

# Weekly Update

A Review of Achievements & Activities in Cleburne ISD  
September 4-11, 2019

## More Than 300 Fill the Field for Middle School Band Night; CISD Fifth Graders to Meet the Pride at Friday's "Rock! The Rock" Band Extravaganza



More than 300 musicians were on the field at Friday's first home football game of the season as seventh and eighth grade members of the Smith and Wheat Middle School bands joined with the Golden Pride for their annual pre-game performance.



Fifth graders from every elementary campus will be bused to Jacket Stadium Friday morning for the first "Rock! The Rock" Band Extravaganza. Sponsored by the CHS band directors, the event will allow fifth graders the opportunity to get acquainted with the band program, which is among the electives offered in the sixth grade. The morning will include a jam session by the Golden Pride, a spirit contest between schools and a performance of the band's UIL marching show "In Bloom."

## Chamber of Commerce Hosting Young Entrepreneur Fair Oct. 5-Register by Sept. 18



Students in grades 1-12 who have, or are interested in creating their own business, are invited to showcase and sell their products at the Young Entrepreneur Fair taking place October 5 at the Cleburne Conference Center. Sponsored by the Cleburne Chamber of Commerce, backpack mail has gone home with elementary and middle school students providing information on the event, which is part of the annual Business Expo. Interested students should submit a Fair application, which can be downloaded from the Chamber website, by September 18. In addition to the opportunity to show off their business skills, students exhibiting at the Young Entrepreneur Fair will have the chance to win prizes and awards for designing a logo for their business, marketing their product and helping get the word out about the Fair. To register or for more information: [cleburnechamber.com](http://cleburnechamber.com)

## Coleman Kindergarten Teacher Amy Thomas Honored as Hometown Hero

Coleman Elementary kindergarten teacher Amy Thomas, along with a member of the Cleburne Police and Fire Departments, has been honored as a Hometown Hero by Hank FM and the Cleburne branch of First National Bank in Granbury. Thomas, who is a past honoree of the Coleman Teacher of the Year Award, is beginning her ninth year in education--all spent with kindergartners at Coleman.



## Flags at Half-Staff for September 11 Patriot's Day Observance; Beam from Rubble at World Trade Center Exhibited in Stadium Parking Lot



Smith Middle School sixth grader Luke Stewart joined with members of the Cleburne Fire Department pipe and drum corps as a participant in Patriot's Day ceremonies held at Jacket Stadium. A beam obtained from the Twin Towers site by CFD was displayed in the stadium parking lot throughout the day as the community and the nation remembered 9/11.

## Four CISD Campuses Receive Grants from Cleburne Education Foundation

The principals of four CISD campuses received surprise visits last week from members of the Cleburne Education Foundation, announcing news that grant applications for special projects had been chosen for underwriting. The campuses include:



**Adams Elementary**--Grant award of \$3,295 for Reflex Math. The Cleburne Education Foundation seldom awards a grant for the same program twice, but Adams had so much student success with the online program in 2018-19 the school received funds for another year. Reflex Math allows students in grades 3-5 to practice math facts at school and home to build on their proficiency skills.

**C.C. Cooke Elementary**--Grant award of \$1,727. The first 15 minutes of every school day will have Cooke students engaged in lessons and strategies to help them develop and improve social and emotional skills, which will positively impact their interaction with fellow students, teachers and classroom behavior. The First 15 will also be utilized in guidance lessons.



**Wheat Middle School**--Grant award of \$1,030 for The Growth Mindset. Wheat students will be engaged in the power of “yet” in driving attitude away from fear of failure to motivation and belief in achieving, i.e. “I haven’t mastered this math problem--yet.” Utilizing the scientific principles and research of the Growth Mindset initiative, students will be focused on the fact they can grow in intelligence as they learn new and achieve new skills--in and out of

school--through effort and initiative. “When you make mistakes, you learn from them,” said a Wheat student. “Work hard and you can achieve your goal.”

**Cleburne HS**--Grant award of \$3,922 for SWIVL Toward Better Learning. To be used by teachers and the AVID program, videos of classroom instruction using the SWIVL iPad camera will allow for the sharing of best teaching practices and effective student engagement activities within the CHS and CISD staff. SWIVL will also be used by students in creating videos to provide information regarding campus organizations and projects.



## Plans Underway for Homecoming Festivities Set for September 26-27



2019 Homecoming festivities will kick off Thursday, September 26 with the Homecoming parade, sponsored by Cleburne HS. The books of Dr. Seuss reflect the parade theme as “Cleburne HS Hears a Who,” with each CISD campus float based on a specific Seuss story. The parade will begin at 6:30 PM using the same route as previous years, to be followed by a community pep rally and the bonfire, held adjacent to Marti Elementary. Cleburne will face Joshua in the Friday Homecoming football game set for

7:30 PM at Jacket Stadium.

## Jacket Academy Afterschool Program Begins Fourth Year at CHS

A new year of Jacket Academy afterschool sessions is underway at Cleburne HS. Jacket Academy gives students the opportunity to take six-week introductory classes in a variety of areas of interest to them--based on their input. From guitar to photography, jewelry making to sign language, as well as tutoring sessions, Jacket Academy gives participants new experiences and new insights. The program includes afterschool transportation and an evening meal.

