



Staff UPDATE

April 2009

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Bastrop Independent School District

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STAYIN' ALIVE

June 5, 2009

Breakfast 7:30 to 8:30
Award Ceremony 8:30 to 10:30

JOB FAIR

April 7
5 - 7 p.m.
Bastrop High School,
1614 Chambers Street

Professional attire recommended

TAKS: Round 2

- April 6Grade 5,8 LAT Mathematics
- April 7Grade 5, 8 Mathematics
- April 27Grades 3, 4, 6, 7, 10 LAT Mathematics
- April 28Grades 3, 4, 6, 7, 10 Mathematics
- April 28Exit Level ELA (retest)
- April 28Grade 10 LAT ELA
- April 28Grade 3- 8 LAT Reading
- April 29Grade 4, 6, 7, Reading
- April 29Exit Level Mathematics
- April 29Grade 3, 5, 8 Reading (retest)
- April 29Exit Level Mathematics (retest)
- April 30Grade 5, 8, 10, Exit Level Science
- April 30Exit Level Science (retest)
- April 30Grade 9 Mathematics
- May 1Grade 8, 10, Exit Level Social Studies
- May 1Grade 5, 8, 10 LAT Science

Mark Your Calendar



- April 2: Tenth Annual Elementary Choir Jubilee, BHS, 7:00 p.m.
- April 4: BHS Prom, Hyatt, 8:00 p.m.
- April 7: Employee Job Fair, BHS, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- April 10 & 13: Staff and Student Holidays
- April 21: BISD Board of Trustees Meeting, Service Center, 6:30 p.m.

For a complete April calendar,
visit www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu

DISTRICT MISSION

The mission of the Bastrop Independent School District is to ensure the academic success of all students by fostering a commitment to excellence in teaching and learning.

DISTRICT MOTTO

Every Student Succeeds

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Wheeler headed to Germany



Heather Wheeler

Bluebonnet Elementary third grade teacher, Heather Wheeler will spend the first few weeks of summer vacation touring Germany.

The Transatlantic Outreach Program (TOP) sends Social Studies educators to Germany every summer on an all-expense paid study tour, exposing them to the businesses and educational systems, and various examples of German culture. Upon completion of the study tour, teachers return to the United States to write a unit of learning as well as conduct in-service workshops.

Wheeler plans to document her adventures in Germany on her class blog (heatherwheeler.blogspot.com/) while she is there.

Board approves 2009-2010 calendar

The Bastrop ISD board of trustees approved the 2009-2010 calendar during the March 10 board meeting.

To print a calendar, visit www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu.



Days of Instruction

1st Semester	80 days
2nd Semester	95 days
Total Student Days	175 days
Staff Development/Preparation	12 days
<i>Total Student/Staff Days</i>	<i>187 days</i>

Students

Start Date	August 24
End Date	June 3

Grading Periods

<i>Secondary Schools</i>	<i>grades 7 - 12</i>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>{ Six weeks }</i>
	29 days
	24 days
	27 days
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>{ Six weeks }</i>
	30 days
	33 days
	32 days

Elementary/Intermediate

<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>grades PK - 6</i>
	<i>{ Nine Weeks }</i>
	38 days
	42 days
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>{ Nine Weeks }</i>
	45 days
	50 days

Staff

New Teachers Report	August 10
All Staff Report	August 17
End Date	June 4

Staff Development/Preparation Days

Aug. 17-21; Oct. 12; Jan. 4; Jan. 5, Feb. 12; March 22; May 3; June 4

Staff and/or Student Holidays:

September 7
 Oct. 12 (Students only)
 November 25 - 27
 Dec. 21 - Jan. 1
 Jan. 4-5 (Students only)
 Jan. 18
 Feb. 12 (Students only)
 February 15 **
 March 15 - 19
 March 22 ** (Students only)
 April 2
 May 3 (Students only)
 May 31
 June 4 (Students only)

** Bad Weather Days:

February 15
 March 22

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Legend	
✓	New Teacher Staff Development
□	Staff and Student Holidays
○	Staff Development/Preparation; Student Holiday
**	Bad Weather Days
△	Early release - PK-4 elementary students only
√	Late start - high school students only
[]	6 Weeks Grade Reporting (grades 7 - 12)
{ }	9 Weeks Grade Reporting (grades PK - 6)
📅	Graduation - June 4, 2010

NOTE FOR STUDENTS: If bad weather days are needed, February 15 will be the first used.
 NOTE FOR TEACHERS: If a bad weather day is needed on March 22, the Staff Dev. Day will be Mon., June 7.

Early release date for PK-4 elementary students: October 22; classes end at 12:15 p.m.
 Late start dates for high school students only: Sept. 14, Oct. 26, Nov. 9, Dec. 7, Jan. 25, April 5; classes begin at 10:15 a.m.



approved by the Board of Trustees on March 10, 2009

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TCEA Board of Directors Choose New Executive Director

The Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) Board of Directors has chosen Lori Gracey as the new Executive Director for Texas Computer Education Association. Gracey is currently the Executive Director of Instruction and Technology for BISD. With a total of 29 years in education, she has been a technology director for 23 years and a classroom teacher for 6 years.

