

Parents and Community Members of CISD SCHOOL DISTRICT



Upcoming Events

- ◆ 10/2/07 6th Grade Fossil Rim Trip
- ◆ 10/05/07 Homecoming FB Game
- ◆ 10/08/07 Homecoming week begins
 - ◆ 10/13/07 Lion's Club Supper
 - ◆ 10/30/07 Fall Festival 6:00-8:00
- ◆ 11/26/07 Beta Club Scholastic Book Fair begins
- ◆ 12/10/07 PTO Christmas Store begins

CISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES STAY THE COURSE

With each new year at CISD - change is inevitable. Growth projections and facility expansion make long range plans a necessity. We are fortunate to have a school board that is steady to the course, always putting children first, in their path to resolutions.

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Celeste ISD Blue Devil Link

Dedicated to Excellence in Student Achievement

This newsletter is written and distributed for the parents and patrons of the Celeste Independent School District. Blue Devil Link uses Associated Press style and focuses on student and teacher achievements. Comments, questions, concerns and suggestions may be directed to the superintendent, Collin Clark, at the CISD Administration Bldg., or to Nancy Longino at longinon@celesteisd.org. Please remember that space is limited, therefore we may or may not be able to share your ideas. The Celeste Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities.

New for 2007-2008

- ◆ C-Scope Curriculum Developer
 - ◆ New Tech courses for H.S.
 - ◆ Additional tech lab for H.S.
 - ◆ New Teacher computers
 - ◆ Smart boards
 - ◆ Dry erase boards
- ◆ Replacement of network switches
 - ◆ Technology boot camp



Blue Devil Link

Linking Education and Community

“We have come a long way from one-room schoolhouses and slate boards to distance learning and laptops. Texas public schools breathe life into thousands of communities across our great state every day.....one child at a time.” – TX Education Agency

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Technology Showcase

From pod casting to prehistoric dinosaurs – CISD on top of the game.

CISD is proud to introduce an addition to our superior and continually innovative technology studies at Celeste High School by offering some new and inventive technology courses available in two different computer labs. Our school district uses technology to enhance teacher practices, classrooms, administrative work, and communication with parents and the local community. With the constant advancements and changing resources of technology, we are proud to be one of the most advanced and engaging school districts who are ahead of the game in the race to keep up. With the incredible demands for higher bandwidths for website connections and feeding the hungry appetite of the ever-advancing software programs requiring more gigabytes of storage and memory, today's times require

constant upgrading and mobility. Mrs. Crystal Brown's BCIS classes, focusing on office skills software such as Excel and PowerPoint, are no longer the only classes she will be offering to students at Celeste High School. She now has animated characters literally running on her monitor screen, by evolving from pencil to pixels. Digital Graphics and Animation is a new class being offered to enhance the creative minds of those adventurous enough to develop and create their own animated stories. The program focuses on capturing your vision and then bringing it to life through the art of animation. It can start simply with a line. Then you work to create a picture of a dinosaur, incorporate some pictures of downtown Celeste, and presto, suddenly you have an invasion of

prehistoric dinosaurs running through the streets of our small town. With the addition of Mrs. Jessica Stembri-ge to the Technology department, she will be introducing web mastery, digital photography, and video graphics. Mrs. Stembri-ge plans on working closely with the science teachers to reinforce science objectives through technology. With several distance learning labs, along with a complete mobile unit of laptops, there is no limit to the places students can visit, while never leaving the comfort of their seats. From pod casting to advanced multimedia installations of Smart boards in many of the classrooms, CISD makes it easier to prepare students for college and careers that do not yet exist.



“It can start quite simply with a line, then you work to create a picture of a dinosaur.”

Mrs. Crystal Brown

Teacher—CHS

We're on the web!!
www.celesteisd.org

Dress Code Reinforces Academic Focus

Because the classroom remains a primary training ground for future success, following rules now helps students adapt to business norms in the future. The CISD dress code helps to ensure that the student's focus will be on his/her studies and not on what the student across the aisle is wearing that may be gang related or simply disruptive to the classroom environment. Another point to stress is that Celeste students are judged every time they walk into a restaurant wearing our school logo or walk into a ballgame. We want the very best impressions to be made and hope to instill a sense of school pride and honor when representing our school. We teach them that the image you project is the very image you will leave behind. Very specific rules are spelled out in detail in the Student Handbook Code which was given in hard copy to each

student and can be viewed on our website at www.celesteisd.org. We believe that in enforcing proper dress and encouraging good grooming and personal appearance, we are giving our students one step up in preparing for the future, but we can only be successful if we work as a team and our parent base will help us by supporting our high standards.

