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Plainview ISD Staff eNewsletter

Spring 2015

Celebrating Texas Public Schools



Highland kindergarten students shared facts about Texas in speech and song during their Texas Public School Week program.



Thunderbird students work on Texas art to decorate the schools hallways.



La Mesa students greet visitors to their classroom.



Coronado's clothing drive also included a poster contest for students.



This is How the Cowgirl Rides Away College Hill principal Linda Watson rides her stick horse across the stage while first grade students sing "Long Tall Texan." The song is part of the annual "We Sing America" program put on by first grade students during Texas Public School Week.



COMMUNITY SERVICE Coronado students celebrated Texas Public Schools Week with a community service project. They held a clothing drive to benefit the Hale County Crisis Center. Several students also volunteered time during Spring Break to deliver the clothing to the resale store, Broadway Treasures.



Spotlight on Staff: Bernard & Misty Batista

Note: I confess upfront that there is no way I can adequately express in writing what an amazing couple Bernard and Misty Batista are and how lucky we are to have them working for Plainview ISD, but it is my privilege to try. If you know them, you already know.

We frequently ask the community to invest in our schools and the children we serve.

“They are our future leaders. They will one day be our business owners, our health care workers, our government officials, our teachers,” we say.

What we might not think to add is that we also hope they will be good people, the kind of people that live their lives in such a way that has a positive impact on those around them—the kind of people that make us smile a little more often and try a little harder to be kind to our coworkers, our neighbors, our friends, and to strangers.

Bernard and Misty Batista are that kind of people.

Misty Stone Batista grew up in Plainview and attended school here. She is the daughter of Clyde and Allene Stone. They are members of the First Baptist Church.

She was an assistant in Special Education for five years while working on a teaching degree from Wayland Baptist University. She taught in a Special Education classroom for three years. For the last two years, she has taught second grade at College Hill.

Misty says she loves the people she works with at College Hill.

“School was very hard for me when I was young, yet that is all I would

ever play when I was a child. I had a teacher in fourth grade, Mary McCormick, that took her time and worked to make me successful. Because of her, I wanted to grow up and do the same.”

“I love working with kids and seeing a light bulb turn on when they understand something for the first time,” she says.

She has three children Carson Williams, a Coahoma High School student who enjoys football and powerlifting, Estacado student Austin Williams and Highland student Sophia Salazar.

Bernard Batista grew up in Dexter, New Mexico and graduated from Dexter High. He moved to Plainview after his parents made the move here.

Bernard has worked for 6 years with the Plainview ISD maintenance department. You probably have seen him picking up and delivering our inner school mail.

Bernard says he enjoys his job because he has the opportunity to interact with people all day and loves that it allows him to be home in the evenings with his family.

Misty and Bernard met at a BBQ.

“We met through friends who thought we would be perfect for each other. Neither one of us thought when we met that five years later, we would get married,” said Misty.

They were married in 2011.



Bernard coaches youth baseball. They enjoy attending football, baseball, and basketball games as a family.

Misty was active with PTA and the football booster club, but life has kept

her busy lately and she has had to prioritize her time away from work.

Misty is experiencing at a younger age than most what it is like to care for aging parents.

Misty was adopted at three months of age. Although

Misty is only in her mid 30's, her mom is 83 and her father is 89. Both have been struggling with health issues.

If you are a Facebook friend with Misty you have seen her frequent prayer requests for her parents. You will have noted her positive, and caring attitude while dealing with medical tests, doctors, hospitalizations, and late night visits to emergency rooms. You will understand that she knows what it is like to be loved and to return love in great ways.

“It is not at all a burden to care for my parents. It does get overwhelming at times. I'm not always sure how to juggle everything, but to me you just care for your parents in the same way you care for your kids,” she said. “I have a sister, Glenda Watson, that helps. I couldn't do it without her.”

When I think about Misty and Bernard, I have to think that sometimes it is the kids who grow up in our schools, the kids we teach, who teach us the greatest lessons in the end.



Fifteen teachers receive Chamber of Commerce Mini-Grants

Fifteen Plainview ISD educators were recognized during the March meeting of the Plainview ISD Board of Trustees as recipients of thirteen mini-grants awarded through the Plainview Chamber of Commerce Education Committee.

