

Partnership *Newsletter*

Summer 2010

2010 Teachers of the Year

Above & Beyond



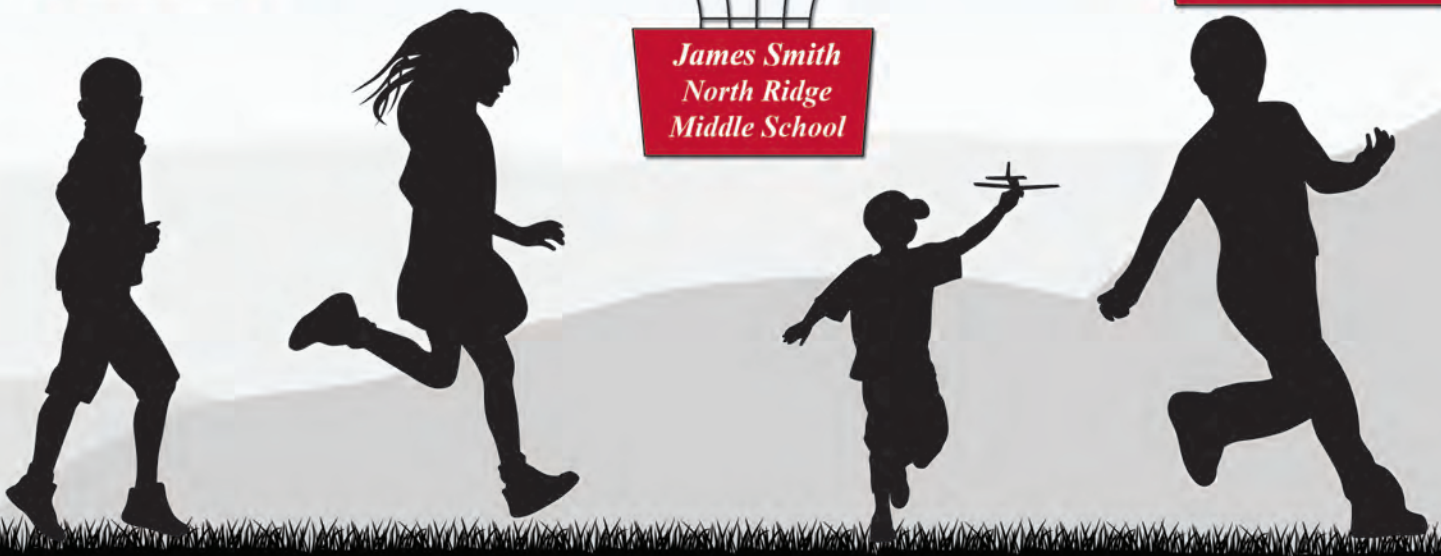
*Diana Hillhouse
Academy at
C.F. Thomas*



*James Smith
North Ridge
Middle School*



*Gianluca "Jon" Corsi
Haltom High
School*



Page 2 Teacher of the Year
Page 3 Superintendent's Exchange/
Teacher of the Year
Page 4 Online Registration/Start & End
Times

Page 5 2010-11 Calendar
Page 6 Highlights
Page 7-11 Spanish Summer Partnership
Page 12 Safety Zone Website/Dates to
Remember

2010 Teachers of the Year

BISD honors teaching excellence

The influence of a teacher on a student can be life changing. BISD's teachers of the year for 2010 have been impacting young lives for more than six decades.

Diana Hillhouse, James Smith and Gianluca "Jon" Corsi each have a love and desire to teach. These three know that being named BISD's teachers of the year is a great honor, but for them, the greater honor is seeing students succeed.

Thirty-three teachers selected as the top educators on their campuses were honored May 6 at a formal banquet at the Fine Arts/Athletics Complex. As the district's top three teachers, Hillhouse, Smith and Corsi each received golden apples commemorating their achievements, custom-designed teacher-of-the-year rings from Herff Jones Inc., and monetary gifts from BISD's Education Foundation and EECU.

Hillhouse teaches kindergarten at the Academy at C.F. Thomas (CFT). She has been in education for 39 years, four of those at CFT.

Hillhouse grew up in a small town, where she was a curious and adventurous child who loved exploring the outside world. Both her parents were teachers, in fact there is a rich history of educators in her family. As a child, Hillhouse loved helping with school work and knew early in life she wanted to be a teacher.

Community is everything to her. Hillhouse believes being a good role model is essential for nurturing her students' citizenship skills. She has served as a leader and a volunteer in numerous activities designed to include students and their families.

In her application she wrote, "I love spending my days with young children. ... They make me laugh with their uninhibited response to life. They make me cry with their innocent wonder. ... Their unlimited curiosity renews mine each day and reminds me that I am a life-long learner as I am trying to teach them to be."

