

WYATT WINS SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD



Rachel Wyatt was awarded the Superintendent's Award for the Science Fair by Superintendent Roderick Emanuel.

Rachel Wyatt, a third grader at Emile Elementary took home a big award during the March Board of Trustees Meeting. Wyatt was awarded the Superintendent's Award from Superintendent Roderick Emanuel for her outstanding work in the Science Fair this year.

Rachel placed first in the Research division at the local Emile competition. At the regional competition held in Austin, she placed second.

ELEMENTARY EARLY RELEASE

All elementary schools (Pre-K through fourth grade) will have an early release day on April 7. Bus riders will be released at 12:45 p.m. and all other students will be released at 12:55 p.m. Pre-K students who attend in the afternoon will come at regular time and be dismissed at 12:45 with all the other students. Students in grades 5 – 12 will be released at the regular time.

Parents are encouraged to check with their after school childcare providers to make sure they will be open to receive your child. For more information about early release or if you have any questions, contact your child's campus.

BASTROP ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES April Meeting

April 18, 2006
 6:30 p.m.
 Public Welcome

BISD Service Center
 906 Farm Street
 Bastrop, TX 78602

AT THE BOARD TABLE

The Bastrop Independent School Board met March 21. At the meeting, trustees recognized students from across the district for numerous honors received, was updated on the BHS renovations and additions program and approved Superintendent's recommendation on professional staff contracts.

Special Presentations

- Recognition of Recipient of Very Important Counselor Program Winner - Garry Blasig introduced Tammy Johnson, recipient of the Very Important Counselor Program Winner. Ms. Johnson works in the BHS Career Center.
- Recognition of **BISD Elementary UIL** Winners, Science Fair Winners, Salinas Art Contest Winners, and PTA District Reflections Contest Winners
- Recognition of **Cedar Creek Intermediate School UIL** Winners, Soaring News Staff, and Student Council Members
- Recognition of **Bastrop Middle School UIL** and TM-SCA Participants and Winners
- Recognition of **Cedar Creek Middle School UIL** Winners
- Recognition of **Bastrop High School National Honor Society** Inductees and Students from 3rd Six Weeks with Straight A's and Perfect Attendance
- **BHS** Students Talk about Smaller Learning Communities at Bastrop High School - Bastrop High School students Dani Schumacher and James Miller spoke to the Board about the implementation of the Smaller Learning Communities at BHS. Both students agreed that more respect needs to be brought back into the high school. The students informed the Board of some things that they would like to see change at BHS. Mr. Blasig reported that a group from Portland will be visiting Bastrop High School to look at the small schools.

Superintendent's Report & Board Discussion

- Personnel Report - Information was provided to the Board. Karen Dooley introduced representatives from Benchmark Insurance Group and AFLAC.
- Financial Report - Information was provided to the Board.

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Report on Delinquent Property Accounts - Shelley Veselka from McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen reported on the BISD delinquent property accounts.

Preliminary Budget Information - Sandra Callahan reported that tax collections are good this year; however fuel and utility costs are up. She stated that the Bastrop Central Appraisal District is estimating a 25% reduction in Power Plant values for next year. Mrs. Callahan reported that the district realized approximately \$100,000 in savings by bringing the custodial services back into the district. In addition, Mrs. Callahan reported that DeskMap is working on a current demographic study and should have the information to the district in April.

- Operations Report - Update on BHS Renovations & Additions Program - Brad Pfluger and Jerry Acevedo from Pfluger Associates updated the Board. Mr. Pfluger reported that they are currently 75% completed with the construction document phase. Mr. Pfluger invited Board members to arrive a little early prior to the April 18th meeting to look over drawings and documents.

Mrs. Williams stated that she has heard concerns about the downspouts and the slope of the roof at the entrance of the school. She said that the inverted roof system would appear to hold water (like a "swimming pool") or cause future leaking problems and that she did not want to have to go back to voters asking for more money to fix the roof. She shared that this was her concern as well as a concern brought to her attention by a voter. Mr. Pfluger explained that part of the reason for the sloped roof is to more easily identify the entry of the school. He added that they are considering modifying the material used for the roof. Where before the planning called for a ribbed metal roof and trough system, Mr. Pfluger is now reporting that they will recommend 2 ply modified bitumen roof system that is seamless and will come with a 20 year warranty. Mr. Gideon and Mr. Pfluger also explained that while the new entrance area was unique in appearance and designed to create a distinctive elevation, the roof's pitch and elevation also has practical considerations in that it allows for high windows enabling natural lighting to get into the building and enhance the learning environment of the renovated library.

The consensus of the Board was that the current design is their preference and there may be some community members that may need to be educated on the roof.

