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C-FB News, published by the Public Information Office, for the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District Educational Team on a weekly basis during the school year. C-FB News highlights campus news, student and staff success stories, and district news. Comments or items for C-FB News can be emailed to cfbinfo@cfbisd.edu, shelleya@cfbisd.edu or randlec@cfbisd.edu.

Communication Tip of the Week

Thank you to everyone who responded to our request for information from employees who graduated from C-FB ISD. We want to express our appreciation to **all** employees of the district. Together we make a great team!

Blalack Presents a Monologue Showcase and the Beggar's Opera

The show is Thurs., Nov. 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Blalack Cafetorium.
Admission is \$3.00. Concessions will be available.

C-FB ISD in the News

- [C-FB goes wireless.](#) *The Carrollton Leader*
- [Student leads event to raise money for department.](#) *The Carrollton Leader*

Unplug the Extras Before Leaving for the Holidays

Environmental/Energy Specialist Victor Melton reminds the C-FB ISD team to check classrooms and offices before leaving for Thanksgiving break, especially since schools will be closed for a full week.

Staff members need to "unplug" electrical items in the classrooms and offices. They also need to take home for the holidays any plants or class pets.

Below are some specific reminders of items to check before leaving.

1. Turn off all computer monitors, computers and audio-visual equipment. Remember turn off audio-visual equipment only after bulb has cooled.
2. Unplug refrigerators and microwaves in classrooms or teachers lounge, and then leave the doors open.
3. Take home any class pets or plants.
4. Make sure all the lights are turned out.
5. Turn off other shared equipment such copy machines, printers, laminators, etc.
6. Close the windows and adjust your shades based on the location of your room. Open your shades if your classroom faces south and close them if your classroom faces north.
7. Unplug any seasonal decorations.
8. If you are in a portable make sure heaters are off or set back. The district's set back is 68 degrees.
9. Turn off and unplug TV's. Some of our TV's are "instant on" and constantly draw electricity.
10. Unplug any rechargeable tools of other items because Victor describes them as "energy vampires."

Visit the new Watt Watchers of Texas website

Watt Watchers of Texas has a new website. Go to www.wattwatchers.org and check out the new website. Look for additions in the coming weeks – Energy Managers, Teachers and Students will have

their own sections. Watt Watchers of Texas will continue to add publications to the website as they become available.

Parade for Passionate Readers: Update

Fri., Nov. 18, at 2:15 p.m. at Central and Carrollton Elementary, there will be a Parade for Passionate Readers. Students in grades K-5 will be dressed as their favorite book characters to celebrate their passion for reading, as well as American Education Week.

Creekview Cheer Competition Squad

Congratulations to the Creekview Cheer Competition Squad for receiving a bid to the NCA competition in Dallas this December. The competition squad submitted a tape which earned the squad enough points for the invitation. The squad will also compete at the UCA competition in early December and ACA National competitions in January. After a hiatus of about 3 years, the Creekview cheer program is proud to once again have a competition squad. These members were selected at try-outs last March and include Captain - Shannon Ellis, Co-Captain - Kylie Haroldson, Sarah Bledsoe, Ashton Bull, Kimber Dodds, Lindsay Ellis, Jenna Harbert, Katie Huchingson, Kristen Hudspeth, Taylor Kowald, McKenna Morrison, Karley Osborn, Sara Pena, Alyssa Roth, Sirena Saenz, Ambika Sujjanani, Alyssa Tagalog, Mary Theobald and Morgan Wood. They are coached by Christina Westby and Tim McAtee.

Creekview AP Art Students are Showcased on College Board Website

Alejandra Alba and Mark Zou have their AP Art portfolios showcased on the College Board website.

Check out Mark's artwork [here](#).

Check out Alejandra's artwork [here](#).

C-FB ISD Middle School Band Students Shine!

Sat., Nov. 12, marked the end of a long and arduous process of preparation, auditioning and finally qualifying for the Middle School All-Region Bands of Region 24.

Over 2,000 students from approximately 40 middle schools competed for 375 positions in one of four region bands. Seventh and eighth grade band students from Blalack, Field, Long, Perry and Polk vied for this coveted honor. (Bush band students participate in a similar contest for schools feeding 3A and smaller high schools). 56 district musicians earned a chair in one of the bands, the most to qualify to date! These students will prepare special music, work a full day with a guest clinician and perform in concert on Sat., Dec. 10 in the Marcus High School Auditorium.

