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Back to School Shots...



Angela Brown administers a vaccine shot to Luna Mayor, 12, at the Immunization Fair.

NEWS NOTES

Special Election Info Session Aug. 21

Tuesday, August 21 at 6:00 p.m. Join Baker Ripley and Judge Ed Emmett for a discussion on the Harris County 2018 Flood Control District Bond Program and Special Election on August 25, 2018 at Baker Ripley East Aldine Campus, 3000 Aldine Mail Rt., Houston 77039. Questions?, Call 346-570-4463.

Family Strengthening Conference

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren will be hosting this event. Saturday, Sep. 8, 2018, 10 am - 3 pm at M.O. Campbell Education Center, 1865 Aldine Bender, Houston, TX 77032.

Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshop

Sign Up...It's Free at 281-449-3131 ext.127. Every Wednesday from September 12 to October 24 at Harris County Emergency Corps, 2800 Aldine Bender Rd., Houston, TX 77032. Classes start at 10 a.m. Registration deadline August 24. Ad on page 8.

Aldine ISD to open six new schools

Aldine ISD will open six new schools when the 2018-19 school year begins on Monday, Aug. 20. In addition, Francis Elementary School and Johnson Elementary School will have new facilities for the upcoming school year.

The schools were built with funds from the \$798 million bond referendum Aldine voters overwhelmingly passed (by 72%) in November of 2015.

The district will open one career and technical high school, three middle schools and two EC/Pre-K



The Lou Vardeman EC/Pre-K/K School will be one of six new schools that will open in Aldine ISD when the 2018-19 school year begins on Monday, Aug. 20. The school is located at 3302 Connorvale Rd.

Centers.

The Dr. Archie Blanson Career and Technical Education High School will be located at 311 West Road. It is named after former Deputy Superintendent Dr. Archie Blanson. Ben Ibarra will serve as the school's principal.

The three middle schools that are opening are Dr. Viola M. Garcia Middle School, Marine Jones Middle School and Steve Mead Middle School.

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Green's 23rd annual Immunization day at UT clinic

By Zach Maxwell
Northeast News

NORTH HOUSTON – For nearly a quarter of a century, U.S. Rep. Gene Green has held a back-to-school immunization clinic at locations in his District TX-29, in northeast Houston. Even though Green is leaving office soon, he says the tradition is likely to continue under the next officeholder.

Three Houston area locations played host to Green's immunization clinics on Saturday, Aug. 11 - North Shore High



Congressman Gene Green, center, poses with representatives of the UT Physicians Jensen Clinic on Crosstimbers, and members of the community who helped administer the immunizations at Green's 23rd Annual Immunization Day. Congressman Green sponsors the Immunization Day in several locations throughout his district. This year locations included AAMA Learning Center on the Gulf Freeway, El Centro de Corazon-Magnolia Health Center, Northshore Senior High School and the UT Jensen clinic.

School, AAMA Learning Center on Gulf Freeway and UT Physicians Jensen Clinic on the northside. Through various community partners, the impact of families served numbered in the thousands.

"Our goal is to have healthy children for the next generation of our community," Green said.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Green Forest Civic Club Meeting

Green Forest Civic Club meets every last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall located at 3415 Aldine-Mail Rte. (next to Shipley's Donuts).
 Neighborhoods covered by GFCC are Eastex Freeway Forest and Fairgreen 1, 2, 3 & 4. Meetings are open to the public. For more information, please contact President Shirley Reed at 281.449.7531 or Secretary Marina Flores Sugg at 281.442.3573.

Free mammograms

Offered by The Rose. Screening on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at Greater Pure Light Church, 12330 Vickery Rd., 77039. Applications are required for September's screenings, call now 713-306-6439.

Free CERT Training

This training can help save lives and protect property. Mondays, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., September 17 - November 5, 2018 at East Aldine District Office, 5333 Aldine Mail Rt., 77039. To sign up, contact lionel.bryant@oem.hctx.net or call 713-274-1749.

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- ST. LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 TO OCTOBER 20 EVERY SATURDAY FOR 10 SESSIONS 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM, 2131 LAUDER RD. HOUSTON, TX 77039.

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Citizenship Workshops

- EAST ALDINE DISTRICT SATURDAY AUGUST 25, 2018, 5333ALDINE MAIL ROUTE HOUSTON, TX 77039
- SAN CHARLES BORROMEIO, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2018, 901 ROSALANE ST, HOUSTON TX 77039.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. for both workshops. Questions? call Bonding Against Adveristy at 281-799-9076 or 713-471-5832.

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WELCOME BACK from the Aldine ISD Superintendent

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year. I am honored and humbled to serve as your Superintendent of Schools as we prepare to educate and uplift the children of our community.

Improving the academic achievement of all students in Aldine ISD will serve as the primary focus of my work. In order for Aldine ISD to go from Good to Great, the same focus must be reflected on the part of all staff members, our parents and the Aldine community.

