



The Titan Gazette

NOW IS THE TIME!

Edison Showcases Art to Community



Edison is showing their support of the arts through their students.

Two students from Edison placed in the 2009 Young Audiences of SETX yearly art contest and artist sampler.

Ahrael Glover placed first in the middle school division and Kennedy Smothers placed fourth with honorable mention.

The contest theme was, "Beauty Is." Several schools throughout the region participated in the contest.

MHS Students Attend Challenge

Memorial High School senior Khanh Tran, served as captain of the Channel 6 Challenge in Beaumont.

East Chambers forfeited to Memorial. Unfortunately, the

team lost to West Brook. The team is continuing to work together, along with history and sociology teacher, James Terrell, in preparation for the next big challenge.

Joining Tran on the team are Mario Grangel and Jesus Torres. All three students are on the honor roll and are on track to graduate in the top of their class for 2010.

The students are sponsored by English Department Chair, Stacey Rhodes.



Wilson Starts Etiquette Group

Woodrow Wilson School of Technology and Engineering has given students the power of etiquette.

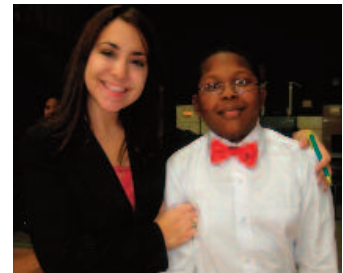
GEMS, which stands for Great Empowered Motivated Students, is a new etiquette club launched in fall 2009. The club's purpose is to promote and cultivate leadership skills,

to empower young ladies and to encourage them to become better role models and future leaders.

The GEMS participated in a Self-Affirmation Awareness Week workshop presented by the Beaumont Xinos of the Epsilon Theta Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated.

The two-part workshop focused on a hands-on crafted project with the GEMS and their mothers where they made pillows. The participants were also treated to a self-esteem workshop.

Special thanks to Dr. Natalie Bonner, Ether LaBrie and Claudette Warren for spearheading the event.



Dowling Presents New Band

Dowling Elementary presented their first-ever 5th grade band class at the Memorial High Winter Showcase. Dowling teacher Shannon Johnson worked hands-on with the students.

Holiday Health Tips

Many think of the holiday season as one of sheer joy and happiness. But many don't realize that this season is often the time when many are suffering from depression, caused by life events, such as the loss of a loved one.

According to **everyday-health.com**, profound early losses, such as the death of a parent or the withdrawal of a loved one's affection, may resonate throughout life, eventually expressing themselves as depression. When an individual is unaware of the wellspring of his or her illness, he or she can't easily move past the depression. Moreover, unless the person gains a conscious understanding of the source of the condition, later losses or disappointments may trigger its return. In addition, how resilient you are in the face of difficult times may depend partly on your temperament and view of the world.

Many people find it helpful to join a bereavement group or talk with a counselor or therapist as they come to terms with their loss. Consider seeking help if your distress leaves you unable to function for more than two months or if you feel overwhelmed or suicidal at any time.

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DeQueen Makes the News

The DeQueen cheerleaders made the front page of the December 4th edition of The Port Arthur News for their part in the Port Arthur Christmas parade.

DeQueen coaches and cafeteria staff joined forces to create the Christmas board at the campus. Each hallway is decorated with a different theme from the 12 Days of Christmas.



Winter Wonderland at Tyrrell

Tyrrell celebrated their second annual "Holiday in the Courtyard" in style. On December 17th, the school was transformed into a winter wonderland, complete with a decorated courtyard. The crowd was treated to musical performances from the students as well as hot chocolate and homemade cookies.

Wal-Mart Encourages Perfect Attendance

Gloria Jones-Pearson, a Sam Houston Elementary counselor, received a \$300 grant from Wal-Mart to assist in encouraging and motivating students to come to school everyday. Jones-Pearson has purchased bicycles for perfect attendance as well as additional prizes for character education. The first recipients were presented their bicycles by Judge Gilliam.

RETRACTION

The Veteran's Day Program, Lest We Forget, was presented by Sam Houston 4th grade students, not Edison students. The students were under the direction of music teachers Urusla Arceneaux and Josiah Alexander.



IN MEMORY OF Herman Reedom

Herman Reedom passed away on October 31, 2009. He was an employee of the transportation department since 2005.

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