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Straight to the Classroom - FWISD Bond Program

On Nov. 6, voters will have an opportunity to approve a bond program for District-wide classroom improvements, computer technology and other initiatives to keep Fort Worth ISD students competitive in a global marketplace. Early voting started Oct. 22 and will continue through Nov. 2.

A tremendous thank you goes to all partners who provided resources and time in launching a new school year supportive of students, teachers and parents. We look forward to highlighting additional activities in future issues.

TPG Capital kicked off their partnership with **Rufino Mendoza ES** by delivering school supplies and hosting a luncheon for the teachers on their first day back. Employees were also present on the first day of school to provide breakfast for the faculty, personalized boxes of items for each teacher and a friendly welcome to parents and students. One way the company is assisting the school is by printing mass copies of fliers and letters for the school for distribution to parents. In November, fifth graders will visit TPG's downtown office where employees will decorate their offices with college memorabilia and talk with students about the importance of planning to attend college. Employees will highlight job descriptions and skills needed at Career Day in November.

Crescent Real Estate Equities completely renovated the teachers' conference room at **Versia Williams ES**. The grand opening of the new "executive-style" conference room was held on September 13. The room includes new paint and carpet, conference tables and chairs, comfortable chairs for reading and electronic equipment to enhance presentations for meetings and trainings. Employees welcomed teachers back on their first day by hosting a luncheon at the school. Volunteers are currently teaching the Junior Achievement curriculum in classrooms to support social studies.

Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. employees met with **Dunbar HS** to plan activities including TEAM Fort Worth ISD mentors for students, classroom speakers who will highlight careers in math and science and assistance with the Robotics Team.

Neighborhood Policing District 1 hosted a welcome luncheon for the **Nash ES** staff at the Police sector. In addition, police officers held a "clap-in" and welcomed students and parents on the first day of school with welcome messages in English and Spanish. Fifteen officers are pen pals and will host the students at their facility for breakfast on Nov. 6. **Marian Fort Worth** provided school supplies for every student in the school. The **Central Area Council of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce** and the Chamber Foundation donated \$1,500 to sponsor the purchase of Lego kits for an after-school robotics program for fourth and fifth graders.

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company employees are implementing a concentrated tutoring program for seniors at **Metro Opportunity School** who are taking the TAKS exit level test. The main subject is mathematics, and the focus is on the review of formulas and strategies to solve problems.

University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC) hosted "More Knowledge In The Sciences" (MKITS) summer camps for students from **Manuel Jara ES**, **J.P. Elder MS** and **North Side HS**. The Science Sleuths Camp for 18 fourth graders was held at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History and included activities in natural science, astronomy, robotics, paleontology and chemistry. The Cardiopulmonary Camp at UNTHSC for 23 sixth graders included activities in simulation labs and in the anatomy lab, where students dissected human hearts and lungs. The High School Disease Detective workshop included 17 students (consisting also of students from **Dunbar**, **Eastern Hills** and **South Hills High Schools**). The focus of the camp was the study of the Avian Flu. Students also received information on college preparation and financial aid.

Ridgley United Methodist Church recently delivered 70 white collared shirts and two pairs of pants to **Monnig MS** to support standardized dress for students in need. Church members are planning a flowerbed cleanup to maintain the foliage planted last year.

Texas Department of Transportation will provide outdoor lighting for a cookout for families at **Rosemont Sixth Grade** on October 25 called Dinner Ole' ("outdoor learning environment"). The dinner will promote families' interest in science.

Fleet Oil & Gas kicked off their new partnership with **C.C. Moss ES** by donating over \$2,400 for the purchase of clothing (for standardized dress) for children in need of assistance. The company recruited members of the Delta Delta Delta sorority at TCU who are serving as reading and math tutors at the school.

Moritz of Fort Worth is donating a 2008 Chevrolet Cobalt as the grand prize for the **Western Hills HS** attendance incentive campaign. This is the sixth year for the dealership to donate a car with the goal of inspiring students to have excellent attendance.

The **Rotary of Fort Worth** Endowment Fund awarded a \$4,000 grant to **Riverside MS** for kits to support teachers in speaking conversationally in English and Spanish to parents about their students' progress. The *Kon-Ver-SAY-Shun Kit: Conversation Starters in English and Spanish*, includes many common sentences for starting discussions with parents and a selection of responses about performance, encouragement and recognition. Pages are tabbed and laminated for quick reference for both teachers and parents.

The **Star-Telegram** donated 74 clothing items for standardized dress to **Hubbard Heights ES** to support children in need.

