

News From Rice School District

By Michel Lanier, Rice CISD Superintendent To Rice CISD Communities and Patrons:

Our goal in publishing the advertisements in the paper over the last few months was very simple. It was to inform members of the communities of our efforts to provide our students with the best possible education to meet their individual needs.

As a student, I received as fine of an education as I could have asked for at RCISD. Many people — teachers, administrators, community members, and tax payers made sacrifices and committed themselves to ensure that I was afforded that opportunity.

You read of the accelerated and remedial instructional programs offered on all the campuses. Information was also presented about the college prep programs and college credit programs offered at Rice High School.

I hope that you were able to ascertain that we do not see our job as completed when a graduate walks across the stage. We are

very proud of our efforts to ensure that all students will be accepted into some form of post secondary education.

Whether their interest lies in an academic or vocational education, we counsel and assist them to make sure that all financial avenues have been made available and any barriers that may exist are torn down so that they may realize their dreams.

The focus of the articles was, it should be, academics. We do believe that extra-curriculars are an important part of a well rounded education.

RCISD has experienced a tremendous amount of success in athletics, band, art, FFA, One Act Play, and UIL academics over the past few years. Extra-curriculars are not just about winning competitions.

They teach discipline, cooperation, and setting and working toward goals. Students learn to make the most of their abilities and they also learn the role they play as an individual is an important part of the success of the whole.

They teach responsibility, dedication, and work ethics. These characteristics, unfortunately, are often missing in society today.

I often hear questions in the communities about why we do not offer a particular curriculum or "What happened to the program that we used to have?" Education, through the implementation of the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), the resulting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), state accountability involving the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS), Performance Based Monitoring (PBM) and their resulting complex rating systems which are driven by the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) and data derived from the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) has changed drastically over the past five years.

Education is driven by these mandates and course offerings and student requirements are affected by their guidelines. Education today, especially at the secondary level, differs drastically from the education that my generation received as a student. Over the next few months each of the campus principals and district personnel will be submitting articles to better inform you

of activities on their campus and also at the district level.

Our goal in this effort remains quite simple. Inform members of the communities of the ongoing work of Rice CISD. Our children deserve our best efforts to provide them with the highest quality

education we have the ability to supply.

You, as a community member, are an important part of this effort. Keeping you informed is vital to fulfilling the statement "It takes an entire community to educate a single child."



VFW Post 8783 Commander Len Matula presents a check to Brenda Besch, United Way campaign chairwoman to kick off their 2007-08 fundraising campaign.

Area Schools Name Perfect Attendees

Garwood
Kindergarten: Carter Cook, Carlee Dopslauf, Haylee Glaze, Jesus Ortiz, Alyssa Prather.

First grade: R.J. Armstrong, Ashlyn Brown, Natalie Driik, Savannah Eggemeyer, Angel Elizondo, Kyle Korenek, Dakotah Leopold, Abrahm Juarez, Shawn Torres, LaTavia Vuma, Zachary Wigginton.

Second grade: Braden Faas, Edward Glaze, Allen Jeffery, Dontavious Johnson, JoNathan Johnson, Kevin Krpec, Heather Leal, Giselle Rodriguez, Mario Rodriguez, Ja'Juan Schreck, Caden Wiese.

Third grade: Clarissa Alphonse, Sarahi Juarez, Colton Leopold, Debra Odum, Molly Smidovec, Jessye Trefny, La'Arius Vuma.

Fourth grade: Jacob Driik, JaDacia Glover, Mary Beth Huvar, Jameka Johnson, Turner Mattoon, Jalen Parsons, Ruben Rodriguez.

Fifth grade: Oleatha Coleman, La'Miracle Cotton, Yesnel Flores, Brian Francis, Jon Kyle Huvar, Abraham Juarez, Tucker Korenek, Erin McConnell, Alma Olivares, Guadalupe Rodriguez, Everett Shimek, Marilyn Tapia, Veronica Vega.

Sixth grade: Danielle Dopslauf, Briana Faas, Cullen Macek, Esgar Rodriguez, Cole Wiese, Christopher Giles, Cydney Cook, Trevor Jones, Emily Mahalite, Aubrey Pavlu.

Seventh grade: JaMikel Dancy, Kelsey Danklefs, Dylan Driik, Josh Korenek, Brian Labay, Anna McCannell, Dylon Powell, Kayna

Rathburn, Khadijah Robinson, Destinea Williams.

Eighth grade: Lance Howard, Elysse Labay, Porshia Morris, Blythe Nava, Nick Pagel, Jal'leel Pettus, Adrian Shimek, Demetrie Tone, Michael Waligura, Jaquita Woods.