The grants, in the amount of \$150 each, are provided by service organizations in the community.

Teachers have the opportunity to apply for the grant funds to support or implement classroom activities and projects.

The following grant applications were selected for funding:

Melody Hoglan, La Mesa Elementary, received a grant from the Soroptimist Club. She will purchase three cassette player/recorders for reading and listening centers.

Frances Alvarez, La Mesa Elementary, received a grant provided by Brandon and Diane Brownlee. She will purchase a whisper phone kit to build reading and language skills in her third grade classroom.

Darla Newland, Estacado Middle School, received a grant from Texas Business Women. She will purchase books for an after school book club.

Maria Porras, College Hill Elementary, received a grant from the Rotary Club. She will use the grant to purchase materials for a literacy center in

her pre-kindergarten classroom.

Sarah Williams and Janelle Styne, Highland Elementary, received a grant from the Kiwanis Club. They will use the grant to fund activities of a Partners in Education (PIE) program that promotes parental involvement and college / career readiness.

Caitlin Thurman, Highland Elementary, received a grant from Texas Business Women. Grant funds will be used to fund a Family Reading Night for third grade students and their families in preparation for the Reading STAAR assessment.

Aubrey Pedigo and Charlotte Sjogren, Highland Elementary, received a grant from the Rotary Club. The grant will be used to fund a Math Boot Camp for third grade students in preparation for the Math STAAR assessment.

Claire Williams, College Hill Elementary and La Mesa Elementary, received a grant from the Soroptimist Club. She will use the funds to purchase a wireless microphone system to use in her music classrooms.

Michelle Daily-Villegas, College Hill Elementary, received a grant provided by Brownlee Racing. She will purchase games to reinforce letter sounds and rhyming in her pre-kindergarten classroom.



Chamber of Commerce mini-grant recipients are Claire Williams (seated, left), Darla Newland, Teena Bennett, Staci Barrett, Lisa Gore (standing, left), Janelle Styne, Sarah Williams, Frances Alvarez, Melody Hoglan, and Monica Nunez. Not pictured are Maria Porras, Michelle Daily-Villegas, Aubrey Pedigo, Charlotte Sjogren, and Caitlin Thurman.

Staci Barrett, Estacado Middle School, received a grant from the Soroptimist Club. She will use the funds to purchase microviewers and slides for instruction in recognizing and differentiating between structure and function of cell organelles.

Teena Bennett, Estacado Middle School, received a grant from the Lions Club. She plans to purchase four atomic model kits for use with eighth grade students learning atomic structure.

Monica Nunez, Houston School, received a grant from the Lions Club. She will utilize grant funding to purchase videos and other visuals to educate health and physical education students on preventative health measures.

Lisa Gore, Special Education, received a grant from the Soroptimist Club. The funds will be used to purchase assistive technology materials for the speech pathology program.



New Scholarship to honor migrant students

Donations are needed to help fund a new scholarship, the “La Cosecha” (The Harvest) Scholarship for PHS seniors in the Migrant Program.



The purpose of the scholarship is to honor the achievements of students from all walks of life who have overcome challenging circumstances in order to accomplish their academic goals.

By establishing the scholarship, the Migrant Program hopes to encourage graduates to continue their education toward a vocational certificate, bachelor, master, or doctorate degree and then return to the community as professionals.

To be eligible students must be in the migrant program; have a

minimum G.P.A of 2.5; have an acceptance letter to a college, technical school, or military branch; and write a two-page essay to be submitted to the scholarship committee

on “overcoming obstacles.”

Scholarship Winners will wear a sash during graduation identifying them as recipients of the “La Cosecha.”

If you are interested in investing in our migrant students and helping them achieve their dreams or if you want to learn more about the “La Cosecha” Scholarship, please contact Humberto Gonzalez, Migrant Programs Coordinator, at the Administrative Office.

P.E.S.S.A. elects 2015-2016 Officers

Newly elected P.E.S.S.A officers for 2015-2016 are:

President

Laura Spencer

1st Co Vice Presidents

Glenna Butler & Rosie Licerio

2nd Co Vice Presidents

JoVanna Gamez & Sarah Vaquera

Secretary

Fransis Marin

Treasurer

Becca Dunlap

Cares & Concerns

Cynthia Isaguirre & Dalia Pardo

Thank you to those who returned nomination forms and ballots!

