



PORT ARTHUR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Memorial High Hosts Band Banquet



The annual Memorial High School band banquet was held on May 13th. The banquet is held to recognize and show appreciation to all the band students who have contributed to the band program and helped make it a success for the 2009 -2010 school year. Awards were given to outstanding students in the following areas:

- **Drum Major:** Georhan Washington
- **Auxiliary:** Flags and majorettes
- **Senior:** Ruth Ackah, Javier Barajas, Jarrel Broussard, Rodney Cleveland, Jacoby Edwards, Destiny Evans, Clifton Feathers, Kiah Fontenot, Nathan Garcia, Tyrone Gibson, JaKeithen Green, Kendrick Johnson, Bridgette Kirkland, Verschan Lee, Brittany Moss, Destiny Newsome, Meyoshi Reynolds, Briona Richard, Gregory Scott, Angel Swallow, Tariq Turner and Georhan Washington.
- **Most Improved Bandsman:** Angelica LeBlanc and Cymone Reynolds
- **Outstanding Freshman:** Lychelle Hadley, Sommer Harris, Imani Rahim and Malia Wiggins
- **Outstanding Sophomore:** Christopher Johnson
- **Outstanding Junior:** William Bailey
- **Outstanding Senior:** Ruth Ackah and Javier Barajas
- **Outstanding Woodwind:** Ruth Ackah
- **Outstanding Brass:** Javier Barajas
- **Outstanding Percussion:** Kendrick Johnson and Malia Wiggins
- **Outstanding Auxiliary:** Destiny Evans
- **Outstanding Bandsman:** Javier Barajas
- **Mr. and Miss MHS Band:** Tariq Turner and Ruth Ackah

MHS Wins Big in Science Fair



MHS hosted their annual science fair on May 13th. PAISD Science Supervisor, Bannister Baptiste, presented the awards to the students. The winners included:

- Ednesha Cook, 1st place: "Does Salt Water with Low PH Scale Affect the Growth of Plants?"
- Carah Griffin, 2nd place: "Can You Deal with Dangerous Oil Spills?"
- Alexander Delk, Jhajuan Deales and Brice Cormier, 3rd place: "Up, Up and Away"
- Marisol Lua-Figueroa and Brenda Lua-Figueroa, Honorable Mention: "Building a Family Tree for the Primates;" Tien Ho, Honorable Mention: "Making a Hanging Compass"

Special Ed Hosts "Special" Forum



The Special Education Department, led by Director Sharon Boutte, held their annual parental forum on May 18th at DeQueen Elementary. The forum introduced new special education concepts to the audience of over 50 concerned parents and teacher advocates. The interactive discussion allowed parents to ask questions of the Special Ed supervisors, in order to gain a thorough understanding of what is to take place during the upcoming school year. The event was a major success.

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IMPORTANT DATES



*June 1: MHS Graduation @ Montagne Center (7 p.m.)

*June 2: Last school day

*June 3-4: Teacher Prep Days

*June 3: Leadership Cohort 1,2,3 @ 3rd floor Admin building (4 p.m.)

*June 3: "Night of Stars" Dinner honoring top 10 graduates @ Pompano Club (6:30 p.m.)

*June 8: Training for June administrators (summer school campus coordinators grades 5 & 8)

*June 8: Special Board meeting @ Stilwell (6 p.m.)

*June 14: CATE/Theater Open House (5-7 p.m.)

*June 15-16: End of Year Leadership Retreat @ Carl Parker Center (7:30-4 p.m.)

*June 17: Job Fair @ MHS (2-6 p.m.)

*July 30: Return to School Leadership Retreat @ Carl Parker Center (7:30-4 p.m.)

Wilson & MHS Host Club Rush



The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Epsilon Theta Chapter, held a X-inos and Kudos youth group club rush at Woodrow Wilson Theme School. The group is geared towards high school students and provides guidance and development of its members.

Quote of the Month

"It's not the load that breaks you down,
it's the way you carry it."

Lena Horne (1918-2010)

Five Way to Protect Your Skin

As the school year comes to an end and you're preparing for your summer vacation, make sure you practice good skin care habits. You need to protect your skin because of the vital role it has protecting your body. Skin care doesn't have to be complicated or time-consuming and can quickly become second nature, like brushing your teeth.

According to everydayhealth.com, there are five skin protection tips that can keep your skin looking and feeling great, by guarding against a slew of skin woes, from chapped skin to prematurely aging to skin cancer.

