

Faculty Update



FLORESVILLE
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Building a Community of Character

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Business Professionals of America Compete in State Competition

12 FHS BPA members attended and competed at the State BPA Conference held in Dallas, Texas on March 5, 6, 7 & 8th.

The following teams and individuals were State Finalists and are National Alternates: Global Marketing Team members Bianca Delgado, Blanco Campos, Adrionna Rizzo, and Larissa Koehler.



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Roselind Pelech Honored by VFW

The National Veterans of Foreign Wars honored Roselind Pellech as one of the top five in the nation for their National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year Award. Both FISD and the Local VFW post are proud of Mrs. Pellech and her accomplishments of including character in the classroom. Thank you Roselind for helping us to build a community of character in Floresville!



FMS Future Problem Solvers Advance to State

Floresville Middle School is excited to have three teams qualify for the Texas Future Problem Solving Program's State Bowl, to be held on April 19, 2008, in Austin, Texas. The statewide competition consists of reading futuristic problems based upon actual trends occurring today. (Continued on Page 2)



FISD is One Step Closer to Receiving \$1,000,000 Grant



Grant

FISD and the Floresville Economic Development Corporation with the help of Congressman Henry Cuellar are in the final stages of receiving a grant totaling \$1,000,000 for equipment to be used in the Floresville Early College Campus. (Continued on Page 3)

All District Basketball Players Announced



District 29 AAAA All District basketball team has been announced. Congratulations to the following Tigers and Jaguars for your efforts on the court!

TIGERS

First Team

Reid Whitley - Jr. Floresville

Second Team

Andrew Stuart - Jr. Floresville

Honorable Mention

Brent Butler - Sr. Floresville

Garrett Ledford - Sr. Floresville

Robert Williams - Sr. Floresville

Jaguars

Co-MVP—Kelsey Ray

Offensive MVP—Kelsey Raabe

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Students Participate in Odyssey of the Mind

Floresville Elementary School had 39 students participate in the Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament which was held on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at Groesbeck High School in Groesbeck, Texas. Three teams will be advancing to (Continued on Page 2)



FPS Continued

Students are given two hours to complete an eleven-paged packet, developing possible problems, submitting possible solutions, developing and applying criteria, and composing an action plan, with research being used to support the students' responses. Congratulations!

The 8th team



Front Row: Samantha Flores, Elizabeth Garza, REbekah Re-sendiz, and Paige Moy.

Second Row: Eric Ramdass; James Dyches, Cody Beetler, Christian Buckley, Mrs. Linda Lucio.



The 7th team consists of: Shelby Carpenter, Eliza Meza, Emma Woodlee, Levi Meier, and Mr. David Merten



Teacher Applications

Go Online

You may have noticed this logo on the front of the FISD website. If you click on it, you will find our newly created online application for employment. This new feature will allow applicants to immediately apply for positions and that same data will be used to reduce the amount of additional paperwork new teachers complete after they have been employed.



This is quite an improvement of our paper applications. If you know of an applicant that would be a great member of our family and loves kids, encourage them to log on and apply.

Also note that we have a new system for screening applicants. The Gallup organization is famous for their national polls. Some years ago, they surveyed hundreds of thousands of teachers and administrators to define particular aspects of effective teachers.

The result is our Teacher Insight program. Perspective applicants go online and answer a series of questions much like an interview. Once complete, FISD receives a score that rates their responses and gives insight as to their concern and care for students. This is used as one factor in determining employment.

Odyssey Continued

the State Tournament on Saturday, April 5 at Spring Woods High School in Houston, Texas. The Wonderful Muses Team A, coached by Katherine Johns received 2nd place, The Wonderful Muses Team B, coached by Diana Hernandez received 1st place and The Eccentrics, coached by Sarah Bauer received 2nd place.

The Odyssey of the Mind Program fosters creative thinking and problem solving skills among participating students from kindergarten through college. It fea-

tures an annual competition component at local through international levels. Students solve problems in a variety of areas. Through solving these problems, students learn lifelong skills such as working with others as a team, evaluating ideas, making decisions, and creating solutions while also developing self-confidence from their experiences. Congratulations to all these students and their sponsors!



Grant Continued

This award is combined with other Federal assistance from Congressman Cuellar that totals \$1.5 million dollars in total grants to FISD.