Mr. Gideon also reported that some portables have been relocated to the high school in anticipation of the renovations, with more to be added this summer. The goal is to have as many empty spaces to put classes into during renovations.

Board Business

During the March 21st Board Meeting, trustees:

- approved minutes of February 21, 2006
- approved tax refunds for Bastrop ISD
- approved bids - Section 125 Administration and Supplemental Insurance Agent of Record
- approved TASB Policy Update 77
- approved Multi-Hazard Emergency Plan
- approved appointment of election judges for Trustee Election on May 13, 2006
- approved purchase of new time clock system and amendment to the budget
- approved Superintendent's recommendation on professional staff contracts

Closed Session

The Board of Trustees on March 21, 2006, beginning 8:40 p.m. convened into closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Personnel Discussion (551.074) - Professional Staff Contracts.

BISD SUMMER WORK SCHEDULE

This summer, Bastrop ISD employees will be operating on a four-day work week schedule for seven weeks. The new summer work schedule begins on Monday, June 5th and will continue through the week ending on Friday, July 28th. During the week of Monday, July 3rd through Friday, July 7th, all offices will work an eight hour day from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will closed on Tuesday, July 4th.

Bastrop ISD campuses and Service Center staff will be working four ten hour days, Monday through Thursday. All offices will be closed on Fridays. The new summer hours of operation will be from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

All campuses and departments will follow this schedule except for extended year services for special education students, and their related services, including food services. Five-day regular time workweeks will resume on Monday, July 31st.

CHARACTER EDUCATION



The Character Education trait for April is **Self-Discipline** - developing positive behavior patterns and the strength of mental and moral courage to accomplish tasks, manage time and relate effectively with others.

Please take time to discuss the importance of self-discipline with the children in your lives.

BISD SPECIAL EDUCATION CO-OP RECEIVES GRANT



BISD Special Ed representatives attended a workshop on behavior management and working with the difficult child.

The Bastrop Special Education Cooperative has received a grant as part of the Preschool Least Restrictive Environment Project. The grant provides funding to increase awareness and availability of more inclusive settings for preschool students with disabilities. As part of the grant activities, representatives from a variety of preschool, head start and daycare programs attended a workshop on behavior management and working with the difficult child held on March 25. The workshop was presented by Jan Opella, Licensed Specialist in School Psychology, of the Bastrop Special Education Cooperative.

Twenty one participants from local facilities received information on working with young children with behavior difficulties and a copy of the book *The Difficult Child* by Dr. Stanley Tureki. Opella discussed how a young child's temperament can lead to difficulties and how knowledge of the temperamental characteristics of the child can help caregivers respond appropriately to the child's needs. "Many children who eventually develop behavior problems as school age children have a history of temperamental differences as a young child that impact how adults respond to them. When caregivers take temperament into account when dealing with these children, we often see a reduction in misbehavior and a happier child," Ms. Opella said.

The grant was obtained through the Region XIII Educational Service Center and was written by a group led by Sherri Gilmore, Director of the Bastrop Special Education Cooperative. "We are very excited to receive this funding to provide additional training to our local daycare and preschool facilities," said Gilmore. "We are exploring many avenues to provide early interventions to students with suspected disabilities as a way to increase their potential and provide them with the best possible start when they enter school," she added.

Megan Kingsley, Speech-Language Pathologist with BISD, is coordinating the grant. "Early intervention is often the key to giving children with learning differences and developmental delays the ability to meet their full potential. By providing training to daycare staff, we hope to increase the awareness of strategies that are successful with all children," said Kingsley. Future training sessions will include information on developmentally appropriate activities for preschool children and techniques for improving the communication skills of young children.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1	Cheer Competition in San Antonio	BMS
4	TAKS (Grade 5)	
	Mother's Night Out	LPE
5	Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser	BBE
6	Elementary Choral Jubilee, 7:00	CCE
	Kindergarten classes to Austin Zoo	LPE
	Chamber Music Concert	CCMS
7	Early Release	Elementary
8	TMSCA State in San Antonio	BMS
	Dance Contest in San Antonio	BMS
10	End 5th Six Weeks	Grade 7-12
	Winter Sports Banquet	BHS
11	Begin 6th Six Weeks	Grade 7-12
	Dr. Henry (dentist) 4th gr. Assembly 1:30	Emile
11-12	Choir UIL Contest	BMS
11-13	5th graders to Aquarena	CCIS
12	3rd grade to Inner Space Caverns	BBE
13	Last day for Spring after-school tutorials	LPE
	Daughters of the Republic of Texas presentation	RRE
14	Staff & Student Holiday	
18	Board of Trustees Meeting	Service Center
	TAKS (Gr 3,4,6,7,8,10)	
19	TAKS (Gr 4,6,7,8)	
20	TAKS (Gr 5,8,9,10)	
	1st grade to Bluebell (3 classes)	LPE
21	TAKS (Gr 8,10)	
	4th to Fisherman's Park/K to Jersey Barnyard	Emile
	Spring Fling Basket Raffle 5-7pm	LPE
24	NHS Spring Inductions	BHS
	5th grade assembly for class selection	CCIS
	Volunteer Appreciation Week	RRE
25	STUCO Social Event, 4-6pm	BMS
	Treasured Tuesday, 1st & 2nd gr. Music Progm	LPE
26	Secretaries Day	
27	1st grade to Bluebell (3 classes)	LPE
	Partner's in Education Luncheon	
28	Choir at Blinn College Contest	BMS
	Spring Fling Basket Thing	RRE
29	Choir to Schlitterbahn	BMS
30	Dia de los ninos	LPE