2015-2016 is going to be another great year for P.E.S.S.A.

2015 LaVern Roach nominees announced

Winner

Warren Flye

Nominees:

Austin DeBerry

Ryan DeLeon

Oscar Grimaldo

Paxstyn Oldfield

Jarel Rosas

Zane Ponder

Domingo Saucedo

Brent Silvas

Grayson Tirey

Drew Wilkinson

The highest honor given to a senior male at Plainview High School is the LaVern Roach award. The award, given annually to a student who embodies clean living, good citizenship, and sportsmanship, is named in honor of LaVern Roach, a 1943 PHS graduate and welterweight boxing champion who died from boxing injuries in 1950. This is truly an award that just being nominated is very much an honor.



For Everything There is a Season...

It's that time once again. The beginning of the end of another school year. Changes are ahead. Some of our staff will choose to switch campuses, some will choose to move on to opportunities in new districts, and some will make the difficult decision to retire. We may struggle with letting go of the old and embracing the new, but this is also a season to celebrate the new opportunities that await our friends and colleagues.

For those in our profession who have worked long enough to have earned retirement, we celebrate your long-term commitment to students, your dedication to our profession, and the countless lives that you inspired along your pathway.

One of this year's retirees is Neisha Halencak. Neisha has an impressive record of service to the district. She has given her permission to share her retirement letter with our staff. Congratulations on your upcoming retirement, Neisha! Thank you all you have done over the years in support of the mission of our school district.

March 10, 1975-March 10, 2015

To Plainview I.S.D.

This year marks 41 years of teaching. Today, March 10, 2015 is a celebration of 40 years with Plainview I.S.D. This is also the date that I officially announce my retirement effective at the end of this school year on May 29, 2015.

I began my career with Plainview on March 10, 1975 as a fifth grade teacher under Dr. Glenn Harrison and Michael Chumrey and this year I will conclude my career as a fifth grade teacher with Dr. Rocky Kirk and Mrs. Linda Watson of whom I have been fortunate to have enjoyed and admired her leadership at Lakeside and College Hill. I began my career in the halls of College Hill, was a teacher on the first day as Lakeside came into existence as a single grade campus and also on the day of its closing, La Mesa as it opened its halls for the very first time, Thunderbird, and now back again to the halls of College Hill as my career comes to a close. I have come full circle and enjoyed every minute of my career.



I have taught many minds, enjoyed the laughter, smiles and seen so many faces light up as the enjoyment of learning took place in their lives. My teaching, in a sense, has been a family affair with the teaching of the precious children, their parents and various family members. I have enjoyed the friendships of teachers, co-workers, team members, principals, superintendents, and loved all school employees of every position. How blessed and fortunate I have been!

I want to say a huge Thank You to Plainview I.S.D. and to the Plainview community for sharing their children and enriching my life. These school days have been engrained into my very existence and retirement will only bring the memories into a more precious and cherished place in my heart and mind.

It is with God's grace, that I have been blessed with a long career of the smiling faces of His children, bonding of parents, closeness of friends, and a life time of cherished memories. To the Plainview School System and the Plainview community, I want to THANK YOU for the BEST CAREER RIDE EVER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

God Bless the teaching profession!

Thank You!

Neisha Halencak

Girls 4 x 400 sets new school record



The Plainview girls track 4x400-meter relay team shattered the school record by more than four and a half seconds at the Texas Relays. The quartet was clocked in 4 minutes, 9.38 seconds, which easily beat the old standard of 4:14.

Members of the relay team were Brooke Walker, Breana Figueroa, Kristan Rincon and Juliana Perez.

The girls 4x100 finished second in their heat with a clocking of 50.87 seconds, which was their best time of the year. The quartet consisted of Jade Nails, Kaizha Roberts, Teyah Jackson and Walker.

The boys 4x100 relay team was timed in 43.82 seconds and was made up of Warren Flye, Quenion Hines, Jayton Ellis and Jonathan White.

The 4x800 relay team finished eighth overall in a time of 8:27.54. Members of the quartet were Jarel Rosas, Christian Garcia, Roy Acosta and Sergio Lara.



