



In Plain View

Plainview ISD Staff eNewsletter

Fall 2012

PHS holds Open House for Phase 1 renovations



PHS cheerleaders and band prepare to march through the hallways during open house.



Coach Hagerman and Coach Wrenn serve a hot dog to Rodney Wallace at the Open House.



WE LOVE OUR BULLDOG MASCOT! A young visitor surprises the Bulldog mascot with a hug during the PHS Open House at the Communities in Schools table. (See page 2 for more information on CIS.)

Kindergarten students commemorate diez y septiembre



Following a unit of study on the culture, food, language and geography of Mexico, Highland kindergarten classrooms celebrated by hosting a Mexican fiesta.

Boys dressed in serapes and girls wore crowns,

adorned with paper flowers and ribbons, that were made in the class.

Parents and other guests were treated to a viewing of the student's colorful artwork.

Students also put on a performance of the Mexican folk dance La Raspa.

A Mexican feast was catered by Leal's Mexican Restaurant.

The fiesta was held in honor of diez y septiembre, the Mexican holiday that commemorates Mexico's independence from Spain.



Kindergarten teachers and assistants coordinating the event were Carolyn Curry, Geneva Garcia, Betsy Lewis, Carmen Perez, Erika Sims and Rebecca Ybarra.



DeAnn Drake, Elementary Curriculum Coordinator

DeAnn Drake, new Elementary Curriculum Coordinator, comes to Plainview ISD from ESC 17 where she worked with Federal Programs, Accountability, and Compliance. In the ESC 17 position, she worked with low-performing campuses and districts to help identify specific problems and create solutions.

Her previous experiences include teaching English, Spanish, and Health in Claude and Frenship ISDs. She also taught public speaking, debate, political campaigns, and

business communications at Texas Tech University.

She holds a B.A. degree from West Texas State University, a Masters of Communication Studies (TTU), a Masters in Educational Administration (LCU) and a Superintendent's Certification (LCU).

She has been married to John Drake, an employee of People's State Bank, for 26 years. DeAnn is quick to add that he has the patience of Job to live with her.

They have two children. Their son Austin is married to Courtney and attends graduate school at Texas A & M. Their daughter Abby is a junior at Texas A & M majoring in Ag Business (Pre-Law).

DeAnn brings strong skills to her new job, but she has a fun side too. She enjoys music, really cute shoes, beach vacations, chocolate and adds that she once wanted to be an actor and singer on Broadway.



Greg McDaniel, Principal of Coronado Junior High

Greg McDaniel brings solid administrative experience to his new position as principal at Coronado Jr. High.

He began his professional career at Bryan ISD as an instructor in the Criminal Justice Program.

He then moved to the position of high school principal in North Zulch ISD. During his tenure there, the campus scores improved dramatically and the campus earned an exemplary rating.

He also served successfully as a principal in Midland ISD and Hearne ISD.

He worked as a Grant Specialist for Fort Worth ISD, was Associate Director of Enrollment at Tarrant County College District and most recently, he served as the Director of Outreach Services for Odessa College.

He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the

University of Texas of the Permian Basin, a teaching certification from Sam Houston State University, and a Masters of Education from Texas A & M University.

He has a special interest in farming, flying, hunting, fishing and traveling.

He adds that he is "a loyal AGGIE!!!"



Andrew Hannon , Principal of Thunderbird Elementary

Andrew Hannon, new principal at Thunderbird Elementary, is beginning his 22nd year in education.

He began his career at Lincoln Jr. High in San Angelo where he taught social studies and coached football, basketball and track.

In the following years he taught in Van Horn, Westbrook, and Spur at the high school and junior high level. During that time, he taught English, geography, history, government, economics, and theatre. He also coached football, baseball,

track, basketball, and tennis.

Later he served as Athletic Director and head coach in Spur.

Immediately prior to taking his new position in Plainview, he was principal of the PreKindergarten—Grade 12 school at Cotton Center.

Andrew is married to Nancy, the new STAAR math teacher at Coronado.