Sheridan
Kindergarten: Preston Orsak.

First grade: Jacob Chavez, Will Dugger, Blake Robinson.

Second grade: Jonathan Chavez, Brandon Rodriguez.

Third grade: Debra Arredondo, Mikenna Gabler, Grant Janak, Dakota Kazmir, Jamie Kutzer, Kaylen Neubauer, Ross Owers, Aaron Rondeau-LaBarge, Alyssa Taylor, Jessica Tesch, Carlee Vandermark, Lenora Williams.

Fourth grade: Melissa Beck, Maria Esquivel, Joseph Kazmir, Jacob Miller.

Fifth grade: Ana Herrera, Kayla Machart, Brittany Moore, Kayleigh Pausewang, Ashley Rodriguez, Katelyn Tesch, Houston Toombs.

Sixth grade: Kelsey Andrejczak, Haley Benton, Jesus Esquivel, Mikayla Gabler, Izamar Herrera, Johanna Herrera, Britany Machart, Hugo Morales, Krystal Rodriguez.

Seventh grade: Katrina Kazmir, Kristen Neubauer.

Eighth grade: Brandy Brewer, Ryan Moore, Paige Vandermark, Cody Moore, Ryan Pollard.

Eagle Lake Elementary
Pre-K: Ke'Aunti Hemphill, Aleena Kuykendall, Perla Orozco,

Ramon Zarate.

Kindergarten: Jonathan Aguilar, Stephen Aguilar, Soyla Carrillo, Ezekiel Davila, Tyler Garza, Darren Gentry, Claudio Gonzales, Dagon Gonzales, Araceli Hernandez, Robert Morieda, Eulises Samaniego, Bryan Stovall, Geovanni Vazquez.

First Grade: Juliani Boboza, Morgan Calderoni, David Casteneda, Jose Dela Garza, LaRencia Foster, Dallas Garza, Citlali Hernandez, Jaylyn Jones, William Lofland, Luis Martinez, Jose Morales, Charles Ochoa, Destinee Reyes, Jenessa Richardson, Leonardo Robles, Anthony Thiele.

Second Grade: Jaquary Allen, Jadelyn Almanza-Shorter, Diego Barboza, Jayla Cantu, Julianna Castillo, Omar Cortez, Lucio Davila, Rodney Eaton, Hailey Ferguson, Amber Llanos, Sandra Muro, Shanice Nichols, Jacey Noska, Ashley Parker, Ariel Quenneville, Christa Robertson, Christopher Robertson, Jason Rodriguez, Marissa Serna, Charla Spears, Irene Vargas, Ryan Zickhur.

Third Grade: Berenice Belman, Christopher Brown, Ty'Rell Carter, Bruno Castillo, Heather Dela Garza, Earnest Fields, Enrique Hercules, Shayann Llanos, Hernan Martinez, Leonel Martinez, Maricruz Palomares, Genevieve Quenneville, Oliver Shorter, Jesus Vargas, John Wright.

Fourth Grade: Jasia Cantu, Terrence Carter, Jonathan Casteneda, Jazmin Castillo, Ryan Castillo, Luther Cole, Emily Garza, Jose Guzman-Arellano, Dominique Llanos, Kayla Manciaz, Todd Nicholas, Hunter Pakbusch, Guadalupe Quintero, Mason Reyes, Troy Richardson, Victoria Serna, Brandon Teague, Lauren Wiese, Bobby Zapalac.

Fifth Grade: Dominique Blanco, Jer'corey Cavit, Kenneth Colson, Dylan Ferguson, Ronnie Fry, Julio Garcia, Jordan Garner, Juan Gonzales, Ricardo Gonzales, J'Markus Hodge, Jordan Johnson, Aaron Kucherka, Shayla Kuykendall, Jerrisa McAfee, Ron McGrew, Joanne McPherson, NiQuan Miller, Yilan Molina, Samantha Muzny, Selena Perez, Amber Ramirez, Dasia Richardson, Kimberly Sommer, Brandon Sosa, Candace Stovall, Zachary Thiele, Taylor Thomas, Savannah Vasquez.

Eagle Lake Junior High

Sixth Grade: Miracle Black, Paul Cadriel, Megan Contreras, Deshanna Cotton, Robert Davis, Jimmy Foster, James Garner, Dana Kuykendall, Danielle Lopez, Kimberly Luna, Hannah Magninat, Shawn McDonald, Krystal Moore, Gisselle Polanco, Diamond Ramirez, Lizeth Sa-



Darneshia Stevens receives a pedicure as part of Spa Day hosted by Rice High School's Cosmetology program.

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