Girls' Powerlifting Team earns Regional Championship



The PHS girls powerlifting team, won the regional championship for the fourth consecutive year at the Region I Meet held at Fort Stockton on March 7.

The 21 Lady Bulldogs earned 40 points, four points more than runner-up San Angelo Lake View. Odessa took third place with 17 points.

Ten of the lifters advanced to state competition. They are Kimberly Balderas, Sage Landeros, Kaylynn Ortiz, Anissa Porras, Angela Banda,

Bianca Berumen, Shyann Nevares, Mercedes Hernandez, Sandi Reyes, and Carissa Castillo.

Carissa Castillo brought home the Best Bench Lift for the heavy platform (165-220+).

Kimberly Balderas brought home the Best Dead lift and Best Overall lifter for the small platform (97-148).

Mercedes Hernandez brought home the Best Deadlift for the heavy platform (165-220+).

Boys Powerlifting places 6th at State Meet

With 106 teams represented in Division I at this year's state meet, our boys placed 6th with 16 points. Erik Mendez earned a state 1st place championship, Domingo Saucedo earned

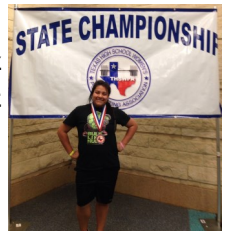
2nd place Moises Garcia and Crystin Baston earned 4th



place rankings. Also placing were Ignacio Romero (7th), Anthony Washington (12th), Jerrico Enriquez (14th) and Steven Vallejo (19th).

Girls State Powerlifting Results & All State Honors

Mercedes Hernandez medaled at state, finishing in 5th place.



Senior girls selected for the academic All-State Powerlifting Teams are Bianca Beruman, 1st team; Carissa Castillo, 1st team; Malori Garcia, 2nd team; Samantha Cabrera, 2nd team; and Crystal Ramirez, 2nd team.

Senior Samantha Cabrera received a \$1000 scholarship for the Region I Division from the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association.



Madi McKay featured in Ag Magazine



PHS senior Madi McKay, the daughter of Rick and Sheila McKay, is featured in a six-page spread in the March 2015 edition of *Purple Circle*, America's youth livestock magazine.

Madi, who plans to attend Texas Tech and major in agriculture communications, wrote an article describing her experiences as a youth participating in 4-H and FFA.

Madi's article is one more reason, added to a long list of accomplishments, to be proud of Madi.

It's also a reason to be proud of the variety of programs available to our students, the quality and dedication of our teachers, the support available from business and community members. and the life-style offered in this area.

Kudos to Sheila and Rick McKay who have raised a fine daughter. We celebrate Madi, too, and are excited to watch her future unfold.

Madi's story is reprinted below with her permission:

Oh the Places You'll Go...

I would have never imagined when I read this book as a little girl just how much it would come to describe the many adventures I've had showing livestock and participating in all of my agriculture activities throughout the years. From showing pigs to judging livestock to being a milk spitter I've had many wonderful experiences in 4H and FFA that have taken me near and far. Not only have I learned the skills that were necessary for the activity I was participating in, I've learned valuable life-long lessons that will help me with anything I will do in the future. I've learned about perseverance, hard work, and I have made many friends throughout the years.

Hi, I am Madi McKay. I am the daughter of Rick and Sheila McKay and am also big sister to my munchkin, Maci. I am currently a senior at Plainview High School where I've been very lucky to also have had my dad as one of my

FFA advisors. I plan to attend Texas Tech in the fall and pursue a degree in agriculture communications and eventually have a career in the agriculture field.

My dad is a Texas Tech graduate and has always been very involved in the agriculture industry in one way or another. He has always loved stock shows and everything that goes along with it, well almost everything. His love of the sport of stock showing was contagious and I couldn't wait to have animals of my very own.

I still remember the excitement of getting my very first pigs when I was five, a Duroc and Hampshire, I named them Abby and Elizabeth after my best friends. I travelled many miles with those first pigs. We went to Texas Club Pig Association jackpot shows all over the state and competed with my pigs. I won some of my first awards with those pigs. After that one season, I was hooked. I couldn't wait until the next year so I could start all over again. I continued to go to jackpot shows until I was in third grade and I could show "for real". I couldn't wait to be able to show at the major shows I had watched everyone else show at for the past 3 years.