The bands in order of ranking are the Wind Ensemble, Honors, Symphonic and Concert. Students qualifying and the schools they represent are listed below. Of particular note are 3 students who ranked first over-all on their instrument:

Brett Wyatt	Seventh grade Trombone	Vivian Field
Cristian Marsico	Eighth grade Euphonium	Dan F. Long
JaRod Hall	Eighth grade Tuba	DeWitt Perry

Flute	Sean Jasper	Wind Symphony	Dan F. Long
Flute	Stephanie Wells	Wind Symphony	DeWitt Perry
Flute	Katherine Clyde	Honors Band	Dan F. Long
Flute	Sarah Kneeder	Honors Band	Charles Blalack
Flute	Cherry Thompson	Honors Band	Dan F. Long
Flute	Katie Reedy	Honors Band	Charles Blalack
Flute	Christiana De la Rue	Symphonic Band	Ted Polk
Flute	Genevieve Martinez	Symphonic Band	DeWitt Perry
Oboe	Lylia Benhacine	Symphonic Band	DeWitt Perry
Clarinet	Shari Wells	Wind Symphony	DeWitt Perry
Clarinet	Jenna Jones	Honors Band	Dan F. Long
Clarinet	Samantha Huffman	Honors Band	Dan F. Long

Clarinet	Brandon Binns	Honors Band	Dan F. Long
Clarinet	Stefanie Lyon	Symphonic Band	Vivian Field
Clarinet	Catherine Fielder	Symphonic Band	Ted Polk
Clarinet	Keegan Agular	Symphonic Band	Ted Polk
Clarinet	Kristen Utley	Concert Band	Charles Blalack
Clarinet	Julia Ou	Concert Band	DeWitt Perry
Bass Clarinet	Darlene Salcedo	Wind Symphony	DeWitt Perry
Bass Clarinet	Khiem Ngo	Symphonic Band	Dan F. Long
Bass Clarinet	Erik Huseman	Symphonic Band	Charles Blalack
Contra Alto Clarinet	Austin Shipley	Honors Band	Dan F. Long
Bassoon	Katie Parry	Honors Band	Charles Blalack
Bassoon	Aleksander Granowski	Concert Band	DeWitt Perry
Tenor Saxophone	Jamal Al-Jauni	Wind Symphony	Ted Polk
Tenor Saxophone	Josue Flores	Symphonic Band	DeWitt Perry
Tenor Saxophone	Andrew Soriano	Concert Band	DeWitt Perry
Bari-Saxophone	Jorge Lopez	Symphonic Band	DeWitt Perry
Bari-Saxophone	Joseph Swanson	Concert Band	Ted Polk
Trumpet	Scott Schmidt	Wind Symphony	DeWitt Perry
Trumpet	Trey Langley	Honors Band	Ted Polk
Trumpet	Seamos Lassiter	Symphonic Band	DeWitt Perry
Trumpet	Riley Walberg	Symphonic Band	DeWitt Perry
Trumpet	Baramay Neau	Symphonic Band	DeWitt Perry
Trumpet	Brian Sherry	Symphonic Band	Dan F. Long
Trumpet	Garrett Flowers	Concert Band	Charles Blalack
Trumpet	Alejandra Govea	Concert Band	Vivian Field
French Horn	Jessica Weiss	Wind Symphony	Dan F. Long
French Horn	Michael Lyons	Wind Symphony	Charles Blalack
French Horn	Amanda Werneke	Symphonic Band	DeWitt Perry
French Horn	Justin Hoffman	Concert Band	Dan F. Long
French Horn	Mary Chris Vogt	Concert Band	Ted Polk
Trombone	Brett Wyatt	Wind Symphony	Vivian Field
Trombone	Michael Hernandez	Wind Symphony	Ted Polk
Trombone	Wiley Brooks-Martin	Symphonic Band	Ted Polk
Trombone	Mary Kate Huff	Symphonic Band	Charles Blalack
Trombone	Justin Brite	Concert Band	Charles Blalack
Euphonium	Cristian Marsico	Wind Symphony	Dan F. Long
Euphonium	David Floyd	Honors Band	DeWitt Perry
Euphonium	Brian Holt	Symphonic Band	Charles Blalack
Tuba	JaRod Hall	Wind Symphony	DeWitt Perry
Tuba	Matthew Slocum	Honors Band	Ted Polk
Tuba	Matthew Reinhard	Honors Band	Charles Blalack
Tuba	Cameron Burwell	Symphonic Band	DeWitt Perry
Tuba	Elijah Ramos	Concert Band	Dan F. Long
Percussion	Daniel Lewis	Honors Band	Ted Polk