"We met on Valentine's Day in 1981. We married in '82 AND she's my best friend," he said.

They have two children. Their

daughter Liz is a graduate of North Texas State University and is working toward her fashion career in Yonkers, NY. Their son Josiah graduated from Angelo State and works for Federal Express in Midland.

Andrew is a member of TEPSA, Lion's Club and Harvest Christian Fellowship. He also had a 15-minute radio program in Colorado City for over five years.

He is currently in the process of publishing a book for teens.

Communities In Schools is a non-profit organization that has staff located directly on school campuses to meet student needs.

Our Mission is "to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life."

We provide many services on campus and free of charge!

- Truancy / Family Involvement
- After School Programs
- School Participation
- Peer Focusing
- Mentoring



Contact the Campus Coordinators for your child's school today!

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The CIS Five Basics

Communities in Schools believes every child needs and deserves:

- A personal one on one relationship with a caring adult
- A safe place to learn and grow
- A chance to give back to peers and the community
- A marketable skill to use upon graduation
- A healthy start and a healthy future

Sharon Wright serves as State Association Representative

-TEPSA Press Release

Sharon Wright, Principal at La Mesa Elementary in Plainview ISD, will serve as the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) Representative for the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA). Wright and her fellow officers on the Executive Committee were installed at the association's Summer Conference.

"TEPSA's Executive Committee is dedicated to serving in the best interests of Texas school leaders and their students," said Executive Director Sandi Borden.

Wright received her M.Ed. from Wayland Baptist



University and has served as a district and state officer since 2002. She will also serve as Past State President for the Association.

Greg Brown serves as TEPSA District President

Greg Brown, Principal at Hillcrest Elementary in Plainview ISD, will serve as District 17 President for the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA). Officers from the 20 TEPSA districts across the state were installed at the association's July Leadership Conference.

"District officers play a vital role in communicating TEPSA's mission at the local level. They are committed to serving Texas PreK-8 educators and students," said Executive Director Sandi Borden.

Brown's career in education spans 21 years. This is his fourth year as a TEPSA district officer.

TEPSA, whose hallmark is educational leaders learning with and from each



other, has served Texas PreK-8 school leaders since 1917. Member owned and member governed, TEPSA has more than 5,800 members who direct the activities of more than 2.5 million PreK-8 school children. Learn more at www.tepsa.org

Schools custodians do more than mop floors, carry out trash, vacuum classrooms and clean restrooms. Not only do they play a vital role in providing a safe, healthy, clean environment for our schools, but they often are able to develop relationships with and engage students in a way that provides an added layer to the support system each student needs to reach his or her full potential.

Making a Difference: Roy Jackson

-Submitted by Bobby Compton

In a world where more wrong than right is noticed, I'd like to share the kindness of a good man who didn't have to be.

The first Friday of the new school year, one of our autistic students saw Roy Jackson, the head custodian for the Field House, the grill master, and friend to all the coaches, taking a vacuum cleaner into the green room.

The student immediately asked to meet him. You see, this young man has a fascination with ALL makes and models of vacuum cleaners.

I always wonder how people will respond to children with special needs and I got my answer.

When we walked into the green room (weight room), Roy was vacuuming. He saw our three students and without hesitation had a

warm smile ready.

I explained that the boys were wanting to meet him and were curious about the vacuum cleaner he was using.

Not only did Roy answer all their questions, he invited them back on Tuesday so they could see the BIG vacuum cleaner that he used for the bigger areas. Our boys thanked him and we left.

The next Tuesday, I was reminded by one of the boys that we had a 'date' with Mr. Jackson so we walked over to the field house and there was Roy, smiling and waiting.

He again answered questions and even let the boys "try" the vacuum. He was beyond warm and kind. He invited them back anytime and I know he meant it.

Roy is a reminder that good people are still out there and that sometimes... sometimes... angels do walk amongst us here on earth. I saw that with Roy's simple kindness in his interactions with boys. He never asked why they were there. He was just glad they were.



Cheers! Kudos! High Fives!