One of the first lessons I learned was at the Valley FFA jackpot. I had the cutest paisley fleece lined cuffed jeans with a matching vest that I was very proud of. Since I was relatively new to showing I didn't know all of the hazards of showing gilts. I was proudly exhibiting my gilt to the judge when I noticed a sudden warmth on my leg, when I looked down I noticed the gilt had also left me a present in my cuff. I was in the middle of a mid-ring melt down when my dad got my attention and told me that the show must go on and I would just have to ignore it (maybe not in those exact words). That was a very hard lesson to learn but it is one that I have never forgotten.

My first year to show at majors I also got to have my first steer, his name was Leroy. He was a shorthorn and I thought he was coolest thing ever, even if he did scare me just a bit at first. I got to exhibit him several times during the summer and fall. He was breed champion or reserve breed

champion at most shows we went to, until we hit the majors and reality of major shows hit home. While standing in line with Leroy at Fort Worth, my dad looked at me and said "Madi, I think we brought a knife to a gun fight." That pretty much summed up things for San Antonio and Houston as well. After my mom, sister and I cried our eyes out when we had to take him to the truck at Houston, Dad decided that was a job that was best done alone. Even though I didn't do well at majors that year I was still able to win a showmanship jacket and breed patch in the Texas Club Calf Association and Texas Club Pig Association.

My second year to show at majors I won reserve breed champion at San Antonio with a landrace gilt named Miss Ears, that we bought from Kyle Stephens. Miss Ears, later in the year started my family's show pig operation. We typically farrow ten litters a year, my sister and I keep several of these pigs to raise throughout the year and exhibit at major shows. Dad says our pig operation is like Blue Bell ice cream, we show all we can and sell the rest. We have been fortunate enough to have had a lot of success with our small heard, having many breed and reserve breeds and raising pigs that have placed at all of the major shows in Texas. I have learned a lot of responsibilities and life lessons through the years in the pig barn. I have learned that when you're the one in the family with the skinniest arms you get to be the one that pulls pigs when the sow is having trouble. That is probably the one thing that would surprise almost anyone that knows me.

One of the coolest but most nerve-racking trips was when my mom and I took my Angus steer, Midnight to the Fort Worth Stock Show without Dad. We were on our own, going to the most important haired steer show in the state of Texas. We were on our own even though Dad had Michael Dawson, Brad Schnitker, and Ky Kennedy there to "check" on



Madi McKay featured in Ag Magazine (cont.)

us and make sure we didn't mess the steer up. We weren't nearly as nervous about this as Dad was. It's a really good thing we had unlimited minutes on our cell phones that day. Dad was really surprised when he classified and then even more surprised when we made the sale. This trip was a perfect example of how stock show families come together to take care of each other. Mom decided that Dad not being there was the good luck charm since we made the sale without him. He reminded her that we made the sale more times with him than without him.

While having show pigs and steers has been a big part of my life I have also been involved in many other activities. I am a member of the First Baptist Church in Tulia where I have been a student servant for the last 2 years. I have been an active member of the Plainview Symphony Guild Debutante program for the last 4 years where I have completed many community service projects. There are many other organizations at Plainview High School that I am also a member of. I have been a member of the Plainview High School Student Council for two years, Career & Technology Education Advisory Council for one year and I played tennis on the Bulldog Tennis team for one year. I have been very involved with the Hale County Junior American Cancer Society for the past four years. We help with many different activities such as Cotton Baron's Ball, Relay for Life and the Mark Marley Go Big or Go Home cook off to help raise funds for the Hale County American Cancer Society. I am currently on the first ever Hale County Junior Livestock Show Board of Directors. I volunteer with the Panhandle Parade of Breeds Steer Show each June in Plainview. I have also enjoyed many other activities such as Beef Quiz Bowl and livestock judging with 4-H. Andy Hart, my county agent, was really instrumental at getting me involved in many different activities that prepared me for high school judging and leadership activities. He spent many hours going over questions, taking us to practice judging livestock, and making sure we were taken care of at Leader Lab. As I transitioned into high school I was able to be a

real member of the Plainview FFA Chapter, and not just the tag along.