City of Fort Worth Code Compliance donated school supplies to **Glencrest Sixth Grade**. Employees will mentor students by meeting weekly and reading books together. As a culminating activity, the students will read to children at **Clifford Davis ES** in December. Employees will host a group of students to attend a City Council meeting where they will talk with City employees about jobs and education/skills required. Employees greeted families at open house, will sponsor an essay contest, will participate in Family Math Night and will chaperone field trips throughout the year. Effort Award certificates are being presented to students every two weeks.

Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce is helping to sponsor Family Literacy Night at **Como ES** on Oct. 30 through the purchase of books and refreshments. Field trips to Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, as well as career and college speakers from Lockheed, are also planned. The Chamber is also providing Incentives for parents of students with perfect attendance.

Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation launched their new partnership with **Southwest HS** by hosting the school's math and science teachers at their boardroom for a meeting with engineers from every department who explained their job functions and skills needed. Six employees will mentor 30 students interested in entering the engineering field by working with each on college preparedness. Employees will tutor additional students in regular subject course work and for the TAKS test. The company will sponsor an essay contest highlighting careers in science and technology. A representative is serving on the school's Site-Based Decision-Making team.

The **Fort Worth Museum of Science and History** is providing the Discovery Lab on Wheels to **North Hi Mount ES**. Programs include content-based lessons in physical science, such as students observing static electricity and creating their own electrical circuits. Students also learn why things change from solid to liquid to gas by using cold liquid nitrogen, common household items and experimentation. **State Farm Insurance – Camp Bowie** is providing prizes for high academics and attendance and is hosting two parties for classrooms with the highest attendance per six weeks periods. **Starbuck's Coffee Company – West Seventh Street** provided coffee and snacks for teachers' meetings and is providing drawing items for staff appreciation. The reading buddies program for classroom guest readers will start in November. **McDonald's Camp Bowie** is providing prizes for perfect attendance during two six weeks periods. They recently surprised teachers with a delivery of iced coffees.

Thompson Tax & Accounting, R & G and **Rosen Heights Baptist Church** provided school supplies for students at **Sam Rosen ES**. The church hosted a welcome-back catered luncheon to recognize all school staff members at the church during their first week back. The church is gearing up for "trunk or treat" on Halloween, where families will be invited to the parking lot to trick-or-treat from the trunks of members' parked cars. Approximately 40 students are participating in an after-school mentoring program. R & G is launching a reading pals program involving 13 employees who read with children weekly and a pen pal program involving 15 employees to increase students' writing proficiency. Alarm clocks were purchased for students to encourage being on time to school every day.

Beth-El Congregation delivered a truckload of school supplies, along with clothing for standardized dress, to **De Zavala ES**. The congregation also donated \$1,000 for the purchase of attendance incentives, as well as two gently used computers as attendance prizes.

MWH Americas, Inc. donated school and office supplies to **Eastern Hills HS**. The company is providing t-shirts as attendance incentives. Plans include tutoring in history, speakers for career exploration and assistance with the clean-up of the nature trail located across the street from the school.

Healthsource Consultants, Inc. employees welcomed the staff at **Middle Level Learning Center** on their first day back with warm wishes and a catered country breakfast. Employees also greeted students and their parents on the first day of school. The company will sponsor a crossword puzzle contest in November in which students will have the opportunity to develop crossword puzzles highlighting information learned in social studies. Prizes will be awarded to winners, and all participants will be recognized.

Washington Mutual – Westcliff is conducting a student savings program again this year at **Westcreek ES**. Bank employees will lead "coffee talk" with parents on Oct. 26 about budgeting. **University United Methodist Church** members donated school supplies and are serving as reading buddies and pen pals. **Barnes & Noble Booksellers** is providing gift certificates for teacher recognition and incentives. All partners are providing volunteers to judge the Red-Ribbon Poster Contest on Oct. 26.

Welcome to the following new Adopt-A-School partnerships: **Agape Baptist Church** and **Luella Merrett ES**, **Cici's Pizza – Ellis Avenue** and **North Side HS**, **Fleet Oil & Gas** and **C.C. Moss ES**, **HealthSource Consultants** and **Middle Level Learning**, **Jason's Deli** and **McLean MS**, **The Krystal Company** and **Washington Mutual – N. Richland Hills** and **Natha Howell ES**, **MJ Thomas Engineering, LLC** and **Stripling MS**, **Neighborhood Policing District #1** and **Nash ES**, **Ridglea Christian Church** and **International Newcomer Academy**, **Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation** and **Southwest HS**, **State Farm Insurance Company – Beach Street** and **Riverside Applied Learning Center**, **TPG Capital, L.P.** and **Rufino Mendoza ES**, **Trinity Christian Church** and **West Handley ES**, **Washington Mutual – Camp Bowie West** and **Como Montessori**, **Washington Mutual – North Beach** and **Riverside ALC**, **Washington Mutual Ridgmar** and **North Hi Mount ES** and **Washington Mutual – South Hulen** and **Woodway ES**.

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