In my short time in Aldine, I have been impressed with how engaged the Aldine community and our parents are with the school district. Community and parental engagement are so important to a school district's success and my plan is to build over the years with these two crucial groups.

I wholeheartedly appreciate the encouragement and insight that many of you have provided since my appointment in April. I am energized by the interest, spirit of support, and partnerships already extended by those in and throughout the Aldine community.

The issue of educating and uplifting the children of Aldine ISD is not a question of resources as it is a question of determination. Yes, we can always benefit from having "more." However, "more" will not suffice if we don't have "enough" people who care, love, believe, and work fervently to educate and make a difference in the lives of ALL of our students.



As your superintendent, I have high expectations for myself, our administrators, our teachers, our staff and our students. A quality education does not come easy. In my commitment to Aldine ISD, I expect our district and campus leaders to provide the leadership necessary to increase student achievement.

I expect our teachers and instructional staff to ensure all students are provided access to a quality education through rigorous yet engaging instruction. I expect our police, transportation, maintenance, health services, child nutrition, and custodial staff to safeguard our students' basic needs to feel nourished, healthy, safe, secure, protected, and loved. I also expect our students to work hard to reach their full potential and to make responsible decisions.

The 2018-19 school year will be one of change as our grade re-configuration plan goes into effect. Our new grade levels will be: EC/PK/K; elementary - 1st-5th grade; and middle school - 6th-8th grade. The high schools will remain the same with ninth grade campuses and 10th-12th grade. We believe the reconfiguration changes will reduce the number of transitions between grade levels.

We will also be introducing new boundaries across the district and we hope to make the transition to our new boundaries as seamless as possible. We know we might encounter some glitches along the way, and we will handle them. Please be patient with us as we embark on this new endeavor.

The 2018-19 school year will see us open six new schools and new facilities for two of our

oldest campuses, Francis and Johnson elementary schools. When school begins on Aug. 20, we will open two new EC/Pre-K/K schools (Merlin Griggs, Sr. EC/Pre-K/K at 801 Regional Park Dr. and Lou Vardeman EC/Pre-K/K at 3302 Connorvale Rd), three new middle schools (Steve Mead Middle School at 3500 Lauder Rd., Dr. Viola M. Garcia Middle School at 11000 Rosslyn Rd. and Marine Jones Middle School at 20155 Townsen Blvd.), and one career and technical education high school (Dr. Archie Blanson Career and Technical Education High School at 311 West Rd.). Francis Elementary's new home will be located at 6525 Greens Rd. and Johnson Elementary's new home will be located at 13901 Homestead Rd. All of the new facilities are beautiful buildings and I hope you will take time to visit them during the school year.

I hope you are as excited about the 2018-19 school year as I am. I believe our future is bright and I am excited about the days that are ahead for Aldine ISD.

Monday, August 20 is the big day! It will be the first day of school, and the first day for our students to reap the benefits of an exceptional education where Aldine ISD teachers and staff prepare to make this the best year ever.

Welcome back!

Sincerely,

LaTonya M. Goffney,
Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

NEWS NOTES

Castlewood Civic Club 2018 Board Elections

At the next quarterly meeting, on September 27, 2018, the Civic Club will elect a new board. All positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be voted on. Nominations will be accepted from the floor and voted on that evening.

- Qualifications:
- Must be a Castlewood resident (or home owner) of good standing in the community with sound, moral values;
 - Should be 21 years of age;
 - Will be a 2-year commitment;
 - Be a civic minded individual with an interest in advancing the Castlewood community.

Consider volunteering or nominating someone you think meets the above qualifications. This is not a difficult post to fill, and to work together as a team is a gratifying accomplishment. We encourage you to do your part in making this happen.

This election is very important to the community. Every vote will count and is important so that the Club can continue to be strong in working to make this neighborhood a clean and safe environment to live in, work in and play in. Now is your opportunity to volunteer for a position or nominate someone.

Hopefully you have enjoyed the events that the current Board has done during their term in office. We can all continue to volunteer to assist and support the incoming Board.

Thanks to everyone!

Suspect wanted in death of a woman



Lockett, photo taken in February, 2013.

Houston police are asking for the public's help in locating an individual wanted for questioning in the death of a woman found at 5627 Yale Street #1 about 12:15 a.m. last Wednesday, Aug. 8

Marcus D. Lockett, 33, is not charged in this incident, however investigators would like to question him.

According to HPD officials concerned family members found Latara Shantrell Sanders, 32, deceased in her apartment and called police. Investigators observed her to have visible injuries to her face, neck, back and left arm. Her boyfriend, Lockett, also lives at the same address, however, he has not been seen or heard from for the past couple of days.