Combined with the annual commitment from the Alamo Community College District of \$591,000 towards salaries and supplies for the campus, the total amount raised for this project is over \$2,000,000. This will be a significant benefit to our community, local tax payers, and the children of our school district. These funds will be used to equip the nursing program, Lockheed-Martin Aerospace program, television production studio, Culinary Arts, welding certification, business academy, computer aided drafting, computer networking and programming and much more. Thank you to our incredible partners at FEDC, Congressman Cuellar, and the Alamo Community College District for making higher education a reality for the school district, and the people of Floresville.

FHS Art Success

On February 23rd, 25 Floresville High School students participated in the Region 20 Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE), at Clark High School in San Antonio.

Participants select one or two of their "best" works of art, created during this school year, to submit. Students must write a critique for their piece (s) which elaborates on the student's *research, *technique, *use of the elements & principles of art, *aesthetic & critical judgment, & *personal expression.



The day of the event each artist attends an interview with a judge to show and discuss their work of art.

The judges assign a score to each work of art; 4 being the highest and 1 the lowest score. The works of art with a rating of 4 are judged to progress to the state VASE, to be held in April.

There are four student divisions one = art one, two = art two, three = art three, and four = art four & AP Studio Art students. This year our FHS students earned the following scores:

- Division four: 9 = 4s (gold medals) 4 = 3s
- Division three: 3 = 4s (blue medals) 2 = 3s
- Division two: 2 = 4s (red medals) 6 = 3s
- Division one: 2 = 4s (white ribbons)

Division three student; Alyssa Thomas' work of art "Red Rose" is advancing to the state level.

Congratulations to art teacher Tambria Reed and her art students for a job well done!

Power Lifting Success

Congratulations to Kenny Jones who lifted in the State Power Lifting Meet on Saturday. Kenny finished 12th in the state in class 4 A and 5 A, 275 lb lifters. He set three new personal records during the meet. His new personal bests included a 560 lb squat, a 600 lb dead lift, and a 1510 lb total. Great Job Kenny!



Houston Livestock Show Results

Floresville FFA Students competed at the Houston Livestock Show last month and below are their results. Congratulations to these kids, Mr. Jarzombek, and Mr. Billings for an outstanding stock show year.

- The tractor restoration team placed fourth. The team consisted of Chance Pfeil, Cody King, and Ryan Stratemann.
- Skylar Pawelek placed third with her fine wool cross sheep.
- Ryan Hubbert placed third with his Brangus heifer in the scramble heifer show.
- Brianna Brown placed 4th with her Charloais heifer in the scramble heifer show.
- Ryan Hubbert placed second with his Brangus heifer in the Jr. Breeding Heifer show.
- Brianna Brown placed 4th with her Charloais heifer in the Jr. Breeding Heifer Show.
- Sheena Popham placed 34th with her turkey.



BPA Continued

Entrepreneurship - Kelsey Ray

CISCO Network Administration - David Rolland

These individuals competed against many other school chapters, some as many as 42 teams and individuals in order to snag their finalist spots in the top eight.

Other students competing at the competition were:

Ashley Baker in Human Resource Management
Greg Dillard in PC Servicing and Troubleshooting
Anthony Burchell in Desktop Publishing
David Rolland and Anthony Burchell in Network Design Team

Armando Lara in Computer Security Concepts
Josh Dunn and Larissa Koehler were Conference Interns

In addition, each student competed in at least two open events which included Financial Math & Analysis, Insurance Concepts, Administrative Support Concepts, Information Tech Concepts, Management/Marketing/Human Resource and Parli Pro Concepts.

Congratulations to all these students and their sponsors!

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Middle School Band brings home high marks in contest!



All District Continued

First Team

Ashlie Vargas

Stephanie Erskine

Second Team

Taylor Choate

Honorable Mention

Brittany Baumann

Jessica Bourland



Academic All-District

Brittany Baumann, Cassie Abrego, Maeghan Medina, Taylor Choate, Sarah Trevino, Julia O'Brien, Kelsey Ray, Jessica Bourland, Stephanie Erskine and Kelsey Raabe

Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-Region Team

Kelsey Ray

Texas Girls Coaches Association Academic All-State

Brittany Baumann, Kelsey Raabe, and Kelsey Ray

Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Academic All-State

Taylor Choate, Kelsey Raabe, and Kelsey Ray

Floresville Tiger Boys Track Team 2008 District Champions!