1. Limit skin exposure

-Use sunscreen everyday and reapply regularly whenever you're outdoors for extended periods.

-Cover skin by wearing long-sleeved shirts, pants, and wide-brimmed hats.

-Stay indoors when the sun is at its most intense, usually between 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

-Keep in mind that tanning beds are just as harmful as direct sunlight.

2. Stay Hydrated:

-Drink lots of water.

-Use the right moisturizing cream or lotion for your skin type and apply it right after drying off from your bath or shower. Avoid products that contain sodium lauryl sulfate, as this ingredient removes natural oils needed by your skin.

-Take warm (not hot) showers or baths and limit them to between 5 and 10 minutes. If dry skin persists, consider cutting back on the number of baths you take.

3. Take Health Precautions

-Don't share any personal items, such as lip balms or toothbrushes.

-Don't share drinks with other people.

-Avoid touching your face with your fingers or with objects like telephone receivers that have been used by others.

4. Use Gentle Skin Care

-Wash your face twice daily with warm water and a mild cleanser.

-Gently massage your face with a washcloth, using a circular motion.

-Rinse thoroughly after washing to remove all soap and debris.

-Pat your skin dry-don't rub-then apply your facial moisturizer.

5. Know Your Skin

-Pay attention to odd freckles and odd growths on your skin and consult your doctor if you notice any changes.

With proper skin care to pamper skin from the outside and with a good diet to nourish from within, skin protection comes down to a few simple steps. But should you ever notice any problems, get medical attention to resolve them quickly and avoid putting your skin at risk.

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Travis Elementary Wins Big

Travis Elementary Science Fair winners include:

1st place: Bryna Young, 4th grade—"Do All Brands of Popcorn Leave the Same Amount of Kernels?"

2nd place: Diego Valencia, 5th grade—"How Different Drinks Can Affect Eggshell Which are Teeth-like?"

3rd place: Emely Gomez, 5th grade—"Which Will Mold Fastest?"

Jimmy Nguyen, 5th grade, won 1st place at regional and 2nd place at state in "Today's Students Tomorrow's Innovators" contest, sponsored by the Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering.

Congratulations to the Travis "Reigning Brains" for their participation in the PAISD Academic Bowl. Team Captain, Sony Tran, Alonzo Morgan, E'Monte Freeman, Tommy Hoang and alternates Danisha Shead and Joel Bonilla practiced before and after school with sponsors Pamela Mahan, Maricela Torres and Dimitra Crowell.

Lee Elementary Makes Big Leaps



Lee Elementary Pre-K students took a community field trip to develop a sense of pride and ownership of Port Arthur. They toured Fire Station #1, the Jefferson County Sub Courthouse and the post office. The students met the new fire station dog as well. Commissioner Sinegal fed the students on the front lawn of the courthouse. They watched ships, boats and tugboats on the seawall, they mailed a letter to their principal at the post office and the bus driver took them over the Pleasure Island Bridge. Overall, it was a valuable learning experience.



On May 12th, Lee Elementary cafeteria was filled with science projects from

3rd-5th grade. There was a wide variety of projects from a solar oven to which laundry detergent worked the best. Scientists were the judges for the entries. The winners include:

-James Soto, 5th grade: 1st place

-Mariah Vaquera, 4th grade: 2nd place

-Isabella Sandino, 3rd grade: 3rd place

DeQueen Holds "May Day" Celebration



DeQueen Elementary held its annual "May Day" celebration on May 10th. Tharen Robertson and Alexia Emerson were crowned king and queen respectively. Congrats students!

Stillwell Holds Mock Interviews

Stilwell Technical Center's Vocational Occupation Education (VOE) students participated in mock interviews on May 20th. The students participated in interviews with employees of Lamar University, Valero and the Port Arthur Independent School District. Each student was evaluated on their interviewing and communication skills. The purpose of the session was to give graduating seniors the opportunity to showcase their communication skills in real interview setting. The interviewing session was put into place by VOE Instructor, Stephanie Young.

SFA Walks for a Purpose



SFA participated in the SFA Walk-a-Thon on May 25th. Administrators, security, teachers and over 300 students walked around SFA twice in an effort to motivate and promote fitness awareness. Water stations were provided throughout the walk-a-thon and afterwards students enjoyed flavored snow cones.