Congratulations to **Brandon Douglas** of Houston School. Brandon earned his Masters in Administration from The University of Texas at Arlington and has passed his principal's exam.

Their new salon, Stele Magnolia, is located across the street from the bowling alley.

Ruth Gonzales (Thunderbird secretary) has opened a consignment store, RuRu's Kloset, across the street from the Broadway Brew. She invites everyone to stop by and see her new store.

Rachel Rogers, daughter of Steve and **Debi Rogers** (Estacado) has opened her own beauty salon with her business partner, Lori McGuire.



Baby News

Jodie and Amy Meek (Hillcrest) are the parents of a beautiful baby girl, Ainsley Kate Meek, born on June 10. She weighed 6 lbs. and was 20 inches long.



Arik and Abby Pardo announce the arrival of a daughter, Allyson Naomi Pardo. She was born August 24 at 8:08pm and weighed 6lbs. 10 oz. **Yesenia Pardo** (Lakeside) is the very proud grandmother.



Jamie Junod (Edgemere) announces the arrival of a new grandbaby. Addison Ray was born on August 5 and weighed 7lbs. 13 oz. The proud parents are Alane (PHS '99) and Dirk Ray.



Caren Miller (Highland) has a new granddaughter. Brenna Claire Miller was born on September 11 at 8:09 am. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19 inches long. She joins parents, Jeff and Kate Miller and two-year old twins Cannon and Meredith.



A very new addition to the Hillcrest Elementary family is Gavin Joe Garcia. He was born on September 10, weighed in at 7lbs. 6 oz, and was 18 1/2 inches long. His mother is Hillcrest secretary, **Claudia Barela**.



Military News



LCPL Calob Holt, son of Cherrie Taylor (Lakeside), returned safely from a five-month tour of duty with the US Marine Corp in Afghanistan on August 11, 2012.



athlete of the week
Shirmar Jennings
plainview running back
1 touchdown
134 rushing yards
Brought to you by:
Jan Alford
Your Local State Farm Agent

Congratulations, Shirmar!

Kudos to PHS Theatre Arts teacher Tisa Whitfield who recently received mention in the Leaguer, the Official Publication of the University Interscholastic League, for creating a fast-growing collaborative page for One-Act Play Directors on Facebook. The UIL publication reads:

"One of the "GREAT!" things I discovered last March was the Facebook page "UIL One-Act Play Directors" created by Tisa Whitfill. Its membership has increased from 39 when I first saw it to 600 today.

The lively and useful exchanges about play titles, curriculum needs and general "swap-shopping" is wonderful to watch. Make a point of becoming a member.

-Luis Munoz
UIL One-Act Director
writing for the Leaguer

The page at last check had 673 members.

A hug for you, my friend

Please keep the members of our Plainview ISD family who are struggling with health issues in your thoughts and prayers.

Not sure if this has anything to do with the \$750 one-time pay increase the school board voted to give our staff (THANK YOU!!), but rumor has it that the Plainview ISD Executive Director of Finance has been seen moonlighting as a Rodeo Clown.

Sympathy

To Milton and Beth Finley on the loss of Milton's father, Leonard Finley.



Digital Curriculum in the Classroom

by Jan Seago

It's going to happen eventually!

As education continues to evolve, classrooms are heading toward a time when we will rely less on textbooks and more on curriculum that is delivered digitally to students. It may be five years or fifteen years down the road, but one day instead of toting a backpack full of books, our students will carry a digital device that not only allows them access to their prescribed curriculum, but also connects them to videos, maps, encyclopedias, dictionaries, applications, and productivity tools that will allow them to create and publish their work.

It won't be an easy change. For years, textbooks have been a central core of classroom instruction and the primary resource for teachers and students. Books are old friends and some of us will likely dig in our heels at the suggestion that we give them up in their current format. Along the road we will struggle with how to fund student devices and how to provide a strong enough infrastructure to keep them working.

Even with all of this, there is no question that we live in a digital world and schools will need to embrace digital curriculum and the technology that brings it to us if we are to prepare students adequately with the skills they need to be successful in college and / or their future work environment.