Creekview Orchestra Students Shine in All-State Competition

Senior Brian Hermonat on viola and senior Andy Goolsby on bass were accepted to the All-State Orchestra.

Barbara Bush Student Chosen To Perform

Barbara Bush Middle School eighth grader Conner Friday has been selected for the youth chorus of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra's Celebration Concerts. The performances will be on various days throughout December. Visit the DSO website (www.dallassymphony.com/) for dates and ticket information.

Newman Smith Club Collecting Cell Phones

As we approach the holiday season it is time for many to give and receive new cell phones. As a service project, the Newman Smith High Life Skills Club is collecting used cell phones and donating them to The Family Place. Contact Lynne Eshenour at eshenourl@cfbisd.edu or Chastity Henson at hensonc@cfbisd.edu for more information.

Creekview Wrestlers Rated in Top Ten for Texas

The Texas USA Wrestling has rated three members of the Creekview Wrestling Team in the top ten for the state of Texas. They are:

Chris Lomas – 145 lbs.

Hugo Torres – 160 lbs.

Joseph Arce – 275 lbs.

Congratulations and best of luck this season!

Radio Disney to Help Kick off Holidays at Christmas Tree Lighting

The holiday season in Farmers Branch gets off to an official start on Sat., Dec. 3 with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting event at the Farmers Branch Historical Park.

Beginning at 7:00 p.m., the free event will feature family entertainment and games provided by Jay Jenson and Radio Disney, the arrival of Santa Claus, face painting, complimentary cookies, punch and hot chocolate.

The traditional fireworks and laser show will precede the official "flipping of the switch," turning on more than 200,000 lights and displays.

The Farmers Branch Historical Park is located at 2540 Farmers Branch Lane, between Denton Drive and Ford Road. Parking will be available at the Metro Square Business Park, two blocks south of the Historical Park on Ford Road with a free shuttle to the gate. Handicapped Parking will be at the DART Park & Ride facility, just south of Valley View Lane on Denton Drive, also with a free shuttle.

The 2005 Christmas Tree Lighting festivities are presented by the City of Farmers Branch and sponsored, in part, by the North Texas Tollway Authority.

For more information, log onto the [City of Farmers Branch Web Site](#) or call 972-919-2620.

Tell Me a Story Project

Farmers Branch Woman's Club in conjunction with the C-FB ISD will present an exhibit of Christmas Trees decorated in the theme of children's holiday books at the Farmers Branch Manske Library on Webb Chapel from Nov. 28 through Jan. 6. Grand Opening will be Sun., Dec. 4 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Music will be provided by C-FB ISD students and refreshments will be served.

The following teachers and their students are helping with the project.

School	Coordinator	Children's Book
Ranchview High School	Shirley Lockett	The Polar Express
R.L. Turner High School	Sandy Henry	How the Grinch Stole Christmas
Creekview High School	Ruth Newberry	The Santero's Miracle
Newman Smith High School	Tiffany Thurman	Here Comes Santa Claus
De Witt Perry Middle School	Katthleen Schneiderwind	The Quilt Makers Gift
Blalack Middle School	Amy Chandler/Jessica Hayward	Dream Snow

Dan F. Long Middle School	Emily Melson	A Charlie Brown Christmas
Polk Middle School	Fred Lockwood/Brian Rhea	The Gift of the Magi
Barbara Bush Middle School	Lisa Ward	The Legend of the Poinsettia
Vivian Field Middle School	Emily Carruth	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Free Immunization Clinic

Free childhood immunizations for children up to 18 years of age will be available at Chick-fil-A, 749 W. Main Street, Lewisville on Dec. 1 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Each child must be accompanied by parent or guardian, and the parent/guardian should bring your child’s immunization record.