Smith teaches band at North Ridge Middle School. He has been teaching for 10 years, all of which are at North Ridge.

He knew in middle school that he wanted to be a teacher. His middle and high school teachers challenged, inspired and motivated him to be the teacher he is today. In addition, Smith was influenced by a coach who taught him integrity, tenacity and responsibility.

Outside of the classroom, Smith loves to fly remote controlled airplanes, and he coaches his child's t-ball team.

Smith believes, "A learning environment where students feel safe to make a mistake is an environment in which they can thrive and excel." His teaching is student centered and relationship based.

Corsi teaches advanced placement environmental science, environmental science and biology at Haltom High School. He has been teaching for 18 years, the last five at Haltom High.

Corsi believes he had a natural disposition toward teaching from a young age. In fact, he remembers practicing teaching his parents. As he grew up, he felt a strong need to help others that eventually manifested itself into becoming a teacher.

He has dedicated his life to helping others. Prior to coming to BISD, Corsi had the opportunity to teach underprivileged, homeless and abandoned children in Europe and Brazil. Today at Haltom, he teaches a diverse population about our fragile environment.

Corsi wrote in his application, "I am determined to be an exemplary role model for my children and my students, by modeling excellence, humility, sacrifice and integrity."

Congratulations to all of BISD's teachers of the year.

Congratulations to BISD's campus teachers of the year. They are: Hannah DeArmond, Binion Elementary; Beverly Pouncy, Birdville Elementary; Janice Green, Foster Village Elementary; Trina Harsh, Francisco Elementary; Sharla Malone, Green Valley Elementary; Jaclyn Bates-Pachiano, Hardeman Elementary; April Shannon, Holiday Heights Elementary; Andrea Gray, Mullendore Elementary; Gay Lynn Morrison, North Ridge Elementary; Nancy Sinclair, Porter Elementary; Richard Carr, Richland Elementary; Ginger Rocha, Smith Elementary; Jaye Antwine-Miller, Smithfield Elementary; Linda Savell, Snow Heights Elementary; Katherine Moore, Major Cheney Elementary at South Birdville; Renee Grass, Spicer Elementary; Caren Phillips, Stowe Elementary; Diana Hillhouse, Academy at C.F. Thomas; Roger Lee, Walker Creek Elementary; April Roberson, Watauga Elementary; Erika Duran-Hernandez, Academy at West Birdville; Maryann Shaft, Haltom Middle; Tony Smith, North Oaks Middle; Mark Ashley, North Richland Middle; James Smith, North Ridge Middle; Chad Keener, Richland Middle; Susan Pohly, Smithfield Middle; Tom Lane, Watauga Middle; Debbie Holloway, Birdville High; Gianluca "Jon" Corsi, Haltom High; Patrick Kelley, Richland High; Marsha Brewster, Shannon Learning Center and Michael Benton, Birdville Center of Technology and Advanced Learning.

Superintendent's Exchange

Dear BISD Families,

These are exciting times in BISD. The district has a great deal to celebrate again this year. Let me begin at the end – graduation. Each year, I have the distinct pleasure of shaking the hand of every student graduating from BISD. It is a proud day for the graduates, their families, friends, teachers and principals. I am blessed to play a small part in this special day.

As we end one school year, we begin to look forward to the next. We will have a new set of seniors anticipating their final year, a new set of kindergarten students eagerly awaiting their first year of school and all other grades in between. But for now, lessons have been completed, tests have been taken, students have earned special recognition in the areas of academics, career and technology education, athletics and fine arts.

Much will be done this summer to prepare for the student's return on Monday, August 23. From the buildings to the curriculum, staff will work diligently making certain everything is ready for the first day of school.

It has been a great year in BISD. We eagerly look forward to the 2010-2011 school year. Until then, I hope you and your family have a wonderful summer.

Dr. Stephen F. Waddell
Superintendent



2010 Golden Gala Sponsors

PLATINUM STAR SPONSORSHIP (\$2,500 OR ABOVE)

Birdville Education Foundation
Herff Jones – Graduation Services
Northeast Times

GOLD STAR SPONSORSHIP (\$1,000-\$2,499)

HKS Architects, Inc.

SILVER STAR SPONSORSHIP (\$500-\$999)

Advanced Chemical Logistics	EECU
Al's Formal Wear	Kelly Hancock, State Representative
Bates Container	LaQuinta Inns & Suites
BOSC, Inc.	The Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce
Chesapeake Energy Corporation	
City of North Richland Hills	
Dolores Webb State Farm Insurance	

BRONZE STAR SPONSORSHIP (\$400-\$499)

North Hills Hospital
Tarrant County College Northeast

STARGAZER SPONSORSHIP (\$300-\$399)

Dunn-Rite Glass, Inc.
Sam Pack's Five Star Ford
Friends of Senator Jane Nelson

BUSINESS PACKAGES

Abuelo's Mexican Food Embassy	Fort Worth Cats Baseball Club
Applebee's	Metroplex Service Welding Supply
Big Green Car Wash Machine	Mid Cities Air Conditioning & Heating
Brunswick Zone Watauga	Rosa's Café Tortilla Factory
Casa Rita's Mexican Grill	Spring Creek Barbeque
Clayton YES!	Staples
Domino's Pizza	Texas Rangers
Dr. Pepper Snapple Group	Unity One Credit Union
Eules Incredible Pizza Co.	