This change will require a lot from us as teachers. We will need to be open to new ways of teaching. We will need to participate in sustained professional development in order to learn, collaborate and plan in new ways. We will need to master the use of the tools already in our classrooms—document cameras, clickers, Mobis and in some cases iPads. We will need to address the issue of how to ensure that digital devices enhance student learning rather than become a distraction from learning.

The good news is that Plainview ISD has many teachers who are using these tools in their classrooms. They will lead the rest of us as we evolve into the teachers we will need to be tomorrow.

If you aren't there yet, don't be discouraged. You still have time. Begin by taking the steps you can—master your Mobi, your document camera, and clickers if you have them. You can explore Project Share by utilizing the Project Share Tour or the Project Share videos on YouTube. If you are a middle school or high school teacher,



Principals and campus staff recently participated in training on Project Share provided by ESC 17.

explore Gaggle. There are features in it that allow for sharing documents and communicating with students.

Plainview ISD is home to many outstanding teachers. Every new school year finds us learning and growing and working together. Through these efforts, we will be prepared to make an easy transition to digital curriculum when the time is right.

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Teachers' Domain is a free (with registration) online library of more than 1,000 free media resources from the best in public television. These classroom resources, featuring media from NOVA, Frontline, Design Squad, American Experience, and other public broadcasting and content partners are easy to use and correlate to state and national standards.

Teachers' Domain resources include video and audio segments, Flash interactives, images, documents, lesson plans for teachers, and student-oriented activities. Once you register, you can personalize the site using "My Folders" and "My Groups" to save your favorite resources into a folder and share them with your colleagues or students.

Some examples of what you can view there—a video for Pre-K on seasons, a scene from Hamlet, a geometry lesson and a video on the Civil Rights movement.



Technology Lending Program Grant

There are two items Plainview ISD teachers most frequently search for a grant to fund — a classroom set of iPads and electronic whiteboards. The chances of finding a grant to fund either of these is very small.

This summer TEA made available a Technology Lending Program Grant. This presented a rare opportunity for Plainview ISD to utilize grant funding to purchase iPads.

The grant amount was limited to \$100,000 for a school district our size. This would purchase 130 iPads, covers, extended warranties and a laptop to manage them.

We also were restricted in other ways. The one-year grant must be used to fund a lending program with any devices we purchased to be used for student checkout. We could only place the devices in core content areas that had adopted a digital curriculum and we had to ensure that the iPads would be utilized for the most part by students who were economically disadvantaged.

Plainview ISD had adopted digital curriculum in science in the middle schools and high school. When we looked at the number of devices we could purchase, a decision was made to apply for the grant on behalf of PHS and Estacado.

Our application was approved for funding and this fall we will be taking the first tentative steps into implementing a lending program and integrating iPads into these classrooms.

A lending program was not our first choice. We would have preferred to put the iPads on carts and allow teachers to check them out for use in the classroom. Instead we will play by the grant rules and place these devices in the libraries where students, with teacher approval and parent signatures, may check them out.

Teachers involved in the grant will be pioneers in our first steps into a Bring Your Own Device / iPad Lending Program. They will put extra time into professional development and collaborative planning in order to utilize these devices in the best possible way. It will require extra effort on their part to ensure the devices enhance learning rather than create a distraction.

We expect to learn a lot from this experience and we are prepared to make changes if needed as the year progresses.

When the grant ends in August 2013, we will solicit feedback, evaluate the program and look at how to best utilize iPads in the future. Stay tuned!

Digital Resources

Below are a few free or low cost educational apps for iPads. **Be sure and read the reviews and description in the iTunes App store before installing.**



Tips & Tricks- Secrets for iPad (Lite version) FREE from App Store

This app is full of the shortcuts, hidden features and tips and tricks on "how-to" use an iPad.



Splashtop2 HD (remote Desktop) \$2.99 from App store

Access your computer from your iPad.



Educreations Interactive Whiteboard Free from App Store

Educreations turns your iPad into a recordable whiteboard. Creating a great video tutorial is as simple as touching, tapping and talking.