Having grown up with Mr. Dawson as my dad's teaching partner, I was finally able to be in his 8th grade ag science class. He suffered through me reciting the FFA Creed, nearly pulled out his hair trying to teach me and my classmate's parliamentary procedure, but his hard work and patience paid off when we qualified for the Area I Leadership Contest. When it came time for judging season I had the most disappointing spring of my FFA career, my own dad cut me from the Dairy Foods Judging team. However, I did get to compete on the Cotton Judging Team. He told me that if I didn't learn my test questions he would cut me from the team, lesson learned. Later on I realized that he had four older kids that were really good and I didn't have a chance anyways, but he kept me practicing with them as long as he could to prepare me for the future. I have been on this team every year that I have been in high school and we have been in the top ten in the state each year, and I still have to work hard on my test questions. Each year I was fortunate to have senior leaders on my teams to look up to such as Channing Snipes, Jordyn Barton, and Emily Williams, they were instrumental in our success and helped me become a better contestant. I'm looking forward to this year's judging season and I am already practicing those test questions.

One of the most exciting times I have had in the FFA was when I got to help with fellow Plainview FFA member, Kyle Mahagan's campaign for state officer. It was fun to go from the District Banquet, Area I FFA Convention and to the State FFA convention in Fort Worth where he was named one of the Texas FFA State Vice Presidents.

Even though the Dairy Foods team is my first love I've also been on the Ag Issues team and I was on the Radio Broadcast team that won seventh in the State FFA Contest my sophomore year and we were the state champions my junior year. This year I was on the Senior FFA Skills team that was third at Area and we barely missed out going back to state. Going to the Area FFA Leadership camp at Clarendon College my 8th grade year was when I decided that I wanted to be an FFA officer. I have been Chapter Secretary, Vice President, and I am now the current

Plainview FFA President. I am also fortunate enough to be the Plainview District Secretary. The leadership roles and teams I have been on have helped me decide on what my college major should be. I can combine my love of agriculture with my leadership skills that the FFA has taught me over the years because "I believe in the future of agriculture".

I would like to thank all of the people who have helped me become the person that I am today. I am thankful that I have had the opportunity to grow up around FFA and 4-H families that have helped instill values and work ethic that will be the key to my success in the future. There are too many people to list but I have always been fortunate to have my special Ag Uncles that have always been there for me, Mike Thetford, John Jackson, Darin Martinez, Jeff McGinnis, and Jon Davidson in my life. Even though I don't see them daily I look forward to seeing them at stock shows and FFA events. I am so glad that I got to spend the time that I did with Mark Marley and for the memories that I have of the stock shows with him. He always gave me a hard time every time I saw him and I will never forget when Maci ask who is that giant when she was real little at a stock show that is such a fitting statement because he was a Giant of a Man. I am very blessed to have the greatest Mom in the world that did not grow up in Ag but has been there every minute learning to love the stock shows, FFA, 4-H activities right along with me. I would also like to thank all the other Stock Show Mom's that have helped take care of me when it was just me and dad traveling together when I was little, yall would always come to my rescue and fix my hair when dad did not know how to fix it right I never have figured out how he can fit an animal and get it to look so good but can't fix a girls hair. I am also so thankful for all of the ag teachers and agents that I have met along the way, I know that if I ever have car trouble anywhere in the state, all I have to do is find out who the local ag teacher is and help will be on the way. Not many people can say that now days, but anyone that has ever been involved in Stock Shows, FFA, and 4-H is a part of our Ag Family and they can say that.

As my high school career winds down, it is good to know that when the show ring is empty and the teams are gone, the memories and friends I've made are still going to be with me.



NEW BABIES IN THE PISD Family

Jonathan and Alyse Lackey (La Mesa) are



the proud new parents of Ellery Ann Lackey, born on January 7. She weighed 7lbs. 1 oz. at birth and was 21 1/4 inches long. Ellery was welcomed by two big sisters, Emerson and Elizabeth.

Kyle and Emily (Miller) Parker are the parents of a son, Camden Robert Parker, born on February 26. He weighed 8 lbs. 13.9 oz and was 20 1/2 in. l long.