CISD strives to be a family oriented school district of learners in which all members use their minds well. We engage our students with challenging academics and the unique resources of constantly changing technology, enhanced by great teachers and staff members. It is our goal to be instrumental in guiding our students to become active citizens and responsible stewards of our world. We strive to develop them into self-directed and life long leaders by working together, as a team, with our community.

"We are giving our students one step up in preparing for the future."

Mr. Jason Evans
CHS Principal



Congratulations
Celeste Jr. High
School
Exemplary

"Instead of asking what kind of education do we want for our kids, we should be asking 'what kind of community do we want and then how do we create the kinds of schools that will help us create that kind of community?'"

Ira Harkavay, Univ of PA

Title 1 – Distinguished Performance Award

Celeste Elementary recognized



Title I, Part A supports schools in implementing either a school-wide program or a targeted assistance program. These programs must use effective methods and instructional strategies that are grounded in scientifically based research. The Distinguished Performance Award was awarded to Celeste Elementary by the Commissioner of Education and the NCLB (No child left behind) Program Coordinator, in recognition for ensuring that all children have the opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach proficiency on challenging State academic standards and assessment for the 2006-2007 school year.

Evans, Lyon, Kelley Named School Principals



Three Celeste schools had new and returning principals when the doors opened at the start of the new school year, August 27th.

Jason Evans was named Principal of Celeste High School in late June. He is currently in his first year as a school administrator, and he has thirteen years of teaching experience behind him, at the secondary level. He will be instrumental in all high school aspects, including managing operations and assisting in district planning, development and facilitation of programs, collaboration with testing, and discipline management. He is a strong believer in "instilling Blue Devil Pride".

Jason Evans is personally familiar with Celeste school district as he not only graduated from Celeste High School but comes from a family of educators who taught, as well as graduated from CISD. Along with Jason, we welcome his wife of eleven years, Angie and their two children, Sadie and Jace.

Returning Principal Paula Lyon and Vice-Principal Eric Kelley were appointed principals of Celeste Elementary and Celeste Jr. High Schools. Both are veteran educators with a collective total of twenty eight years in education. Mrs. Lyon has been with the CISD school district for fourteen years, nine years in the classroom and five years as an administrator.

Good planning necessary for new high school

Providing accurate, *factual*, and pertinent information concerning the relocation of Celeste High School to a new school building is of the utmost importance. At this time, the current Board of Trustees is exploring utility costs for two separate possible locations. They are re-exploring a previous board decision and exhausting all areas of importance before making a final decision.

With a budget of \$8,250,000.00 the school board has interviewed four construction firms, appointing Steel & Freeman Inc., CM at risk, to manage the project. CISD Superintendent, Collin Clark, has a goal of breaking ground in February of 2008. It is in this spirit that we support the building of a great new school which can continue to offer students an outstanding education.



Mrs. Lyon will hold the title of Principal of CES and CJHS with Mr. Kelley acting as Vice-principal. We are delighted to have Mrs. Lyon back at CISD. We welcome her along with her husband Ronnie of 24 years, and children Kristi, Kevin and Karen. Mrs. Lyon looks forward to "student focused education". She has a mutual goal with Mr. Kelley "of preparing the students for anything that comes their way".

Mr. Eric Kelley is a well known figure throughout Celeste schools. Admired and respected by both students and staff, he will serve as Vice-Principal again to both CES and CJHS.

Mr. Kelley has been married to his wife Karen for thirty-four years and has two daughters, Kristin and Kari (we still don't know how many dachshunds). Mr. Kelley is proud that the Jr. High School has received the honor of being an exemplary school, but feels his staff at CJHS deserve all the credit. "We have such a terrific staff here. If you just leave your teachers alone and let them do their jobs, they will shine every time."

"We have a mutual goal of preparing our students for anything that comes their way."

Paula Lyon
Principal
CES and CJHS

Tips for de-stressing exams

See that your child gets a good night's sleep the night before tests and eats breakfast that morning.
Procure que el niño duerma bien la noche antes del examen y que desayune por la mañana. Es un dicho muy antiguo-pero todavia muy cierto-que el cerebro no funciona cuando el estómago está vacío.