Investigators would like to locate Lockett to determine what, if anything, he knows about this incident.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Lockett or this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

New Schools,

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Garcia Middle School is located at 11000 Rosslyn Rd and is named after current Board Member Dr. Viola M. Garcia. Todd Roede will serve as principal. Jones Middle School will be located at 20155 Townsen Blvd and is named after former Board Member Marine Jones. Marcus Pruitt will serve as principal. Mead Middle School will be located at 3500 Lauder Rd and is named after current Board President Steve Mead. Jessica Scott will serve as principal. The three middle schools that



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are opening will bring the district's total of middle schools to 13.

The two EC/Pre-K/K schools that are opening are Merlin Griggs, Sr. EC/Pre-K-K School and Lou Vardeman EC/Pre-K/K School. Griggs EC/Pre-K/K School is located at 801 Regional Park Dr. and is named after former Board Member Merlin Griggs, Sr. Gladys Moton will serve as principal. Vardeman EC/Pre-K/K School will be located at 3302 Connorvale and is named after former administrator Lou Varde-

man. Orfelinda Todd will serve as principal. The two new EC/Pre-K/K schools will bring the district's total of EC/Pre-K/K schools to 12.

The new Francis Elementary School will be located at 6525 Greens Rd. Dana Stelly will serve as principal. The new Johnson Elementary School will be located at 13901 Homestead Rd. Pamela Riggans-Johnson will serve as principal.

In the spring of 2018, Aldine ISD Trustees re-

named Rayford Road Intermediate School after former AISD Trustee Rick Ogden. The school is now known as Rick Ogden Elementary School. Maggie Doran will serve as principal.

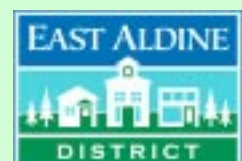
Also last spring, the Resource Center at 9999 Veterans Memorial was renamed the Dr. Wanda Bamberg Professional Development and Resource Center. It was named in honor of former Superintendent Dr. Wanda Bamberg.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Aldine ISD welcomes 200 new teachers



New teachers take part in training during the Aldine ISD New Teacher Induction Academy.

Superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney welcomed nearly 200 teachers who attended the New Teacher Induction Academy held at Davis High School Aug 2. Some are new to the profession and others only new to Aldine ISD.

Performing arts students, including the Aldine Dance Company, kicked off the event with high-energy performances to welcome the new educators. The students received a standing ovation from teachers, staff, and administrators in attendance. During lunch, everyone enjoyed the Eisenhower HS jazz band. Teachers also got the chance to see artwork on display.

Goffney began her speech by thanking the new teachers for choosing Aldine students. She shared some of her own experiences and the teachers who influenced her. She reminded them of the incredible responsibility that they have. Goffney reiterated that she urges teachers to always do their best work.

"I want you to focus on how you are adding value to your students, your team and to yourselves," stated Goffney. "Subtract negative people, thoughts and actions. Instead, multiply hope in everything you do!"

"Be all in every day. Be focused and determined to make a difference for all students. And I can assure you of one thing, you will be tired at the end of the year. But — this is one of my favorite quotes, and I want you to remember it — on your very worst day on the job, you are still some child's best hope."

After the welcome, the staff broke off to attend sessions taught by veteran District educators. Training covered many topics including instructional techniques and cultural diversity. Additionally, four AISD teachers with one year of experience comprised a panel. They told this year's new teachers what to expect during their first year.

Also on hand to provide information were repre-

sentatives from several departments. They included human resources, finance, athletics and curriculum.

The Human Resources Department plays a major role in working with the new teachers. Dr. Selina Chapa views the New Teacher Induction Academy as a valuable experience for the newbies. Chapa is the assistant superintendent of human resources. According to Chapa, the Academy is a celebration. However, it also acculturates newcomers to AISD and its culture of learning.

Veteran educators returned August 6. That same week on Aug. 9, District staff from every campus and department celebrated the new school year with a convocation event.

All teachers will have campus and staff development days before the start of the school year.

Students in the District will start classes on Aug. 20.

Dre' Thompson looks forward to being at helm of Aldine ISD athletics

Dre' Thompson knew at a young age what he wanted to do with his life, and he has not looked back since making his life-changing decision at 19 years of age.

As a teenager, and as a student-athlete at Texas Southern University (TSU), Thompson decided on a career in athletics.

"I was a sophomore when I decided to become a coach," the likable Thompson said. "I figured it was the next best thing to playing the game. It would provide me with a great opportunity to work with kids and help them achieve their dreams."

Thompson, a Houston native and graduate of Madison High School where he played running back, earned his bachelor's degree from TSU. While at TSU, he played wide receiver on the football team.

After graduation, he began an 18-year career as a coach before moving into athletics administration with Aldine ISD when he was named Director of Athletic Services in 2013. In February of 2018, he was selected to succeed Richard Delgado as Aldine ISD's Director of Athletics.

During his 18 years on the sidelines, Thompson served as an assistant coach at Alief Hastings,



Dre' Thompson, Aldine ISD Director of Athletics, will begin his first full year at the helm of the department when school begins on Aug. 20.