Evernote Free from App Store

Evernote lets you take notes, capture photos, create to-do lists, record voice reminders--and makes these notes completely searchable, whether you are at home, at work, or on the go.



Khan Academy Free from App Store

Khan Academy gives you access videos to learn math, science, finance & economics, Humanities, test prep, etc.



Geomaster Plus HD Free

Free from App Store
Find your place in the world. Locate countries, U.S. states and cities, and world capitals on an atlas while learning interesting facts. So the next time someone asks you where Lomé is, you can school them by pointing it out and telling them what its population is.



Wikihood for iPad Free from App Store

Wikihood intelligently organizes Wikipedia information using advanced semantic data mining. Within a few clicks, you not only get access to all the locations around you, but also the vast information related to these locations categorized by "persons" and "culture/buildings."



Sketch for iPad Free from App Store

Use shapes, arrows, sketches and text annotation to get your point across fast. Mark up photos, screenshots, maps, and webpages then share them with anyone you like.

If you know of other great free or low cost apps that you would recommend to other educators, let me know so that they can be included in future newsletters.

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



For Sale: **vintage, 5 light chandelier.** Beige ceramic with blue and apricot trim. Extra light bulbs included. \$125 If interested, contact **Pam Kennedy (Houston)** through school email.



Karla Cline (Lakeside) has a **cream-colored sofa with a recliner on each end** for sale. (\$150). She also has a **white washer and a white dryer** for sale. \$75 each or both for \$125

For sale: Beautiful **solid oak, ball and claw table** for sale. \$350.00. It's round with 6 cane bottom chairs (1 is damaged but still useable) and 2 leaves. With both leaves it will sit 12. Contact **Nancy Dougherty** (Estacado).

For sale: **Queen sized headboard and footboard** for sale, cherry wood finish Call: 898-0660 or email **Karen Taylor** (Hillcrest).

Gayla Aycock (Special Ed) has some small appliances-**coffee maker, blender, quesidilla maker, waffle maker** - for sale. \$5-7 a piece. Send her an email or call 292-1042 or 293-3388 if you are interested.

For Sale: Beautiful, large, **9 ft. pre-lit Christmas tree** needs a good home. \$60. Must be picked up in Lubbock. Contact **Marci Chapman** (PHS) through school email.

For Sale: **Black metal loft bed.** Twin Size with desk on the bottom and moveable shelves. No mattress. \$100.00. Call **Claire Williams** (Estacado) at 292-9642 or email her through school mail.

For Sale: **2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer LT** with only 58,745 miles. Asking \$8,000. This vehicle is in excellent physical and mechanical condition and has brand new Firestone Destination LE tires purchased in July. Call or text Matt @ 806-221-2099 or **Susan Blackerby** @ 979-255-3246.



For Sale: **Runabout** (see photo). Great for kids. \$1500.00 Please contact David Crawford 806-774-3106 or **Gwen Crawford** (Ash) at 806-774-0586.



For Sale: **Counter height table** 56 x 56 with the leaf in. No chairs \$75.00. Also a **full size dresser** for a child's room \$75.00. Please email **Leigh Ann Bradley** (Ash) or call 518-9274.

Looking for a GREAT Christmas gift? **Foosball table in great condition.** Comes with various table games. Very heavy! Would need help moving. Asking \$400.00. Contact Leah Dayton (Lakeside) 296-0175.

Two houses for sale 5 miles from the city limits on south FM 400 highway. They are sitting on 1.86 acres. First house has a basement and a 252 sq. ft room on top of basement that can be used as a bedroom plus 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, 1 bathroom huge laundry room 4 car carport

and a 14'x 24' shop next to carport. Second house has a basement 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, 1 1/2 baths, laundry room, and 2 car carport. Asking \$125,000 for both. On pavement. Email **Hope Martinez** (Hillcrest) or call 806-895-4616 after 5:00 p.m.

