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DUNCANVILLE Independent School District

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Dr. Smith Shares Results of His First 100 Days



Good morning, Duncanville family.

It's hard to believe, but we are already four weeks into the school year. When I started, I told you that I would spend my first 100 days on the job listening to you and learning about Duncanville ISD's unique traits.

The video above shows you some of what I learned from those conversations. We have passionate and committed teachers, administrators, staff and students. Our parents and community are supportive of Duncanville ISD. They want quality schools that prepare our students for college and professional careers. Now it's up to us to put our students on the path toward success.

Each month you can expect to hear from me as I share our progress throughout the school year. As you watch the video, make sure you tune into the end for a special segment we're calling "Conversations

New Assistant Principal Introduced for Kennemer



Joel Aguilar joins Duncanville ISD as assistant principal at Kennemer Middle School. Mr. Aguilar comes from Crowley ISD where he served as a middle school principal. Prior to Crowley ISD, Mr. Aguilar was a principal in the Dallas, Keller and Fort Worth school districts. Mr. Aguilar also has eight years of teacher experience and served as

with a Kindergartner.” Aedan was the first to join me for an entertaining discussion.



Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent

an instructional facilitator for Curriculum and Instruction at Edgewood ISD in San Antonio. He has a bachelor's degree in Spanish from Texas A&M University-Commerce and he earned a Masters of Education degree from Our Lady of the Lake University.

District Celebrates 'Made with Pride in Duncanville' Honorees

Every month Duncanville ISD celebrates a student, teacher and staff member who are going above and beyond and are "Made With Pride" in Duncanville.

They are celebrated where they work or attend school as Dr. Smith and other administrators bring balloons, post signs and bring a gift for the honorees. They are also recognized at monthly school board meeting. This month's honorees are below.



Sherri Hevron is the music teacher at Central Elementary School. Mrs. Hevron coordinated the All-City Choir for 10 years and has coordinated the Central Cyclone Choir for 18 years. Mrs. Hevron stays after school to practice with her students, and also tutors students in math and reading when needed. One of Mrs. Hevron's goals is for her students to build skills and appreciation for music.

Virginia Morganfield is the district's elementary Nutrition Services Supervisor. Ms. Morganfield is highly organized, dependable, flexible and is happy to fill in as needed. At the core, students are always her first priority. Ms. Morganfield is creative and comes up with ways to "work smarter, not harder."



Tanessa Smith and Manuel Rogers are fifth graders at Brandenburg Intermediate School. Both Tanessa and Manuel go above and beyond to ensure that their visually impaired classmate, Alfredo Cedillo, is supported by his peers. Tanessa and Manuel carry Alfredo's backpack when he is in the halls, help him with his lunch tray and keep him organized during the school day.

Middle School Bands Receive National Recognition



Two Duncanville ISD middle school bands were selected as Commended Winners from some of the finest middle school musical ensembles in the United States. The Reed Middle School Symphonic I Band and the Kennemer Middle School Symphonic I Band competed against 234 ensembles from across 36 states in The Foundation for Music Education's 2016 Mark of Excellence Project. "These Duncanville ISD bands are wonderful examples of musical achievements and are a credit to your school district," said The Mark of Excellence Executive Director, Dick Clardy. Bands submit recordings of their performance to be

Nominate Outstanding DISD Students for Leadership Camps

Nominate your outstanding 4th-8th graders for summer 2017 Lone Star Leadership Academy camps.

Participants travel to the Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin/San Antonio, or Houston/Galveston area to join delegations of other distinguished students from across Texas for a week of fun, learning, leadership development, and visits to significant Texas destinations.

Each day participants explore notable Texas sites, learn about unique careers from professionals, and work in small groups to develop specific leadership skills. In addition to improving their leadership abilities, participants gain self-confidence and independence and develop new friendships with other high-achieving students from across the state. **Nomination Deadline: Friday, November 4, 2016.**

Nominees must:

- Be in 4th-8th grade
- Maintain an 85 or higher average
- Demonstrate leadership ability
- Be involved in school/community activities

Nominate your outstanding 4th-8th graders online:

<http://educationinaction.org/nominate-leaders>



judged by a panel of experts. The top quarter of entries receive National Winner status, and the second quarter receive Commended Honors.

Upcoming Events:

Duncanville ISD College and Career Fair, September 21, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Duncanville High School, 900 West Camp Wisdom Road, Duncanville. More [info](#).

North Texas Day of Giving, September 22

Staff Development/No Classes, September 26

2016 Fall Safety/Wellness "Healthy Habits"

Campaign, deadline September 30. Sign up [here](#).

Design Day/No Classes, October 3

Heart of Duncanville 5/K, October 8, 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Register [here](#).

Student Fair Day/No Classes, October 10



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