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Birdville ISD



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*.....a note from the AD*

We have recently concluded another successful Spring athletic season. Our student athletes demonstrated their talents and skills and received many accolades. In the midst of all of the good things happening, I want to particularly congratulate Joas Aguilar and Jaclyn Von der Heide for qualifying for the UIL State Track and Field Meet in the events of discus and shot put respectively. They competed very well and finished as elite athletes in the state of Texas. Many other teams and individuals qualified for the State UIL Playoffs and we certainly are proud of them as well. We continue to exude pride at the efforts of our coaching staffs and athletes who serve our communities through community service activities. Several of our athletes will have an opportunity to continue in their sport at the college level and we wish them well. Now, as summer is upon us, our coaches and athletes will not hang up their shoes. Instead, they will be preparing their minds and bodies for the Fall sports that will be upon us very soon. I would like to thank our athletic programs for jobs well done this year. Have a happy and safe summer!



Pictured are Thomas Brunt and Coach Anthony Holman of Smithfield Middle School.

Thomas was recognized with a special "Sports Writer of the Year" award for his contributions to the Smithfield Athletic program and school.

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"Did not My hands  
make all these  
things?"

# MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTION

Smithfield Middle School recognized a young man on their campus with a special “Sports Writer of the Year” award for his consistent contributions to their athletic program and school. Thomas Brunt sends many of the staff and students articles and sports post frequently through email, Face book, or twitter. Coach Anthony Holman emailed Randy Galloway (Fort Worth Star Telegram and ESPN Radio 103.0) to tell him about Thomas, his dream of being a sports writer, and how he has overcome with what others would call “limitations”. Mr. Galloway not only responded, but offered to join us during this recognition. He presented Thomas with a special edition “front page” section of the Fort Worth Star Telegram with his name in the headlines. It was a awesome experience for everyone and we are truly grateful to Mr. Galloway for his role.

Congratulations Thomas.....we look forward to reading your articles in the newspaper one day!



Thomas Brunt and Ft Worth Star  
Telegram Sports writer  
Randy Galloway.

**Watauga Middle School Lady Warriors** 7th grade track team placed 1st in every invitational track meet for the 2011 season. They also won the BIG 12 District Track Meet.

**Watauga Middle School Lady Warriors** 8th grade track team placed 2nd at the BIG 12 District Track Meet. Outstanding performer, E'Lexus Clater placed 1st in the High Jump, 1st in the Triple Jump, 1st in the 100 meter dash, and 1st in the 200 Meter Dash.

## 7th GRADE LADY WARRIORS TRACK



# More Middle School Action

**North Richland Middle School** 7th Grade Girls Basketball won the district tournament.

**North Richland Middle School** 7th grader **Donovan Franklin** broke the district track record in the 100 and 200 meter races.

**North Ridge Middle School's Jazz Taylor** has been selected to attend the U. S. Olympic national Team trials at the U. S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado beginning on May 26th.

“Way to go” Jazz, for all your hard work!

**Middle School Tennis Team** placed in the top 3 in the Spring. Outstanding year!



**North Richland Middle School** implemented new this year a “Falcon Athlete of the Month” centered on the CORE traits of the district. They took the 6 from the district and added 6 more to have one for each month. Listed below are those students for the 2010-11 school year. CONGRATULATIONS!

## Falcon Athletes of the Month 2010-11

### Sep: Leadership

- 7<sup>th</sup> Girl: Porscha Miseles-Huff
- 7<sup>th</sup> Boy: D'Montae Turner
- 8<sup>th</sup> Girl: Marissa Moore
- 8<sup>th</sup> Boy: Austin Billner

### Feb.: Service

- 7th Girl: Jacie Plummer
- 7th Boy: Zach Jergenson
- 8th Girl: Kim Nelson
- 8th Boy: Jesus Palacios

### Oct: Responsibility

- 7<sup>th</sup> Girl: Breana Neal
- 7<sup>th</sup> Boy: Brayden Cook
- 8<sup>th</sup> Girl: Haley Hoffman
- 8<sup>th</sup> Boy: Jonathan Okello

### Mar.: Honesty

- 7th Girl: Miriam Gonzales
- 7th Boy: Jalil Robertson
- 8th Girl: Madyson Blackmon
- 8th Boy: Hayden Davidson

### Nov: Sportsmanship

- 7<sup>th</sup> Girl: Madison Molina
- 7<sup>th</sup> Boy: Thomas Barrow
- 8<sup>th</sup> Girl: Aminata Ka
- 8<sup>th</sup> Boy: Mason Leeming

### Apr.: Acceptance

- 7th Girl: Nathlaie Gonzales
- 7th Boy: Andrew Lyman
- 8th Girls: Crystal Castillo
- 8th Boy: Jesse Jasso

### Dec: Empathy

- 7<sup>th</sup> Girl: Elizabeth Hudson
- 7<sup>th</sup> Boy: Kason Clark
- 8<sup>th</sup> Girl: Megan Beutow
- 8<sup>th</sup> Boy: Joann Solis

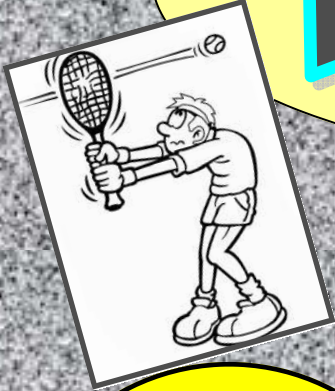
### May: Courage

- 7th Girl: Bailey Johnson
- 7th Boy: Charles Babendrier
- 8th Girls: Taylor Redmond
- 8th Boy: Brad Herd

### Jan: Kindness

- 7<sup>th</sup> Girl: Hailee Hise
- 7<sup>th</sup> Boy: Brad Pipes
- 8<sup>th</sup> Girl: Michaela Mais

# PLAYOFF MANIA



## TEAM TENNIS

**Birdville High School's** Haley Whatley advanced to Regionals in girls singles, and Francesca Norris and Victoria Benner in girls doubles.