Birdville ISD Endowed
Scholarship Program

BISD/TCC Scholarship Application Process

Students who graduated from BISD in May 2010 who will be attending Tarrant County College during fall 2010 or spring 2011, must follow the steps listed below to qualify for BISD's scholarship.

- Applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Students Aid (FAFSA) application and list TCCD as one of the institutions to which enrollment is sought to determine eligibility by July 1st for the fall semester and December 1st for the spring semester. (FAFSA does not determine eligibility for the BISD scholarship. However, it must be complete to qualify.)
- Apply for admission to TCC.
- Register for a minimum of six and a maximum of 15 semester hours.

(Students may not receive the BISD scholarship if they receive at least \$750 per semester from other TCCD financial assistance programs.)

Once the FAFSA and application are complete, TCC's Foundation and the financial aid office will facilitate the scholarship process.

For additional information, contact Andrea Craig at
817.515.5124 or andrea.craig@tccd.edu.



Online Registration is Coming!

With online registration, you can “Zip” right through the lines when you register your child for the 2010-11 school year. To access online registration, you must know your Family Access Login*. If you do not have a Family Access login, please contact your child’s campus after August 2. After receiving your login, it is important to check and update your e-mail address in Family Access.

Online registration begins July 26 for the following campuses:

Richland High
 Birdville High
 Watauga Middle
 Smithfield Middle
 North Richland Middle
 North Ridge Middle
 David E. Smith Elementary
 Alliene Mullendore Elementary
 Richland Elementary
 Snow Heights Elementary
 O.H. Stowe Elementary
 Holiday Heights Elementary

Grace E. Hardeman Elementary
 W. A. Porter Elementary
 Academy at C.F. Thomas
 Foster Village Elementary
 John D. Spicer Elementary
 Walker Creek Elementary
 Haltom Middle
 Green Valley Elementary
 North Ridge Elementary
 Smithfield Elementary
 Watauga Elementary

After completing the online process, parents still must go to the school during their child’s scheduled registration time to provide the required documentation. Instructions on how to register online will be available in Family Access beginning July 26. Please do not share your login with your child. High school and middle school students can receive their own login. * Members of the Student’s Primary Family Only



Birdville ISD 2010-11 Start/End Times



Kindergarten

New: 8 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Elementary

(Remains the Same)

8 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Middle School

New: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

High School

New: 8:55 a.m. – 4:10 p.m.

2010-11 Calendar



Birdville Independent School District 2010 - 2011 Calendar

July

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	(23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

October

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	(4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
²⁴ / ₃₁	25	26	27	28	29	30

November

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	(15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

December

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	*20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Legend

- holiday
- professional learning/student holiday
- teacher preparation/student holiday
- teacher preparation, half day
- Major Test Dates
- Graduation
- () begin/end six weeks
- * inclement weather make-up
- # Professional Learning alternate date

Reporting Periods

- Aug. 23 - Oct. 1 29 days
- Oct. 4 - Nov. 12 28 days
- Nov. 15 - Jan. 14 32 days

Fall Semester - 89 days

- Jan. 18 - Feb. 25 27 days
- Feb. 28 - Apr. 15 30 days
- Apr. 18 - May 27 29 days

Spring Semester - 86 days

Key Dates

- August 16, 18-20 Professional Learning
- August 17 Teacher preparation
- August 23 First day of school
- September 6 Labor Day holiday
- Oct. 8, 11 Prof. Learning/Student Holiday
- Nov. 24-26 Thanksgiving holiday
- Dec. 20-31 Holiday Break
- Jan. 3 Prof. Learning /Student Holiday
- Jan. 13 - 14 1/2 Day/Teacher preparation
- Jan. 15 Teacher preparation
- Jan. 17 Martin Luther King holiday
- Jan. 28 Prof. Learning/Student Holiday
- Mar. 14-18 Spring Break
- Apr. 22 Prof. Learning/Student Holiday
- May 26-27 1/2 Day/Teacher preparation
- May 27 Last day of school
- May 28 Teacher preparation
- May 29 Graduation
- Dec. 20, Apr. 22 Inclement Weather Makeup
- May 7 Prof. Learning alternate date

January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	(18	19	20	21	22
²³ / ₃₀	²⁴ / ₃₁	25	26	27	28	29

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	(28					

March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	(18	19	20	21	*22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	#7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Special Notices

During the 2010-11 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 III (Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students)
- 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.