Willowridge, and Fort Bend Hightower. He also served as defensive coordinator at Fort Bend Marshall and Eisenhower before being named head coach at Eisenhower in 2011.

Thompson is looking forward to his first full year at the helm of AISD's athletic department and has some clear-cut goals in place.

"We (the department) want to establish our programs so that our own kids want to stay in Aldine," Thompson said. "Right now we are losing too many kids to other districts and that needs to stop. We will continue to have our student-athletes

in position to be offered college scholarships. Another goal is to upgrade our athletic facilities."

Thompson believes athletics helps prepares student-athletes for a bright future in or out of sports.

"Athletics is the ultimate regulator," Thompson said. "You can't do this part time. You are either in or you are out. Athletics helps kids to be able to become goal oriented, stay focused on life outside of sports and put themselves in position to be a demand and not to be ordinary. If you strive to be the best at what you do, then you will never have a problem feeding your family."

Make a Difference: Donate School Supplies

Trustee Dr. Kimberley Booker and her organization Young Ladies of Elegance (click here) are hosting a School Supply Drive. She hopes many will answer the call to service and make a difference in Aldine ISD.

The Board member wants businesses and community members to help students.

"A prepared student is a successful student," said Dr. Booker. "Students find success when the community is behind giving students what they need to learn. The education of our students is a partnership that I am happy to support and more than happy to reach out to help our kids."

"I want families and students to know that Aldine is the district that cares!"

Did you know ... Almost all public school teachers — 94% — have

spent some of their own money on school supplies without reimbursement, according to a survey done by the National Center for Education Statistics. The data, published in May 2018, was collected from 2014 to 2016.

The study found that schools with a higher percentage of students in free or reduced-price lunch programs also have teachers that pay more for school supplies on average.

Every year, the District has students that start the year without supplies. Dr. Booker hopes the drive will ensure all students to have what they need.

"When kids have the tools they need, it set a positive tone for the year," said Dr. Booker. "They can feel good about school. It will also lift the weight off teachers worried about how they are going to provide their kids with the

items they need to learn." The School Supply Drive for Aldine ISD Students will take place on August 25 at M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Rd., Houston, TX 77032. Visit the second floor, East Concession side from 2:30-5 p.m.

• School Supply List for PreK, K & Grades 1-6: Visit the District website, AldineISD.org to view the lists

• School Supply List for Grades 7-12: Contact a campus you would like to support.

• Note About Backpacks: All backpacks must be clear or mesh.

• Contact: Dr. Kimberley Booker via phone at (832) 366-3009 and email at drkimberleybooker@yahoo.com or knbooker@board.aldineisd.org

Gene Green's Immunization Day,

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He was presented a token of appreciation at one of the events for his service organizing this 23rd annual health-related event.

At the Jensen clinic, hundreds of children and parents lined up awaiting their turn to get shots. Thanks to a partnership with Walgreens, flu shots were also available. Houston Food Bank was also on hand, distributing free fruits and vegetables with volunteer help from local churches such as Greater Jerusalem MBC and Apostolic One Way Church.

Houston ISD was also listed as a partner, specifically Berry and Page elementary schools - the closest schools to the clinic at Jensen and Crosstimbers. The Northshore Rotary Club is another partner, providing backpacks with school supplies to each child.

The clinic provided vaccinations to children ages 4-18 with around 100 being served at UT Physicians Clinic.

"The impact here is education, information and access to health care," said Marlon Stewart of UT



FOOD VOLUNTEERS are Vanessa Huffman, Kevin Mose and Jacqueline Mose, members of local churches that helped at the Health Event.

Physicians. "This is more individuals than we had last year. This lets us know the word is getting out."

Lizbeth Mayor brought her daughter Luna, 12, to get her shots before school starts. She said she appreciated the service provided - and Luna didn't even flinch when nurse Angela Brown administered three vaccinations.

Green said he was assured by Sylvia Garcia that, if elected, she would continue the back-to-school event that has become an August tradition.

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Dos and Don'ts: Bus Safety Rules for Your Child

Aug. 6, 2018 - The first day of school is quickly approaching and buses filled with excited students will soon be back on the roads.

Riding the school bus has longtime been considered the safest form of student transportation. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, American students are nearly eight times safer riding in a school bus than with their own parents and guardians in cars.

As with all forms of transportation, dangers do exist. According to Harris County Department of Education's Center for Safe and Secure Schools: The greatest danger is not riding on the bus, but rather getting on or off the bus.

