a drawing to throw a pie on a staff members face!



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. Shown as the "Long, Tall Texan" (right) is 5th grade teacher Clint Patterson.