Valinda Parker (PHS) and **Nece Miller** (PHS) are the little one's proud grandmothers.

Layton and **Katrina Garrett** (Admin Office) are the new parents of Kannon Craig Garrett, born February 9. Kannon weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 21 1/4 in. long at birth.

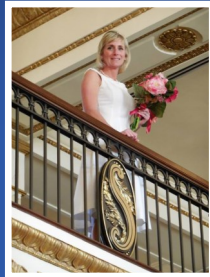


Sonia and Kyle Sweatt of Okeechobee, Florida, are the parents of a new daughter Alivia Grace, born on March 2. She weighed 7lbs. 6 oz. New grandmother is **Anita Flores** (Admin Office).



Cheers! Kudos! High Fives!

Erika Raymond and David Purcell were married March 7 in Phoenix, AZ. Erika is a former Lady Bulldog and daughter of **Debbie Raymond** (PHS).



Whit (PHS) and Barbara (retired PISD teacher) **Hunt's** youngest daughter **Jeanette** was married on Valentine's Day to **Randy Bownds** at the historic Hotel Settles in Big Spring. They reside south of

Wolforth. Jeanette is a 1985 graduate of PHS and is employed as a Senior Specialist with the Texas Tech Distance Learning Center in Lubbock.

Noel Hayes, a PHS 2007 graduate and the daughter of **Florinda Hayes** (Hillcrest), moved to Lubbock in January to complete courses at South Plains college in preparation to enter Texas Tech in the fall to major in Biochemistry. She plans to graduate from Tech in the fall of 2016 and will be applying to attend medical school in the fall.

Leslie Hayes, a 2002 PHS graduate and also the daughter of **Florinda Hayes** (Hillcrest), is living in Dallas and working with families as a CPS Specialist. In December, she was accepted into a post graduate program at SMU where she is working toward a Master of Science degree in Engineering.

Ashley Wheat, daughter of **Nancy Dougherty** (PHS) finished 6th overall in the Gusher Marathon. She was the first woman to finish with a time of 3 hours and 23 minutes. She plans to run in the Boston Marathon in April 2016.



Thunderbird's recent blood drive to benefit a 5th grade student with advanced lupus brought in 29 units of blood at the Thunderbird location. An unknown additional amount was donated at the Houston School location. Thank you to everyone who donated. The family is very appreciative.

Time to Change Your Email Address

It's time to begin using your new email by changing the ending from plainview.k12.tx.us to a simpler plainviewisd.org.

For example, my old email address, jan.seago@plainview.k12.tx.us, changes to jan.seago@plainviewisd.org

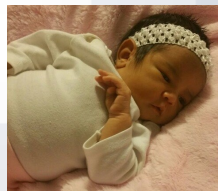
Our web address is now www.plainviewisd.org. You will also want to reset your homepage in your browser to this new web address. If you have links to the old address on websites or in email, you should begin changing these as well.

You will still receive email sent to your old email address, but it is time to **SPRING FORWARD** to your new email address.

Enchilada Fundraiser

to benefit Thunderbird student Itzy Barrientos
Friday, April 3 11:00—7:00 p.m.
\$8.00—3 enchiladas (beef or cheese), rice, beans, salad
Call Melissa Landeros 806-729-5552
Mary Landeros 806-518-8415

Kelly Cantu (College Hill) has a new granddaughter, Aracelli Vivian Hernandez, born on February 26. She weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 1/2 in. long. Aracelli's parents are Carlos (PHS 2008) and Devin Hernandez (PHS 2009).



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

FOR SALE: Lot of **one 6-gallon plus one 3-gallon clear plastic/plexiglass aquariums** (possibly convert to terrariums) complete with LED lighted covers, water filters, water heaters, rocks & decorations, fish food, etc. Everything you need for two complete set-ups except the fish! Bought new Dec 2014 at Wal-Mart and enjoyed until my daughter got a dog and lost interest in fish. Original cost for all over \$100. Will go to person submitting first reasonable offer. 100% of proceeds will benefit the PHS NJROTC armed drill team. Will make available for pick up at PHS or will make arrangements to deliver in Plainview. **Dave Sandahl**, PHS NJROTC 806-729-8006 cell/text.