Parents and children should discuss bus safety together to help ensure a safe start to the new school year. Harris County Department of Education's Center for Safe and Secure Schools offers the following bus safety tips to help ease the back-to-school transition:

- Talk to your kids about bus safety and respect. Ridership is a privilege. It can be taken away due to bad behavior, so check with your school district about established guidelines. Refer to the policy as "school bus behavior policy" and go over it with your child.
• Dress appropriately for the weather. Many buses are not air-conditioned.
• Be at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is set to arrive. Tardiness and other mishaps can lead to mistakes in safety measures. Examples might be running in front of the bus; running back to find something left on the bus; or bending over or bending down to retrieve something dropped while getting off the bus.
• Kids should follow the five giant steps rule: Be five giant steps back from where the bus actually stops until it comes to a complete stop and the driver opens the door.
• Backpacks/bags need to be fully closed and

sized appropriately for the child to prevent safety hazards such as dragging straps.

- Always stay seated on the bus. Teach your child to stay in the seat until the bus comes to a complete stop at your child's destination.
• Show appreciation to the bus driver. Remind your kids to say thank you when they get off. Kindness and good manners go a long way.
• Railroad crossings require drivers to stop, to open the door and to make sure the coast is clear. Teach your kids to be extra quiet during these times.
• Go over your child's bus routine. Describe the location and street where your child should get off.
• Don't hang out of the window. Keep body parts inside the bus.
• For younger kids, write down their names, bus number, bus stop and where you may be reached and put that information inside their backpack. Help your children memorize your cell number; putting it to song can help.
• Bullying should never be tolerated. Talk to your child about bullying on the bus. Read your district's school bus behavior policy to understand to whom you should report such behavior. It may be the driver, teacher, principal or someone else.

Each school district has school bus ridership rules and policies in place. Families are encouraged to navigate their school district's website to locate and discuss the school bus rules with their children.

About Harris County Department of Education: HCDE provides special education, therapy services, early education, adult education and after-school programming. Services are funded by government grants, fees and a local property tax rate of \$.005195. For every dollar in local property tax collected, HCDE provides \$4.40 in services to the 25 Harris County school districts. HCDE also operates four campuses for students with profound special education needs and adjudicated youth who require a low student-teacher ratio and highly structured environment. One-hundred percent of students served on HCDE campuses are at-risk. The organization is governed by an elected board of seven trustees and has 1,060 employees and 33 facilities, including 15 Head Start centers. More info at www.hcde-texas.org.



August is Back to School Safety Month

(Houston, TX) - August is Back to School Safety Month and a good time to review your family's safety and emergency plans. The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) reminds parents that teaching their children how to stay safe before, during, and after school is crucial.

Although schools have emergency plans and hold drills throughout the year, parents should make sure that their children know their phone number, address and how to get in touch with them or another trusted adult in case of an emergency.

Traffic safety is also key to keeping children safe. Motorists are reminded that there are heavy fines for going over the speed limit and for texting or using handheld devices while driving through a school zone.

State law mandates that drivers come to a complete stop when approaching a school bus that is stopped to pick up or drop off students. Children walking or riding their bikes should only cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.

After school, your children should feel safe at home. Post an emergency phone list where your children can see it. Include 9-1-1, your work and cell numbers, numbers for neighbors, and the numbers for anyone else who is nearby and trusted. Practice an emergency plan often so they know what to do in case of fire, injury, or other emergency.

Download the free ReadyHarris app from the App Store or Google Play for help creating a preparedness plan.

Hurricane Harvey-affected campuses receive special evaluations

AUSTIN — Some 109 independent school districts and charters directly affected by Hurricane Harvey are eligible for special evaluation in this year's state accountability system, the Texas Education Agency announced Aug. 1.

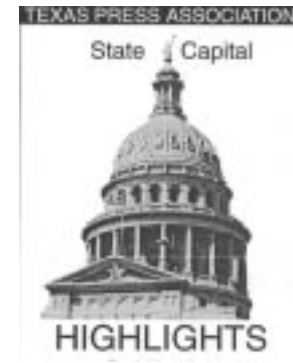
Based on data reported to the agency during the past school year, the affected districts and charters encompass some 1,188 eligible campuses.

Among the submitted data are the numbers of displaced students and teachers and the impact on local school facilities and instructional time.

Hurricane Harvey criteria announced in June represents a change to storm-related accountability adjustments when compared to prior storms in Texas due to the extraordinary magnitude and unique impact of the storm. The adjustments provide the necessary reprieve from accountability while also ensuring that student outcomes continue to be the focus in Texas, the TEA said.

Districts and charters were given several opportunities to submit information regarding students, teachers and facilities throughout the school year, the TEA said.

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House until he was elected to Congress in 2012. He served one two-year term in Congress and in 2014 lost to Republican challenger Will Hurd, a Helotes lawyer, who is now running for his third straight two-year term as the representative for Texas Congressional District 23. The winner of the Gallego-Flores runoff will fill the seat formerly held by Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, who resigned from office after he was convicted by a federal district court on 11 felony counts of fraud. Uresti was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

managed by the USDA and the Texas Animal Health Commission. The use of pesticides is regulated by the Texas Department of Agriculture, over which Miller presides.