The clinic is provided by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas Care Van, Denton County Medical Society Alliance and Chick-fil-A.

For additional information, contact Resha Wafer at 972-766-3341.

Educational Foundation Monthly Drawing Winner

Each month the Educational Foundation will have a drawing for employees who contributed to the Employee Contribution Campaign through payroll deduction. The winner for November is **Olga Quintero from Carrollton Elementary**. She received a Chili’s gift certificate.

Want to Spread Some Holiday Cheer?

Metrocrest Social Services Can Use Your Help

For clubs, schools, departments, scout troops, neighborhood associations or any community group looking for a service project, Metrocrest Social Services (MSS) is gearing up for its annual Holiday Programs.

The Holiday Programs include Thanksgiving which runs through Nov. 23 and focuses on food baskets and the December Holiday Program, which runs Dec. 1-23.

The December Holiday Program includes food baskets and holiday gifts for infants, children, teenagers and families.

This link will take you the 2005 Holiday Shopping Lists for the Thanksgiving Program and the Holiday Program. [Metrocrest Holiday Program](#)

Last year, the agency helped 427 families during Thanksgiving and 690 families in the Holiday Program. Please help MSS continue to support our families in our community.

There are also volunteer opportunities at the agency’s Holiday Store, which will be located in the Hobby Lobby Shopping Center, 2540 Old Denton Road, Suite 165, Carrollton. The agency needs volunteers to receive, sort and box food and other items. They also need individuals who are willing to pick up donations at various collection points. There is also a need for translators in all languages in all areas. Santa Helpers are also needed to help clients as they go through the Holiday Store.

To set up your service project, please contact Dana Wilson at 972-446-2100 ext. 19 or <mailto:dwilson@metrocrestsocialservices.org> or Executive Director Bunny Summerlin at <mailto:bsummerlin@metrocrestsocialservices.org> or call 972-446-2100, ext. 16. You can find more information on this website: <http://www.metrocrestsocialservices.org>.

MSS has been working in our community for more than 30 years. MSS offers information and referral, employment information, emergency assistance with food, rent, utilities, clothing, and other limited financial assistance.

MSS is located in the Gravely Center at 1111 West Beltline Rd., Suite 100, Carrollton, TX 75006. The phone number is 972-446-2100. MSS is open Mon. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Tues. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Wed. 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Beginning Nov. 28, boxes for donations will be in the front hall of the Administration Building.

Mark Your Calendars!

- The Creekview High School Fine Arts Department will present Peter Pan Nov. 16, 17, 18, 19 at 7:30 p.m. and at 2:00 p.m. on Sun., Nov. 20 in the Creekview auditorium, 3201 Old Denton Road, Carrollton. Admission is \$12.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students. ******There will not be babysitting services during the shows. ******
- Fourth Annual Middle School U.I.L. One-Act Play Contest on Sat., Dec. 3 at R.L. Turner High School. Shows are at 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. \$2.00 admission allows entry to all 6 shows!
- Dec. 3, 3:00 p.m., Cluster Concert at the Creekview High School gym with Blalack Middle School, Long Middle school and Creekview Orchestras.
- Come and start your Holiday shopping right here close to your schools and help the C-FB ISD Art Guild as well. A craft festival will be held on Dec. 3, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Ted Polk Middle School. If you would like to participate, contact Fran Bolte at the Fine Arts Office at 972-323-5751 or Fred Lockwood at lockwoodf@cfbisd.edu for booth space information or to reserve your space. Parking will be at the school and across the street at Kelly Field.
- Dec. 6, 7:00 p.m., Creekview High School Orchestra Winter concert with gift basket auction. Come and see the special Guest Director and special drawing.
- Fri., Dec. 16, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Santa Cops from the Carrollton Police Department will visit Carrollton Elementary
- R.L. Turner vs. Lake Highlands girls' basketball district game on Dec. 16 at R. L. Turner has been moved to DeWitt Perry Middle School for all girls' games (Ninth, Junior Varsity and Varsity).