



In Plain View

Plainview ISD Staff eNewsletter

Winter 2017



College Hill TV Station on Christmas Character Day.



Highland 4th grade with their gingerbread house.



PHS band members donated 2,036 cans of food to the Salvation Army Food Drive.

The blessings of peace,
The beauty of hope,
The spirit of love,
The comfort of faith
May this be your gifts
This Christmas season.

Rockin' the Christmas Carols



La Mesa Elementary fourth grade music students "wow" the crowd as they sing *Hot Chocolate* for parents and community members gathered to listen at Centennial Bank.



The PHS Freshman Men's Chorale performance at Centennial Bank.

District Counselors tirelessly support students



Early in this school year, the Plainview ISD counselors released a survey to find out what informational topics would be of the greatest interest to parents. Using the results of their survey, they began planning a series of seminars.

The first parent seminar was held on November 9 on the topic, "Helping Young Minds Cope with Anxiety."

The second seminar, "Stranger Danger in the Online World: Social Media, Cyberbullying & Human Trafficking," was held on December 14 and involved the

collaboration of the Plainview Police Department and the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Robin Salazar, Director for Assessment & Accountability, says the district counselors have worked tirelessly this year to offer new and exciting opportunities in our district. "They love the PISD kiddos and their hearts are dedicated to improving the educational experience at each campus and for each student they serve."

Additional seminars are being planned for the spring semester.



Thursday, December 14, 2017

STRANGER DANGER IN THE ONLINE WORLD: SOCIAL MEDIA, CYBERBULLYING & HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Plainview ISD Counselor's Department will be hosting a seminar for all PISD parents addressing the dangers of today's technological world, and ways for parents to be aware of methods to protect their children. Topics will include:

- an overview of David's Law and updates about Cyber-Bullying
- Sexting Awareness
- Human Trafficking
- the effects we are seeing in our local community of these dangers

PISD Education Complex, Rm. 3
2407 Yonkers

6:30 p.m.

Hear from:
PISD Counselors
Plainview PD
TX Department of State Health Services

Discover what trends are most common in our community and how you may help protect your child!

**This seminar may contain mature content, so please plan accordingly.*



PHS hosts FTC Robotics Competition



PHS students prepare their robots for competition at the FTC competition held at PHS in early December. .

The Plainview High School robotics team hosted First Tech Challenge teams from Dimmitt, Hart, Bushland and Kelton in the third and final league meet of this season.

This season, the PHS team is undefeated with a record of 15-0. According to the judges, this is the first time they ever recall a team going undefeated in area league competition.

For competition, teams must design a robot that can be operated both autonomously and with driver input. The first portion of competition is a 30-second period where the robot performs with out driver input. This is followed by a two-minute period where the driver controls the robot and attempts to score as many points as possible in the allotted time.

During the final portion of the competitions, the robot attempts to grab an object and lift it over a constructed wall.

Building a robot that can successfully accomplish the required tasks is a trial and error process. Students often devote afterschool and weekend hours in building the robot.

The PHS robotics instructor is Terry Nelson.

Edgemere 1st grade students publish books

Edgemere first grade students are now published authors.

First grade teachers, Chelsea Rushing, Jill Parish and Kathy Joy came up with the idea of a grade-level book publishing project during a planning session last October. Kathy, who had previously helped students publish a book, first shared the idea with the other teachers. Jill and Chelsea agreed that it would be a good way to teach their students proper writing and editing skills.

The book title they choose was, "When I Grow Up". Each student created a photo and a short written piece about what they want to be when they grow up and what they will do when they have that dream job.

The teachers taught the writing process and students worked through whole group lessons, independent



work, sometimes multiple rough drafts, and edited their pages in small groups until each student's two-page piece was ready to be published. Photos of each of the students is also included in the book. The final version of the books was sent to the printing company, Studenttreasures Publishing. The company publishes the class book for free and allows parents to purchase a book if they would like a personal copy.

The classes received the printed books in early December.

"The books are really awesome," Chelsea said. "We are very pleased with how each class's book turned out. It was a really fun experience."

Edgemere fourth grade students "operate" on text

When you walk into a classroom of fourth grade students dressed in surgical caps, surgical masks and gloves, you might assume they are in the midst of a science lesson. They are perhaps dissecting some small creature to build an understanding of how the parts of the body work together.

You might be surprised and a little puzzled when the teacher explains they are involved in a reading lesson on text features.

Dissection makes sense in science classes. It offers students a concrete, hands-on learning experience in anatomy. It gives a real-world application to things students have read about in books. It allows students to look at how parts work together to function as a whole.

Edgemere Elementary fourth grade reading teacher Patti Hauk would argue that for those very same reasons, dissection makes sense in a reading class too.

Recognizing text features is one of the skills her students are required to master under the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Hauk had taught lessons on the required text features and now felt students were ready to put their knowledge on display.