The goal of the program is to limit the cattle fever tick to the eight-county quarantine zone along the border with Mexico, and ultimately to eradicate the pest from Texas entirely.

On Aug. 1, the Fort Worth-based Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association issued a statement critical of Miller's action.

"We are very disappointed that Commissioner Miller made such a rash decision to take away this vital tool from Texas cattlemen," wrote the organization's president, Robert McKnight Jr. "His decision has a direct and immediate impact on cattle health, Texas ranchers and the entire U.S. cattle industry. His action could seriously endanger cattle welfare and prevent Texas ranchers from participating in commerce at a time when our industry is already facing hardships due to drought and other issues. We hope Commissioner Miller will reconsider his position that harms Texas cattle and cattle raisers."

Gallego, Flores to face off

Former U.S. Rep. Pete Gallego of San Antonio and retired game warden Pete Flores of Pleasanton will face each other in a runoff for Senate District 19. A date for the runoff had not been set as of press time.

Gallego, a Democrat, beat state Rep. Roland Gutierrez of San Antonio for the right to face Flores, who easily outdistanced two other Republicans in the SD-19 special election on July 31.

Gallego, a lawyer, was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1990. He served 11 consecutive terms in the

Miller stops spraying

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller on July 30 shut down a cattle fever tick spray box operation at a South Texas ranch.

The spray boxes apply a high-powered insecticide to combat ticks that may infect livestock with deadly Texas cattle fever. Miller said lack of ventilation in the confined spray box violates federally approved label requirements for the insecticide and that licensed applicators were not present at the inspection, as required by state and federal law.

The Cattle-Fever Tick Eradication Program is

Revenue total

increases Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Aug. 2 announced that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.74 billion in July, 6.9 percent more than in July 2017.

"Sales tax receipts from almost all major economic sectors were up compared with last year," Hegar said. "The most notable increases were from oil and gas mining and manufacturing sectors, followed by wholesale trade, restaurants and services. Recent tax collections have also been boosted by a tax amnesty, including more than \$39 million in delinquent state sales tax revenue, most of which was processed in July."

Also, total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in July 2018 was up 10.2 percent compared to the same period a year ago.

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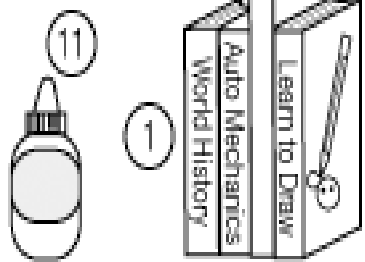
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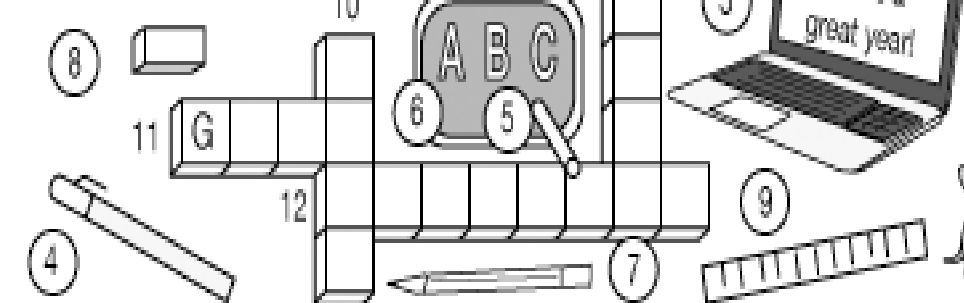
Step up to a new school year! Get ready to do your best. You can do it! Most schools supply the basic items and equipment you need to start, but may expect you to bring some supplies to help out. So, get packed and enjoy this fresh start!

Take an apple to school for a healthful snack!

Apples are red, green or yellow! Color this apple your favorite color!

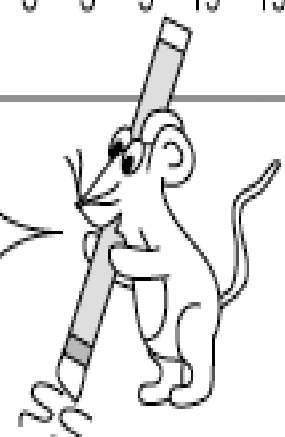


Study the pictures to fill in the puzzle with names of old and new school supplies and equipment:



When you are a student, school and homework are your "job." Arrive prepared every day and you will be able to:

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I'm so excited to swim into my new school!

Little Mouse is excited about the new school year. He has a message for you. Use the alphabet code to see it:

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The Real Reason Mary's Lamb Followed Her to School

Puff! Mary forgot her backpack.
Pant! I'll get it there!



Lunch With a Punch! Pack favorite foods that will give your lunch "nutritional" punch! Choose healthful dessert too. Go through the maze to put your choice into the bag:

Love That Class!

What's your favorite class in school?

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There is so much to learn. I'm going to try something new this year!