For sale: **2000 Ford Explorer XLT**, 4-wheel drive, excellent condition. \$4,100 Call **Tommy Caldwell** (PHS) 293-1652 (home) or 729-9575(cell).

Nice **upholstered motorized lift chair.** \$500. Contact **Sandy Smith** (PHS) 806-392-3635 or Dennis @ 806-470-8202.

For Sale: **52" Big screen TV; white electric cooktop and Entertainment Center.** If interested call **Rosie Licerio** (Central Office) 518-9268.

Queen size "Sleep Number" mattress for sale. Wife loved it - husband hated it. It was used less than 2 weeks. Asking \$1600.00. Please call **Donna Isaacson** (College Hill) at 729-9142 (leave a message) or email if interested.

David Richburg has a very clean **silver 2005 Ford F-150** for sale. It is a Super Crew Cab with 173,000 miles. It has a remote start/alarm, grill guard, tool box and a custom in-dash GPS touchscreen stereo. \$ 9 5 0 0 O B O . 8 0 6 - 7 7 4 - 0 1 4 6 richburgdavid@yahoo.com. He is looking for a 2005 or newer car that gets 28+ mpg or better on the highway. He would consider a trade.

Leslie Richburg (PHS) has an extra-large **Dog-loo** (\$35) and another **large dog house** (\$20) for sale. Contact Leslie through school mail or phone 806-774-5262.

For Sale: **Two handmade, wooden rockers** for sale for \$75 each. An **elliptical machine** for \$100. Contact **Jill Freeman** (Lakeside) through school mail.

Wanted!!!!

Pre AP World Geography needs recent (not more than 3 months old) copies of Time, Newsweek, and National Geographic. They also need the front section of the Amarillo Globe News (not more than two weeks old) Contact June Sherman at PHS to donate these items.





College Hill 3rd Grade Hotdog Cookout

School Resource Officer Amos Rodriguez, enjoys a hot dog with his wife Jessica and daughter Mallory (pink shirt) during a cookout at College Hill. Also pictured are Lisa Licerio (left) with daughter Karleigh, and Kelsy Rascon.



Edgemere Kicks-Off Accelerated Reader with a R-E-A-D Pep Rally

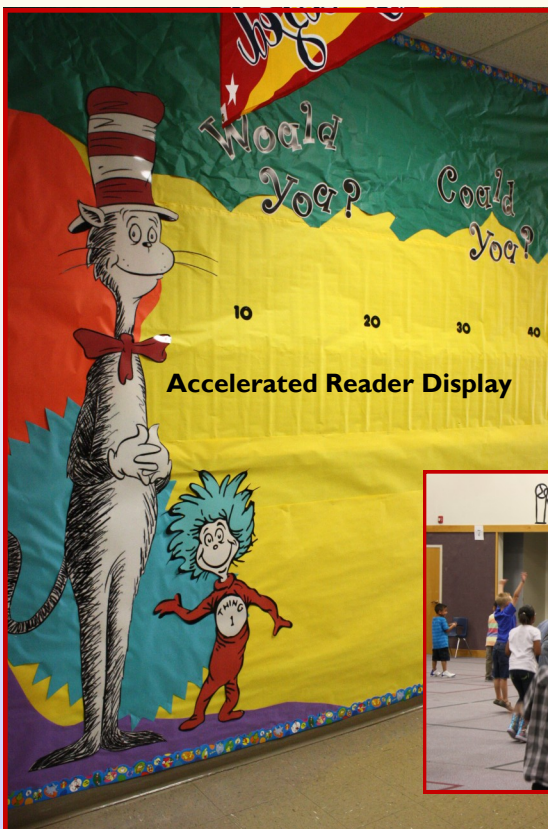


R-E-A-D-I-N-G , READ, EDGEMERE READ!!!!



Spirit Week

Spirit Week photos were submitted by Lakeside 5th Grade Learning Center, Hillcrest Elementary, and someone who thinks it's safer to remain anonymous.



La Mesa Rocks



La Mesa Where Learning Rocks Every Day



PE Classes



La Mesa Learning Academy



Back to School Parade of T-Shirts