Giving students the opportunity to participate in "text feature surgery" was a fun way for students to dissect real

literature into the various parts of literature they had learned. It also gave her an opportunity to informally assess what her students knew about text features.

As the lesson began, Hauk explained that students would be "operating on" magazines and newspapers to find the different

text features that had been discussed previously in class. The text surgery would include identifying and clipping out headings, captions, tables, photos, diagrams, graphs, maps, timelines, sidebars, and types of print. Clippings were to be pasted into a booklet to use as a resource on text features.

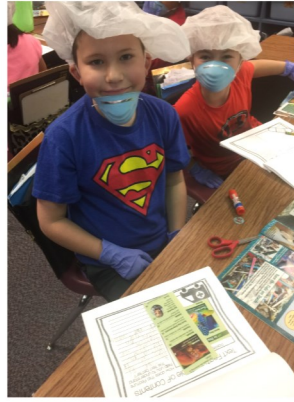
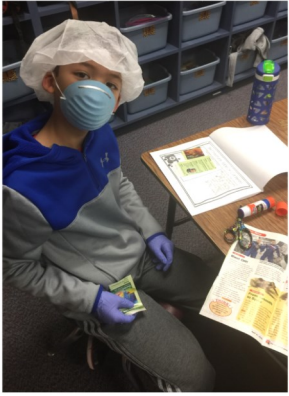
The addition of surgical masks, caps and gloves made the assignment feel more important and added an element of fun for students.

The class "operating room" atmosphere was complete with an audio recording of a beating heart. Listening to the audio helped students to work quietly and complete the "operation" and build a collect of the text features during the 90-minute class period.

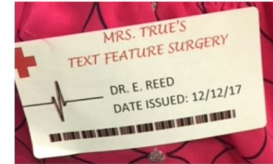
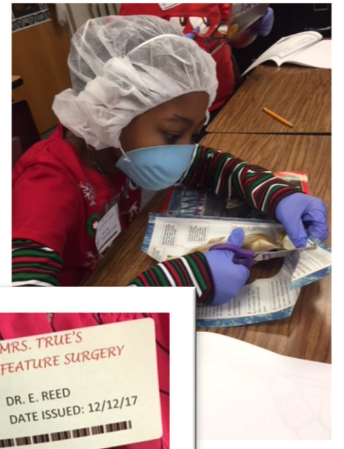
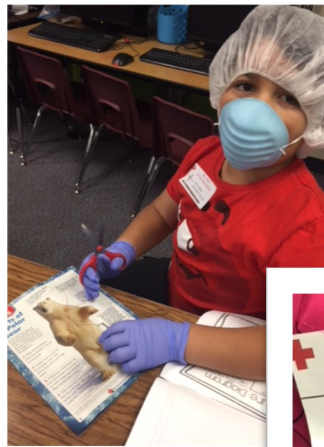
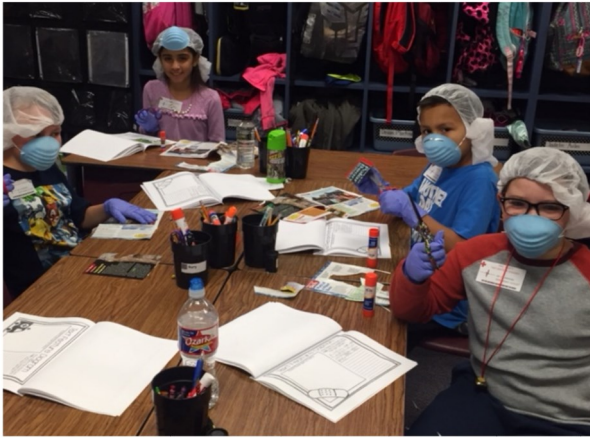
Hauk said the lesson wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of Covenant Health Plainview. They graciously donated masks, surgery hats, and gloves for the students.



La Mesa third grade "text feature" surgery



La Mesa third grade students also participated in a "text feature surgery" to build skill in understanding nonfiction text with supplies donated by Covenant Health Plainview.



Coronado enters OAP competition with "Zoot Suits"

Coronado Middle School theatre students competed against students from seven other schools in the UIL One Act Play (OAP) competition for junior high schools held on Dec. 2 at Canyon Randall High School. Coronado presentation for the competition was the play "Zoot Suit" by Luiz Valdez.

Two Coronado eighth grade student actors were recognized by the UIL OAP judges with cast awards. Jerry Ruiz, as George Shearer, received an All-Star Cast award. Nolan Perez, as Henry Reyna, won an Honorable Mention All-Star Cast award.





PHS students attend presentation on synthetic drugs

More than 500 students participating in Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses at Plainview High School recently attended a presentation by NEIDS on the dangers of synthetic drugs.