Find and circle these subjects:

- music
- band
- gym
- history
- writing
- art
- reading
- spelling
- health
- foreign languages
- mathematics
- science



"How Do You Like Them Apples?"

Ow! Hey, that smarts!

Have you heard about a man named **Sir Isaac Newton** (1643-1727)? He lived in England. He was one of the world's greatest mathematicians. One day when he was wandering in a garden thinking, he watched an apple fall from a tree (some stories say that he was hit in the head by a falling apple.) This action made him think about "gravity" or the force with which the earth pulls things toward its center. If you throw a ball into the air, gravity is what causes it to fall back down to you. Gravity gives us weight on the earth. It is the force that keeps the planets in our solar system on their paths.

Scientists use math. Can you fill in the missing math symbol or number to make each equation correct?

- $7 \times \square = 8$
- $134 \square 34 = 100$
- $92 \square \square = 109$
- $350 \square 50 = \square$
- $45 \square \square 4 = \square$
- $968 \square 88 = \square$
- $6 \square 9 = 54$
- $73 \square 54 = \square$

CHURCH PAGE

Fellowship Like Family

Have you ever watched westerns? I grew up watching them; I still enjoy watching them. There are a lot of things that are pretty consistent in those old shows and one image that stands out when you think about the old westerns is a group of cowboys gathered around a campfire. They may have worked hard during the day, at times together and at other times spread far apart, but when the sun went down they would take time to gather for a meal and, as we in the church would put it, fellowship.

We don't often have campfires to gather around, these days, but the need for fellowship re-

mains. The thing is, we don't have a definite end to the day like they did. Too often, we bring our work home with us in the evenings, and spend our weekends trying to cover the ground we couldn't hit during the week. We have to prioritize, and in doing so we often choose to eliminate the one thing that appears to be negotiable - fellowship.

But fellowship really isn't negotiable. We need this time with others, and they need quality time with us. As Christians, we should be both taking in and giving out. We should be imparting to others on a regular basis, encouraging one another to stand strong, to give God our

THOUGHTS FROM MARANATHA CHURCH By Dr. Mark Trice



best, to determine to walk in victory no matter what the devil throws at us. As Christians, we should be receiving the same. I Thessalonians 5:11 (AMP) offers us a challenge... or, truly, gives us a command: "Therefore encourage and comfort one another and build up one another..." Do we obey? As Christians we're family, and we should fellowship like family - like family ought to fellowship. Right?

You have so much to give, more than you prob-

ably realize. I tell my congregation often that each one of them is a walking warehouse of seeds. All they have to do is be aware of the people around them and open their hands to give - of their time, their knowledge, their wisdom, and their physical assistance. Generally, you don't learn what someone needs until you've spent time with them, gotten to know them, and that happens most often either one-on-one or in small groups.

So, I encourage you. Gather around that virtual campfire - regularly - and spend quality time with those in your circle...and widen that circle. John 13:35 (AMP) tells us that, "By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love and unselfish concern for one another."

Maranatha! "Rejoice, the Lord is coming soon!" #MaranathaChurch #IglesiaMaranatha

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Lazarus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What were the children who were making fun of Elisha's bald head torn apart by? Two bears, Three lions, Seven serpents, Locust swarm
3. Who asked God, "Why is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding?" Jeremiah, Jonah, Job, Joshua
4. From John 19, who said, "What I have written, I have written?" Daniel, John the Baptist, Pilate, Jesus
5. From Genesis 31, who had a dream about an angel and rams? Adam, Abraham, Jacob, Noah
6. How many suicides are recorded in the Bible (KJV)? 0, 2, 7, 14

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Two bears; 3) Jeremiah; 4) Pilate; 5) Jacob; 6) 7

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 You have prepared the light and the sun.
 You have established all the boundaries of the earth;
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AISD kicks off 2018-19 school year with inspirational Convocation

The 2018-19 school year in Aldine ISD got off to a roaring and inspirational start thanks to the Convocation program that was held on Thursday, Aug. 9 at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center.

The Convocation was broken into two sessions. The morning session was attended by the district's instructional staff, while the afternoon session was attended by the district's departmental staff.

Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. Selina Chapa served as masters of ceremony. This was Dr. Goffney's first opportunity to address both instructional and departmental staff in one setting and she used the occasion to share her vision for the district and the important role education has played in her life.

Dr. Goffney grew up in abject poverty, but thanks to a number of caring and nurturing administrators, teachers and counselors she had in her life, she was able to attain success in the field of education. Prior to being named AISD's superintendent, Dr. Goffney served as a teacher, assistant principal and superintendent of Oakhurst-Coldspring CISD and Lufkin ISD. She has 10 years of experience as a superintendent and 19 years of experience in the field of education.

"The reason I am standing here today is because of people like you," she said. "I had so many teachers that told me I was smart. I had teachers who put life into me."

She challenged AISD's staff to make a difference in their students' lives.

