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Superintendent's Exchange

There is a chill in the air as the seasons are changing. Our clocks have been turned back. Leaves are changing colors and falling to the ground. Families are preparing for a time of rest, fellowship and great cooking. It is a wonderful time of the year.

On October 22, a group of seven dedicated citizens completed a journey of more than 34 months when they reported to the board of trustees that all projects approved by voters in 2006 were complete—on time and within budget. This is exciting news for the BISD community, because all projects are complete and the tax rate is less than what was projected.

As the holidays approach, I can't help but look back over the past twelve months and be reminded of how blessed I am. On a daily basis, I have the privilege to be a part of the great successes in our schools. As superintendent, I can personally testify to the excellence of the students, parents, staff and communities I have the privilege to serve.

As 2009 comes to a close, I look forward to the continued success of our children, our staff, our district, and our communities. The vision of BISD is that all students succeed in a future they create.

I encourage you to be a part of the exciting things happening in BISD and share them with those around. Let them know, "BISD is the place to be!"

BISD Receives Academically Acceptable Rating

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BISD'S SAT/ACT Scores Surpass State Average

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BISD's Web address has changed to www.birdvilleschools.net.

Don't forget to update your Internet browser.

Learn to Drive & Support the Foundation

The Birdville Education Foundation is co-sponsoring driver's education and defensive driving through Safety-USA. If students take the Teen Drivers Course, the cost is \$129.95. From that, the Foundation will receive \$25. If students, parents or staff take Defensive Driving, the cost is \$25 and the Foundation receives \$5.

The Foundation uses proceeds from this program to support innovative learning and promote educational excellence in BISD.

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Public Reporting of Progress in Meeting Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements (2008-09 and 2009-10 Highly Qualified Teacher Data)



The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requires that all core academic subject area teachers should have met the highly qualified (HQ) teacher requirements by the end of the 2006-07 school year. The core academic subjects are: English, reading/language arts, math, science, civics and government, economics, history, geography, foreign languages and fine arts (music, art, dance and theater).

NCLB requires each local education agency to publicly report progress toward meeting the HQ teacher requirements as defined by the State's measurable highly qualified teacher objectives.

Birdville ISD is in compliance with the NCLB requirement and has reported that 100 percent of all core academic subject area teachers are highly qualified for 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years.

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Skyward Family Access Offers New Features

Skyward Family Access is an easy-to-use, password-protected Web site that allows parents and guardians access to information about their child or children from any computer with Internet access. In addition, it allows parents to use one login to view information within a single family, even if their children are in different schools.

[> More Information](#)



2006 Bond Projects Complete



BISD's Bond Oversight Committee met with the board of trustees to present their final report on the 2006 bond program. In the committee's summary, they commend the Birdville ISD board, administration, and staff for completing all projects promised to the voters of BISD, on time and within the resources available for construction projects without utilizing operational monies of the district or costing taxpayers additional money.

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Dates to Remember

Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 25-27

Holiday Break

Dec. 21 - Jan. 1

**Professional Learning/
Student Holiday**

Jan. 4

**Semester Tests/Half Day for
Students**

Jan. 14, 15

M.L. King, Jr. Holiday

Jan. 18

Birdville ISD Students Earn National Honors

BISD is proud to announce it has two National Merit Semifinalists, four National Hispanic Merit Semifinalists, one National Black American Achievement Scholarship Program and seven Commended Scholars.

Nearly 1.3 million students in more than 21,000 U.S. high schools entered the 2009 Merit Program by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as juniors. Less than one percent of the nation's high school seniors received the prestigious designation of becoming a semifinalist this year.

BISD's 2009 National Merit honorees are:

Haltom High School

National Merit Semifinalist - Christopher Henderson

Commended Scholar - David Wennersten

National Black American Achievement Scholarship Program - Roselyn T. Baah

National Hispanic Merit Scholars - Erica Reyes and Lizbeth Mena

Richland High School

National Merit Semifinalist - Roman Hunt

Commended Scholar - Matt Harris and Amanda Tipton

Birdville High School

National Hispanic Merit Scholars - Whitman Barrett and Alexi Ramirez

Commended Scholars - Whitman Barrett, Emily Clifton,

Andrea Johnson and Brandon LePla



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BISD Marching Bands Invited to March in 2011 Rose Bowl Parade

On January 1, 2011, the All Birdville ISD Marching Band will proudly represent the district at the Tournament of Roses New Year's Day Parade. The marching band is a combination of Haltom, Richland, and Birdville high schools. They will travel to Pasadena, CA as the only group from Texas invited to march in this nationally televised event. The marching band will have between 350-450 participants. Of the more than 50 bands from outside of California to apply, fewer than 10 high school bands were selected to participate. The group will be under the leadership of directors Greg Hull (Haltom), Bill Watson (Richland), and Jolette Wine (Birdville).