JOB OPENINGS

To apply for a BISD position, apply on-line at www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu. All other applicants may contact BISD Human Resources for an application. All applications are located at the Human Resources Office, 906 Farm Street, Bastrop, Texas.

BISD is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

POSITION	SITE	SALARY
4th grade	BBE	\$33,010 to \$53,324
Counselor	CCE	\$37,143 to \$55,705
PPCD	LPE	\$33,010 to \$53,324 plus stipend
3rd grade bilingual	LPE	\$33,010 to \$53,324 plus stipend
Principal	RRE	\$54,410 to \$81,615
PPCD	RRE	\$33,010 to \$53,324 plus stipend
2nd grade bilingual	RRE	\$33,010 to \$53,324 plus stipend
4th grade	RRE	\$33,010 to \$53,324
Librarian	RRE	\$33,010 to \$53,324
5th grade Science	BIS	\$33,010 to \$53,324
6th grade Science	BIS	\$33,010 to \$53,324
Assistant Principal	BIS	\$46,187 to \$69,284
1/2 time Counselor (position is split CCIS and CCMS)	CCIS	\$40,123 to \$60,174
6th Grade Science/Social Studies	CCIS	\$33,010 to \$53,324
PE Teacher/Girl's Athletics	CCMS	\$33,010 to \$53,324 plus stipend
Small Engine Repair/Auto Tech	BHS	\$33,010 to \$53,324
Science/Health Science Tech.	BHS	\$33,010 to \$53,324 plus stipend
Bilingual Specialist	Service Center	\$40,123 to \$60,153
Lead Custodian (As needed)	Maintenance	\$6.82 per hour
Substitute Custodian (As needed)	Maintenance	\$6.62 per hour
Custodian (As needed)	Maintenance	\$6.82 per hour



★ Rachel Wyatt from Emile Elementary received the Superintendent's Award for the Science Fair. Rachel was presented a special plaque during the March Board of Trustees Meeting.

★ Natalie Mills from Emile Elementary won the HERO award for calling 911 when her mother needed help. Her story was featured on KVUE-TV.

★ Three BHS students will be going to the National Business Professionals of America competition held in Orlando. Aaron Treadway, Jerry Silman and Tony Harrison all won at the State competition. Melanie Ford is the BPA Sponsor.

★ State Representative Robby Cook visited Cedar Creek Intermediate School on March 23 to dedicate a new state flag to the school. The flag that Cook presented has been flown over the Texas Capital.

★ The BHS HoneyBears have completed their 2006 contest season with a successful competition at TSU. The team won a Sweepstakes trophy and received awards for outstanding showmanship and choreography.

★ The BHS Soccer team made it to the Area round of the play-offs where they were defeated by Belton 1-0 after a scoreless game, two scoreless overtimes and a tied shootout. They beat the Round Rock Dragons 6-1 in the bi-district round.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Tamera Stark, Central, surgery
- Blanche Underwood, Central, father had heart attack
- Ashley G., BMS student, hospitalized
- Lucy Faz, BHS, for neice Isabela Maria Shadwell
- Rosemary Calk, CCIS
- Theresa Jimenez, BBE, son graduating college in May and daughter is serving in the U.S. Navy
- Nora Miranda, RRE, daughter getting married in May
- Beaumont Westbrook School District, bus accident on the way to a playoff game that took the life of 2 players
- Tina Roberts, Central, husbands surgery

STAFF UPDATE

Published monthly during the school year, except during the winter and spring holidays, by the BISD Community Services office. It can also be read online at www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu under Community Services, News, Staff Update. Comments and information may be sent to Donald Williams, Director of Community Services at 321-2292, fax to 321-1371 or e-mail dwilliams@bastrop.isd.tenet.edu.