NEIDS (Nurses Educating on Illegal Drugs and Synthetics) is an outreach group of registered emergency nurses and nurse educators provided by the University Medical Center of Lubbock. NEIDS was founded on the knowledge that synthetic marijuana and other illegal drugs kill and harm too many of our fellow human beings. Their mission is to provide education to the public on the health risks and hazards in using synthetic marijuana and other harmful drugs.

They are accomplishing their mission through public service announcements, focused educational opportunities to school-age children, and working with local coalitions and agencies against the use of synthetic marijuana. They also work to support local and state laws to halt the sale, distribution, and the manufacturing of these synthetic and illegal drugs.



Ash students learn simple gift ideas during procedural text lesson

Our mission as educators is to prepare students for life. When we have the opportunity to combine teaching what is required under the TEKS with a personal passion and in the process develop knowledge and skills that students can build on in their every day lives, we can count that as a success.

Ash teacher Sara Hanoch taught a procedural text lesson this week that gave students some well-received, practical knowledge. Students learned to make homemade hand scrub, laundry soap, makeup remover wipes, baby wipes, deodorant, room freshening spray, and more. On the edible side, they made hot cocoa and hot cider mixes.

As she moved through the lesson, Sara shared slides that showed cost comparisons of homemade products with store bought products. Students had hands on opportunities to make and tryout products. Judging from student involvement, questions asked, note taking, and table discussion, it was a winning lesson that students will not only use, but it will act as a springboard for other practical ideas.





Aramark Door Decorating Contest

The Aramark Food Service staff likes to celebrate holidays in a big way, evident in their 2017 Christmas door decorating contest.

Schools participating were PHS, Hillcrest, Highland, College Hill, Edgemere, Thunderbird, La Mesa.

The judges were David Lopez, Custodial Supervisor, and Rick Burke Director of Maintenance & Custodial Services.

The winner will be announced on Dec 21.





Cheers! Kudos! High Fives!

Caroline Grace Kinkaid, daughter of Rob and **Teresa Kinkaid** (La Mesa), will graduate in December from the University of Tennessee with a degree in Kinesiology.



Miriam Banda, daughter of Antonio and **Diana Banda** (Student Support Services), married Robert Guerrero, Jr. on November 24. Miriam is employed by Plainview ISD as an assistant at the La Mesa Daycare.



played Fritz the mischievous little brother of Clara, and Emma Pittman played a wreath girl and gray mouse. Nate and Emma are the children of **Michelle** (PHS) and **James** (Ash) Pittman. Other campuses represented at the ballet were Estacado and College Hill. Congrats to all the Plainview cast members in the Nutcracker Ballet!

Emily Welch, daughter of **Torri Hatch** (PHS), married Shannon Allen on Dec. 2.



Baby News

Kayden James Banda was born on October 25 to proud parents Juan Antonio and Vanessa Banda. Grandparents are Antonio and **Diana Banda** (Student Support Services).



Robert and Virginia Leal (Estacado) are proud to announce the birth of their new grandson, Isaiah Lee Galvan, born December 12, weighing 7.6 lbs. and 20 inches long. New parents are former PHS students Christian Galvan and Victoria (Dee Dee) Leal.



Meredith McDonough, daughter of Doug and **Brenda McDonough** (PHS) recently became

engaged to Brook Hayes. Both Meredith and Brook attend West Texas A & M University where Brook will graduate in May of 2018 and Meredith will graduate in May of 2019. They will be married on June 16, 2018 in Plainview.

Zachary McDonough, son of Doug and **Brenda McDonough** (PHS), recently



received the O.E. Burton Award at the Nakona Lodge Order of the Arrow Banquet on Saturday, December 2. He has completed all of the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout and will have his Eagle Scout Court of Honor in the near future.

Plainview ISD was represented by several amazing dancers at the annual Lone Star Ballet performance of the Nutcracker in Amarillo December 7-10. Nate Pittman

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

FOR SALE: By owner, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, **house** completely remodeled. Huge yard, 30 x 30 cemented shop, new roof, new fence. 609 W. 22nd, \$59,000. Contact **Lupie Perez** (College Hill) at 292-7287.



FOR SALE: Full-size **bunk beds** with mattresses. Contact **Monica Reyna** at Coronado Middle School.

FOR SALE: 2008 Soft Tail Classic, **Harley Davidson motorcycle**. Its dusty but in great condition. It has approximately 11,000 miles and asking \$12,000.00 or a fair offer. Contact **Rebekah Mize** (Edgemere).



FOR SALE: **Two couches** for sale... one is leather...the other a darker cloth. \$35.00 each. If interested, contact **Rebekah Mize** (Edgemere). The couches belong to her daughter.



FOR RENT: **House in Kress** that will be available the end of February or the beginning of March. It is 3 bedroom, 2 bath with 2 living areas. \$400 deposit required. Rent is \$650. Contact **Tracy Dawson** (PHS) at 806-292-0291.