BISD Highlights



Kathy Luppy, fifth-grade teacher at North Ridge Elementary, won the Sadie Ray Graff Educators Award. The Sadie Ray Graff Awards recognize the efforts of educators and educational institutions who encourage youth involvement and promote the Keep Texas Beautiful mission through environmental education. The award honors Sadie Ray Graff, an educator in San Antonio, who began using the "Waste in Place" curriculum in 1979. Luppy will be recognized at the Keep Texas Beautiful conference on June 23 in Austin

The following business partners were recognized at recent board meetings: **Kelley Workman**, Gateway Community Church; **Kevin Howell**, Spokes4Hope; **Grady Herzog**, AMBUC; **Megan Waters**, Boston Pizza; **Richard Kresler** and **Walter Jackson**, Lowe's in Hurst; and **Bill Louthan**, Clown Burger.

BISD's outstanding mentors of the year are: **Carol Drummond**, Spicer Elementary; **Traci Ratliff**, Richland Middle School; and **Marsha Brewster**, Shannon Learning Center.



The Academy at C.F. Thomas, Smith, Foster Village, Holiday Heights, Richland and Watauga elementaries were honored for being named 2009-10 Title I Distinguished schools. BISD had more Title I Distinguished Campuses than any other district in Region 11.



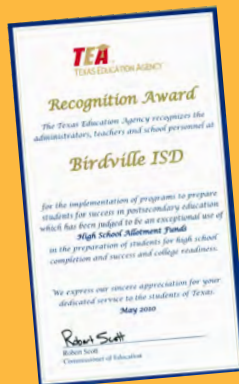
Oncor's Scores Program recognized Bill Barrow and BISD for energy savings in 2009. Oncor presented a check to the district for \$24,608 for energy rebates.

Courtney Dunwoody, Haltom Middle School teacher, was selected Region 11's Intern of the Year for fourth through eighth grades.



Eleven counseling departments in BISD were recognized for winning the Texas Counseling Association's Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas (CREST) Award. CREST is a continuous improvement document that gives school counseling programs the opportunity to demonstrate effective communication and a commitment to getting results. Snow Heights, Mullendore and Stowe elementaries; Smithfield, Watauga, North Richland and North Ridge middle schools; Richland, Haltom and Birdville high schools; and the Shannon Learning Center were 11 of 28 Texas schools to receive this honor for the 2009-10 school year.

BISD's first year teachers of the year are: **Priscila Lunsford**, Francisco Elementary; **Erin Larsen**, North Richland Middle School; and **Holly Cunningham**, Birdville High School.



BISD recognized by Texas Education Agency for reducing dropouts and improving college readiness

This spring, Commissioner of Education Robert Scott recognized five school districts and nine high schools that offer exceptional high school completion and college readiness programs implemented with High School Allotment funds.

Birdville ISD was one of five districts from across the state that was recognized for targeting a diverse group of students, including students who are economically disadvantaged and would be first generation or historically underserved in colleges, for training to prepare them for the rigors of college. During the 2008-09 school year, the district implemented the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program and engaged students and their parents from three high schools in a learning process that challenged them to take the most rigorous course of study. Students were trained in essay writing, reading strategies, team building leadership skills, college success, study skills, note-taking, research writing, vocabulary building, college entrance applications and scholarship writing. The rigors demanded in the advanced classes contributed to an increase in test scores in math, critical reading and writing. Because the AVID program has enhanced the district's goals of improving college readiness, plans are under way to open the program to four middle schools.



COMING AUGUST 2010!

CRIME Stoppers

- Bullying
- Crime
- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Harrasment

Report Here!

C.O.R.E.

Community of Respect
Everywhere

- Website
- C.O.R.E. Values

Student Wellness

- Counseling
- Health Services
- Student Services

E.M.T.

Emergency Management
Team

- About Us
- Contact Us

Quicklinks

- Report Bullying
- RAPTOR
- Safe and Drug Free
- Basic Procedures

Dear Families:

The safety of our students remains of utmost importance to Birdville Independent School District. Our district staff all work diligently to ensure our children are safe in all facilities. This letter is intended to ensure our children are safe in all facilities.

Non-Profit Org
U.S. Postage PAID
Fort Worth TX
Permit No. 35



Birdville Independent School District
6125 East Belknap • Haltom City, TX 76117
Phone: 817.547.5700 • www.birdvilleschools.net

Dates to Remember

Online Registration Begins
Monday, July 26

First Day of School
Monday, Aug. 23

Labor Day Holiday
Monday, Sept. 6