FHS UIL Academics Bring Home Honors

The FHS UIL Academics Meet attended the District Competition on Saturday and the students were extremely successful. Of the 19 students we took, all but one earned either a team or individual medal. Below is a summary of the results:

Congratulations to the 19 students who represented Floresville High School at the District UIL Academic Meet on Saturday. The following students earned medals:

- o Sarah Haas—First Place Calculator, Math & Number Sense, Top Biology Student, Fourth Place Science
- o Christopher Mabe—Second Place Calculator & Math, Sixth Place Number Sense
- o Maegan Kloesel—Third Place Calculator
- o Rebecca Kruciak—Sixth Place Calculator
- o Nick Mayorga—Fifth Place Computer Applications
- o Erik Camarillo—Second Place Literary Criticism
- o Waco Herrera—First Place Science, Top Physics Student, Fourth Place Literary Criticism
- o Cassie Cullum—Third Place Math & Number Sense, Fourth Place Spelling
- o Richard Lopez—Sixth Place Math, Fourth Place Number Sense
- o Edward Fuentes—Sixth Place Persuasive Speaking
- o Alicia Castro—Fifth Place Poetry
- o Kate Ragan—Sixth Place Prose
- o Will Ragan—Fourth Place Ready Writing
- o Steffanie Sparrow—Sixth Place Ready Writing
- o Taylor Ostrander—Fourth Place Social Studies
- o Sara Najjar—Sixth Place Spelling

Several Teams earned honors as well. The Math teams swept the contest, taking first place in Math, Calculator Applications and Number Sense. The Literary Criticism Team and the Science Team also took first place. The Spelling & Vocabulary Team finished in Second Place.

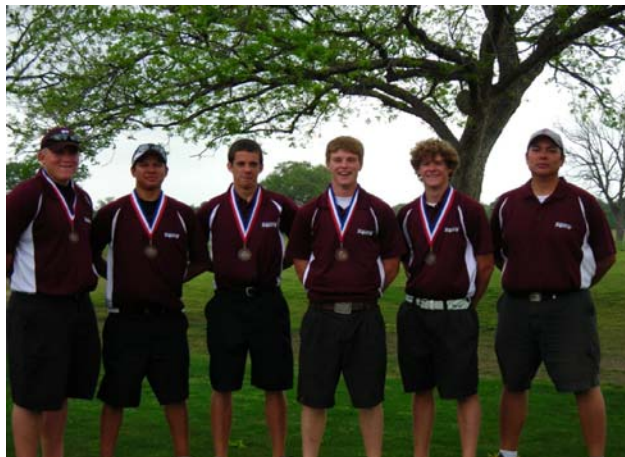
Twelve students will be advancing to Regional Competition at UTSA on April 12. Congratulations to Coaches and students, good luck in regional competition!

2008 Tiger Golf Team District Golf Results

The Floresville High School Golf team took part in the District 29-4A Golf Tournament in Uvalde on April 1 & 2, 2008.

The boys finished in third and sixth, respectively. The third place team (as pictured above) included: Brandon Mikolajczyk, Taylor Trevino, Michael Joslin, Kevin McCutcheon and Neil McCutcheon. Both Brandon and Neil received 2nd Team All-District recognition. Neil will be representing the FHS Boys Golf Team at the regional tournament, to be held at The Golf Club of Texas on April 23 & 24, 2008.

The sixth place team consisted of Nick Mayorga, Jameson Baker, Jorge Richie, Tyler Johnson, and Genaro Garcia. Rounding out



Floresville Varsity Tennis Co-District Champs!

The Floresville Tennis team earned the Co-District Champion title last Friday in Uvalde. The following tennis players will be advancing to Regionals on April 23rd:

Girls singles: Mary Rivera , district champion

Boys Doubles: Nico Carrillo / Thunder Allen, district champions

Mixed Doubles Jheromy Donaho / Krupa Bhakta, district champions

Boys Doubles: Carl Jamison / Trenton Pollok, 2nd place

Mixed Doubles: Estevan Lara / Evanjelyn Flores, 2nd place

Girls Singles: Marissa Jones, 4th place

Girls Doubles: Mercedes Medina / Amber Villarreal, 3rd place

Good Luck to all of these FHS tennis players at the Regional Competition!