**Birdville High School:**  
Advanced to Regionals



## BASEBALL

Birdville High School:  
advanced to Bi-District

## SOFTBALL

Haltom High School: advanced to Bi-District  
Richland High School: advanced to Bi-District  
Birdville high School: advanced to Area



JOAS AGULAR , COACH HELZER AND JACLYN VON DER HEIDE. AT 4A STATE TRACK MEET. **CONGRATULATIONS!**



## GOLF

Richland High School:  
advanced to Regionals



## TRACK

Haltom High School : advanced to Regionals  
Richland High School : advanced to Regionals  
Birdville High School : advanced to Regionals  
Birdville High School: 2 students advanced to State.





# COMMUNITY SERVICE



Birdville High School Softball helped with a "Teachers Night Out" by babysitting. The girls also helped with a Special Olympics Track Meet.

Haltom High School Basketball worked the Warrior Dash passing out water, working the start and finish lines as well as staging areas. The Girls Basketball cleaned up the HHS premises, softball field area as well as the park and creek area.



Richland High School Tennis each bought an unwrapped gift for "Toys for Tots" this Christmas.

Richland High School Golf Team helped the Iron Horse Golf Course grounds crew clean up the golf course after a rain storm that flooded the golf course.



Birdville High School Wrestling helped set up tables at a craft fair and brought each vendor lunch one day. They also helped clean up when it was over.



Haltom High School Softball worked the Special Olympics Mini Meet.

The RHS Boys Basketball team went to an event hosted by Little Caesars at the Presbyterian Night Shelter off of Lancaster street near downtown Ft. Worth. We helped feed around 1000 homeless people while we were there.

Some may not see it as I do but the people we served last night at the Presbyterian Night Shelter have unbelievable courage. Most don't truly realize how close they themselves are to being in the same predicament these people find themselves in. It takes an unbelievable amount of courage to live the way they do with the uncertainty of where the next meal will come from, where will they find shelter, etc. Too often people see what they want to see in these homeless people (drug users, lazy, unmotivated, etc.). We chose to see it for what it is because it is not our place to judge, but rather, serve. EVERY person that we served told us "thank you", "we appreciate you", and "God bless you"! Not one or two but every single one of them! These are grateful people who, for whatever the reason may be, need our help and we commend the unbelievable courage it takes to brave those streets night in and night out. It was a very humbling and enlightening experience for our staff and players and we look forward to doing it again.

It's a great day to be a REBEL!!!

Regards, *James Whitfield, Richland High School*



# Alumni Watch

Whitney Gipson, Birdville High School alumni and TCU student recently broke two college records.



At the Mountain West Conference Outdoor Championship in Fort Collins, Colo. Whitney broke the record with 21' 8 1/4".

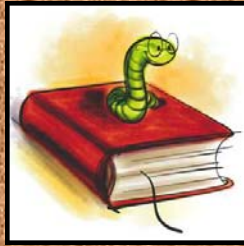
At the Penn Relays Whitney broke a 117 year record by Long Jumping 21' 11 1/2". By winning the women's long jump, Gipson not only became the first female in TCU history to win the event in Philadelphia, but also became only the 3rd student-athlete ever at TCU to win a long jump title at the Penn Relays.

Zach Nuding Birdville High School Alumni, was recently highlighted in an article in scout.com. The article stated "One of the more pleasant surprises heading into the 2011 minor league season is right-hander Zach Nuding. Initially thought to be a power reliever type after being drafted last year, the Yankees started grooming him to be a starter in camp and now appears he'll be a mainstay in the Charleston rotation this year."



**Birdville High School Alumni:**  
Katie Welborn (class 2008) and Randi Fentress ( class 2010) are both playing softball at Tarleton State University.  
Allison Huffman ( class 2010) is playing softball at South Dakota State.

# FUTURE OF OUR ATHLETES



Richland High School's Tyler Barke was awarded a 500 dollar scholarship by the Fort Worth officials association. Congratulations!

Birdville High School's Alyssa Wilson will be going to Washington University in St. Louis to play softball. She is attending on an academic scholarship. Congratulations!



Richland High School's Brittney Luckey signed letter of intent to play basketball at Ranger Junior College. Coach Kate Goldberg is also pictured



Richland High School's Wesley Gipson signs letter of intent for Dallas Baptist University. Parents, Winston Gipson, Willa Gipson, and sister, Whitney Gipson also pictured.



Richland High School's Landri Wenzel signed letter of intent to play basketball for Hendrix College. Coach Kate Goldberg is also pictured.



Birdville High School's Olivia Albin signed a letter of intent for track and cross country with Wichita State. Coaches Eddie Brown and Coach Jeff Hudak.