Holiday Concert Schedule

BISD's fine arts programs will host holiday events during the holiday season.

Dec. 8

North Oaks Middle School band concert, 7 p.m.
in the school gym
Richland Middle School band concert, 7 p.m.
Richland Middle School choir concert, 7 p.m.
Smithfield Middle School choir concert, 7 p.m.
North Richland Middle School band concert, 7:15 p.m.
Richland High auditorium

Dec. 10

Watauga Middle School band concert, 7 p.m.

Dec. 11

Haltom High School choir concert, 7 p.m.
Smithfield Middle School band concert, 7 p.m.
Birdville High auditorium
Haltom Middle School band concert, 7 p.m.

Dec. 12

Haltom High School choir concert, 7 p.m.

Dec. 14

Richland High School choir concert, 7 p.m.

Dec. 15

Birdville High School band concert, 7 p.m.
Haltom High School band concert, 7 p.m.
Watauga Middle School choir concert, 7 p.m.
North Ridge Middle School band concert, 7 p.m.
Richland High auditorium
North Oaks Middle School choir concert, 7 p.m.
Haltom Middle School choir concert, 7 p.m.

Dec. 17

Birdville High School choir concert, 7 p.m.
North Ridge Middle School choir concert, 7:30 p.m.
Richland High auditorium
North Richland Middle School choir concert, 7:15 p.m.

Jan. 7

Richland High School band concert, 7 p.m.



BISD holiday card contest winner announced

During the month of October, BISD invited elementary students to submit their artwork for the district's holiday card art competition. The winning holiday card will be sent by the board of trustees and Superintendent Stephen F. Waddell to community leaders, area businesses, organizations and neighboring school districts.

The artwork for the cover was selected by a group of district employees and the superintendent on the basis of originality, theme, use of colors and overall design.



Superintendent Stephen F. Waddell, Trustee Brad Greene and Principal Mike Dukes present the grand prize to Andrew Pollum from John D. Spicer Elementary.

[> All Campus Winners](#)

District Highlights

Business Partners

The following business partners were recognized at recent board meetings: **Allan Stanglin**, Legacy Church of Christ; **Scott Russell**, **Mark Limones** and **Kyle Barton**, Haltom City Police Department; **Jack Bowling**, Kysor Panel Systems; and **Marilyn Ackmann**, Atmos Energy.

District Highlights



BISD's "The Circle" Cancer Support Group and other participants from BISD's 2009 Komen Tarrant County Race for the Cure team were recognized by BISD's board of trustees. Birdville placed second for total school team participation with 181 registrants.

Richard Vargas from Holiday Heights Elementary was named "Custodian of the Year" by the Northeast Environmental Team (NEET).



Phyllis Scott, Birdville High School assistant principal, was named the Region XI TASSP High School Assistant Principal of the Year for 2009.

Julie Pollard, Watauga Middle School teacher, received the Patty Holyfield Outstanding Geoscience Teacher award.

North Ridge Middle School's Select Band was named a national winner by the National Wind Band Honors Project. The band is under the direction of James Smith.



Binion Elementary was named the Texas Association of School Administrators'/Texas Association of School Boards' (TASA/TASB) Outstanding Primary School for 2009. This honor was awarded in all six categories - design, educational appropriateness, innovation, value, community participation and sustainability. Since it won in all six categories, it was in contention for their top honor, "The Caudill Award." BISD will enter Stowe Elementary at a later time.

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Special Services Public Notice

During the 2009-10 school year, Birdville ISD will administer the following federal programs to students that live within district boundaries.

- Title I, Part A (Improving Basic Programs)
- Title II, Part A (Teacher and Principal Training and Recruitment Fund)
- Title II, Part D (Enhancing Education through Technology)
- Title III (Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students)
- Title IV (Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Community Act)
- IDEA-B (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)

Representatives of privately educated students interested in participation in any of these programs can contact Dr. Betty Grubbs, director of special services, at 817.547.5740 or by e-mail at Betty_Grubbs@birdville.k12.tx.us.

Birdville ISD offers Prekindergarten programs for three-year-olds and four-year-olds who meet eligibility qualifications including limited English proficiency; economically disadvantaged; homeless; children of active military parent(s); and/or children who are or have ever been in foster care. For information, contact your neighborhood school or Patti Mullen at 817.547.5730.