“Lori has had a such a positive impact on the children and staff in this district through her dedication to provide the necessary tools to support a quality teaching and learning environment. It has been a privilege to work with her over the past 17 years. Her extensive knowledge and that dedication to all children and staff in our district will be greatly missed,” said Betty Richardson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

Lori is recognized internationally as an expert in educational technology. She has presented more than 650 conference and workshop presentations at the district, region, state, national, and international levels. She is one of 15 national Thinkfinity cadre trainers. For

the last four years, she has served as a Certified Palm Trainer and a TASA Handheld Academy Trainer. From 2000-2004, she served as a TASA Leadership Academy Trainer. She is a mentor to technology leaders across Texas as one of the instructional leaders of the TCEA Technology Coordinators’ Academy.



Lori Gracey

During her career, she has served International Society of Technology Education (ISTE) as the 2008 NECC Program Chair. Additionally from 1994 to 2007, she served in leadership roles within the Texas Computer Education Association including Area 6 Director, Vice President of Convention, President, and Past-President. In 1998, she was awarded the TCEA Technology Coordinator of the Year award. Recently, she received the “Making It Happen” Pink Jacket Award from ISTE.

RRE staff walk to a win

The winners of the 5th Annual Cedar Creek Challenge are back-to-back winners, Red Rock Elementary, who had a remarkable 100% staff participation in this district-wide exercise competition promoting employee wellness. Their accumulated 19,294 miles more than doubled last year’s winning numbers. The second place winner was the Central Office Staff with 11,561 miles and third place went to Cedar Creek Middle School with 9,137 miles.

The individual top walkers on each campus were:

Tina Westbrook, Emile - 1294 miles
Reyes Ruedas, CCE - 1052 miles
John Gustafson, RRE - 895 miles
Ramon Hernandez, Central - 755 miles
Wendy Carr, 9th Gr. Center - 583 miles
Judy Wolff, LPE - 575 miles
Sheri Hoffman, BBE - 352 miles
Debbie Burkham, CCMS - 546 miles
Fernanda Hernandez, BMS - 542 miles
Tina Horyza, CCIS - 475 miles
Lisa Alford, BIS - 439 miles
Donna Bartsch, BHS - 387 miles
Sara Franco, Mina - 329 miles

Pictured below: RRE staff accept the coveted CC Challenge plaque from Sheryl Storm, CC Challenge Coordinator.



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

We recently caught up with Stephanie Dodoo, Program Manager: Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Communities In Schools of Central Texas, Inc. to ask her a couple questions.

How long have you been with Bastrop ISD? 5 months

What is the best part of your job?

The unique opportunity to work with students and families within the BHS school-setting by supporting, advocating, listening and counseling students to reduce any non-academic barriers and stressors impeding their educational and personal success.

Communities In Schools is a non-profit private agency located on school campuses that exists to help students learn, stay in school, and prepare for a successful life.

What book have you read lately?

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson

What is the last song you downloaded or CD bought?

Chiwoniso's recent album.

If you could meet one person in history, who would it be and why?



Stephanie K. Dodoo, LCSW

Desmond Tutu (South African cleric and human rights activist) because I've always been fascinated with his depth of compassion, pursuit of truth and reconciliation and humanitarian contributions.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Spend time with my husband, family and friends. I also love to travel, try new things, cook, attend church, watch movies, read and simply relax and have my mind rest by doing nothing.

Family?

I am married to Micah Barber. We lived in Chicago previously before moving to Texas.

Padgett accepted into **Power PIPELINE**



Lacey Padgett

Lacey Padgett, Director of Human Resources for BISD, has been accepted for the spring class of the 2009 Power Pipeline program. Power Pipeline is a part of the Leadership Texas organization co-founded by former Governor Ann Richards, which was created to provide emerging women leaders with the opportunity to interact with and learn from experienced women leaders from across the state of Texas. It supports the Foundation's goal of advancing and improving the personal, economic and professional status of women by inspiring new generations of women to make an impact in their communities.

"I am truly honored to be a part of this prestigious organization. I am humbled by the opportunity to work with such inspiring and great leaders from all walks of life and all over the state of Texas." Padgett says.

Help Wanted

Bastrop ISD is always looking for qualified candidates to fill open positions within the district. To view a complete list of openings with job descriptions or to complete the online application, visit www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu.

For more information, contact BISD Human Resources at (512) 321-2292.

Self-Discipline
Got it?

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The Staff Update is published electronically every month for staff by the BISD Community Services/Communications department to share information and recognize staff and students. Send news items to Lauri Anzaldua, Communications Coordinator at lanzaldua@bastrop.isd.tenet.edu or call (512) 321-2292.