WANTED: Picture books. If you are cleaning out your books **Sarah Hutto** (Coronado, Special Ed) needs donated books for classroom use on an Early Childhood -1st grade level. She also needs a **rocking chair** and **baby activity board** similar to the one pictured. If anyone has one they don't need and can donate to her classroom contact her through school email.



FOR SALE: 2007 33' Sunnybrook BH travel trailer. \$14,250.00. If interested, contact **Pam Putnam** through school email.



Some freebies and a few things to sell. Contact **Nancy Lewis** at PHS if interested in any of the items below.



FREE: wooden cutting board 22 x 27; Other items pictured to the right. You will have to come and get them.

FOR SALE: (contact Nancy Lewis) **Silver serving tray—\$10**



Winston Churchill—His memories and speeches; 12 record collection and book—\$10

Etched crystal glass House of representatives bowl—\$10



4 pewter mugs—\$10



FREE: An old style , but good **TV** in a cabinet on wheels, an interior door with hinges, a **7 ft. Christmas tree** in perfect condition. Contact **Pam Kennedy:** pam.kennedy@plainview.k12.tx.us

FOR SALE: Kenmore stackable **washer / dryer.** Approximately 8 years old. Dryer will eventually need some work. \$200. **Patio glider,** \$20. Baby Trend expedition **jogging stroller** (lightly used), \$75. Contact **Tommy Caldwell** at PHS or Kayla at 729-9392.

FOR RENT: One bedroom **furnished apartment,** \$400, \$200 deposit. Gas, water, cable paid. Tenant's pay electricity. Contact **Karen Sandlin** (Technology Center) or by cell phone, 292-6247.

SP4K - Plainview



Donations to the Plainview program can be made from the Plainview ISD web page, www.plainviewisd.org. 100% of donations stay in this area and are utilized for food purchases unless otherwise designated. The cost of providing snacks for one student is \$133 year (\$11 per month).

Volunteers are needed twice a month to sack the products and make deliveries to schools. You can volunteer at the link on our website.



Movie Night in the Park

Friday, May 1st

Kidsville Park, Plainview, TX

Activities & Refreshments available

Festivities begin at 7pm!



Movie starts at dusk

The movie will be free to the public, however, refreshments and additional activities will be available for purchase (cash only please). Please refrain from bringing any outside food or drinks.

Donations are welcome!

Sponsored by Plainview Junior Service League - If you have any questions or would like to help sponsor this event, please email plainviewjsl@hotmail.com



Estacado NJHS reads to Edgmere students



ESTACADO POPS provides opportunities for parents and guardians to positively impact students' lives

POPS day at Estacado was a great success as students and parents shared lunch on March 2.



Bluebonnet Voters



Students at our elementary schools participated with students across Texas in reading and voting for the Texas Bluebonnet book award in January. 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 2015 Bluebonnet Award winner is "The Day the Crayons Quit." District Librarian, Susan Flippin, coordinates the local participation.



College Hill



Edgmere



Hillcrest



Highland



La Mesa



Thunderbird

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- 54 - [Jing](#)
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- 61 - [Mahara](#) **BACK**
- 62 - [SurveyMonkey](#)
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- 67 - [IFTTT](#) **NEW**
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Plickers- The Student Response System for Classrooms That Have Only One iPad



Plickers uses a teacher's iPad or Android tablet in conjunction with a series of QR codes to create a student response system. Students are given a set of QR codes on large index cards.

The codes are assigned to students.

Each code card can be turned in four orientations. Each orientation provides a different answer. When the teacher is ready to collect data, he or she uses the Plickers mobile app to scan the cards to see a bar graph of responses. The app and cards can be downloaded from the Plickers website:

<https://www.plickers.com/>

Want to make your own QR Codes?

Here is the place: [QR Stuff](#)



[Kathy Schrock's QR Codes in the Classroom](#)

Need Some Inspiration?



TED Talks are a major source of inspiration for educators who need a morale boost, a discussion starter, or a new perspective. The year 2014 brought some of the best TED Talks for educators, but there are some not-to-be-missed talks from 2013 that still are highly relevant for educators today. Their messages are invaluable for educators who work tirelessly to inspire creativity, motivation, and determination in their students.

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