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Missed Any CISD News?

Nancy Longino, Celeste High School Nova Net Facilitator, has assumed additional responsibilities this year at CISD. She has been promoted to Director of Public Relations for the District. Nancy is multi-talented and has previous experience in covering stories as well as press releases. She is a free-lance writer and has successfully been published in the Dallas Morning News, The Leonard Graphic, and the Greenville Herald Banner. We are excited about the new District Newsletter for CISD that she has designed. Nancy will be writing and creating the new Blue Devil Link – a publication aimed at connecting the school with the community, which will be published and distributed three times in a school year. Here at CISD we feel very fortunate to have such a great staff, consisting of talented and creative employees who contribute to our success at CISD. We will be sure to recap the published articles here on E-News, just in case you might have missed them. CISD strives to have an outstanding relationship with our community as well as our students and staff, and communication is the key to our success.

CISD Pre-A/P English class compose futuristic scenarios

By Nancy Longino

Early on we learn to write in elementary school. “Start with the beginning, middle, and end”, a speech we all remember well from our English teacher. Veteran English teacher, Dr. Suzanne Sorrells, challenged her first-period Pre-A/P Sophomore English students at Celeste High School to write creative stories reflecting futuristic ideas. After reading the short story “There will come soft rains” by author Ray Bradbury, about a high-technology smart house that continues to serve the inhabitants of the home long after their demise.

Besides analyzing the works of established writers and great classic novels, creative writing in Dr. Sorrells’ class aims to help students write intelligently and passionately! Some students reflected on past experiences or time eras such as the 80’s. Brooke Burden saw that fashion always comes around twice. She wrote in her futuristic story of “stepping into my parachute pants and disco shirt”. Some students wrote from an environmental stand point, delving into such topics as global warming of

the rainforest and war zones in Iraq, such as young authors Josh McCaslin and Colby Hunter. The students wrote funny and extremely impressive essays on “A day of my life in the year of 2042”. Using imaginations far beyond their fifteen years, some such as Macie Mayrell “created a speaking mirror that suggested she might need some facial moisturizer” at her futuristic age of 50. Robotic butlers and droids in Courtney Daniel’s story, were created for menial domestic tasks and creature comforts such as the repetitive job of fixing her hair or cleaning her teeth. Make-believe occupations were imaginative and visually descriptive such as Andrea Lyday’s life as an “Underwater Volcano Spy”.

In the words of Dr. Phil, “I wonder how that’s working for her?”

Amber Stembridge wrote of days that began with bellowing, annoying alarms clocks. House walls that rang out in strange voices “Seven o’clock. Wake up, wake up!” Days began with beds that rolled over to get a lazy teen up and going, and ending the day with compactable magic flying carpets designed to transport you home, such as Sabrina Green had rolled up in her purse. Inventions were created and designed by the young teens, not yet smart enough to put a patent on them. Bailey Frasier wrote of her “handsfree newspaper holder” that holds the paper and turns the pages, while the reader enjoys their breakfast. Shelby Stubblefield had a shower that ran on an automatic sensor that sensed the presence of feet, eliminating the need for temperature or pressure controls to be activated.

Imaging this new high-tech lifestyle created by the teen writers, I think I might very well enjoy the year 2042. Now what is that number to the patent office in D.C.?

CES Students receive honored guest: Army Sgt. McWhorter - all the way from Baghdad

By Nancy Longino

Sgt. McWhorter found new faces, new teachers, and new artwork on the walls; however, he did find the same small town with the same elementary school he left behind. Celeste High School graduate of 1996, Sergeant Matt McWhorter, returned to his niece Mason’s third grade class at Celeste Elementary to share his experiences, and pictures of both the country, as well as the people of Baghdad. Home on a two week leave from the Army, Sgt. McWhorter who is based out of Rustamiyah – near Baghdad- serves in the 2nd Battalion of the 16th Infantry, where he has served for eight years.



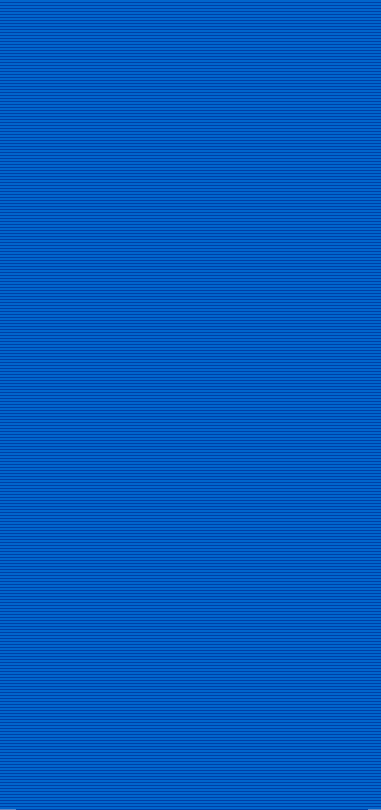
FCA holds candlelight service for Little Family, mourners pray for everyone involved

By Nancy Longino

Celeste, Texas – In a community candlelight service, Robyn Little, who was killed in a car crash late Tuesday night, was remembered as a wonderful person who loved her family and friends, as well as her students, with great passion.

Prayers, were offered for the recovery of Lauren Little, daughter of James and Robyn Little, who was critically injured in the car crash. Lauren is currently under the care of Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas, where family and friends keep constant vigil at her side.

Members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and students of Celeste High School formed a circle and held onto one another tightly, leading prayers and grieving inconsolably for such a loss. Others reflected on the unspeakable sorrow felt by the entire community at such a tragedy.



Robyn Little was a kindergarten teacher at Celeste Elementary School. She was dearly loved, and death can not erase her memory which so many will hold dear. “I can’t even begin to imagine life without her. She was truly a wonderful person and my best friend. She will be missed by anyone who knew her,” said Jenoa Lipsey.

The football stadium was filled with grieving mourners carrying lit candles, and Community members came out to show support for the family and those involved in the accident.

An unidentified parent of one of Mrs. Little’s students held her weeping child and said, “We're here to show the family our hearts are with them.” Community members came out to show their support for everyone involved, and with the hundreds of blinking candles glowing in the dark, grieving and praying filled the stadium, in hopes of healing to begin.