"We need you to be all in," she said. "We have students who need people like you. It doesn't matter how our students come to us. What does matter is that you should add some sort of value to that child."

She also shared with the crowd three ideals that she values.

"Your attitude matters," she said. "Attitude is contagious. Surround yourself with positive people. Your appearance matters and your attendance matters."

State Senator Sylvia Garcia delivered the welcome at the morning session and AISD Board President Steve Mead delivered the invocation.

Senator Garcia told the assembled educators the important role they play in society and in the lives of Aldine's children.

"Focus on things that really do matter," she said. "Education is the key to success."

Both the morning and afternoon audiences were treated to an electrifying performance by student performers from across the district. The performers came from the Aldine Dance Company, the Carver Dance Company, AISD theater students, and AISD band and choir students, along with staff members. The production was under the direction of Refugio Rodriguez, AISD's director of music education, Sarita Salinas, Carver High School dance instructor and Roshunda Jones, Carver High School's drama department director.

The student performance highlighted the dance, choir and instrumental talent that is rich in Aldine ISD. Both audiences gave the student performers rousing standing ovations.

The keynote speaker for the morning session was Ron Clark, a motivational speaker who focuses on education. Clark has worked with disadvantaged students in North Carolina and Harlem in New York City and founded the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta. He has published four books and is a New York Times bestselling author. He has appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show twice and is a past recipient of the Disney Teacher of the Year Award. His first year in Harlem was the focus of a 2006 made-for-TV movie, The Ron Clark Story, starring Matthew Perry.



Aldine Board President Steve Mead, left, and Superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney pose with two Aldine ISD teachers prior to the start of the district's Convocation on Thursday, Aug. 9 at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center.



Motivational speaker Ron Clark was the keynote speaker at the morning session of Aldine ISD's Convocation on Thursday, Aug. 9. Clark is an educator who has worked with disadvantaged students in North Carolina, Harlem in New York City and founded the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta. He delivered an inspirational message to Aldine administrators, principals, teachers and staff during the morning session.



State Rep. Armando Walle delivered the keynote address during the afternoon session during Aldine ISD's Convocation on Thursday, Aug. 9 at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center. Rep. Walle is a product of Aldine and graduated from MacArthur High School.

Clark's energetic address delighted the crowd and his message hit home with the assembled educators in the audience. He roamed the MOC arena, many times getting up close and personal as he addressed his audience.

He challenged Aldine's teachers to help their students reach their full potential.

"When you let your kids know you see potential in them, that's when your kids are going to shine," he said. "The last thing kids want to see is negativity. Kids can tell if you see potential in them."

During his 90-minute address, Clark shared humorous stories of his teaching career and discussed his innovative teaching methods. He also pointed out the importance of getting parents involved in their children's education.

"You should never be too busy to make parents feel special," he said.

He also challenged the teachers in the audience to be fair, but firm with their students.

"We are coddling children way too much," Clark said, which drew applause from the crowd. "We coddle them so much to the point where we don't expect much from them. We need to teach our kids to have a work ethic. Other countries are pushing their kids three years ahead of us. We are the top economy and military superpower in the world and our infrastructure is the best as well, but we are ranked 36th in the world in education. Think about that! We need to have an educated society."

As he closed his address, Clark reminded the audience the vital role they play in the lives of children.

"We are in our prime. We can profoundly impact the lives of these children," he said.

Clark also received a rousing standing ovation at the conclusion of his remarks.

In the afternoon session, State Rep. Armando Walle delivered the keynote address.

He was the first person in his family to graduate from high school, college and law school. Rep. Walle said he is proud to call Aldine his home.

"I am a proud, proud graduate of Aldine ISD," he said. "Growing up, we always had a sense of community and that Aldine was going to take care of us."

He reminded the support staff in the audience the important role they play on a daily basis in the lives of AISD students.

"If you are a bus driver, you are

the first person students see in the morning, so make sure you welcome them with a smile," he said. "Same with the cafeteria workers. You all play an important role in our children's lives. Continue to treat our kids with caring, kindness and courtesy."

He also challenged the support staff to look out for themselves as well.

"Take care of yourself as well. You gotta love yourself before

you can love someone else," he said.

Ken Knippel, assistant superintendent of administration, followed Rep. Walle and echoed many of his same sentiments.

"All of you in this room are important to our students' success," he said. "It's not what you do, but how you do it. You add value. You are the face of Aldine. We appreciate each and every one of you for what you do. When people see you, they see Aldine and I want to thank you for that."

The Convocation was sponsored by the Aldine Education Foundation (AEF). Attendees wore T-shirts with the motto: Aldine ISD. All In. All Students. Always! The following organizations donated funds for the purchase of the T-shirts: AEF, InvesTex Credit Union, Solid IT Networks, Stanton Engineering Group, Bracewell, H-E-B, East Aldine District, BakerRipley, Near Northwest Management District and Molina, Walker, Almaguer Architects, Inc.

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