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NEWSLETTER

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News Highlights

CREST AWARD

Last month, many of our ILTexas Teachers received the CREST Award (Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas.) Schools that receive CREST Awards have demonstrated a commitment to using the school guidance and counseling programs to improve the lives and achievements of students in their academic, career and personal social domains.

CREST
TEXAS SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION

Brenda Smart (AK8 K-2)
Farrah Woods (AK8 3-5)
Tamara Johnson (AK8 6-8)
Heather McGhee (GPK8 K-2)
David Silverberg (GPK8 3-5)
Nykesha White (GPK8 6-8)
Michele Cason (GHS)
Sharla Sanders (GHS)
Jennifer Cavender (KWHS)

1ST ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

On May 1st, ILTexas will host its First Annual Golf Classic, presented by C2M Tech and Charter Asset Management. The Golf Classic will be hosted at Cowboys Golf Club in Grapevine. For more information about sponsorships and registration, go to iltexas.org/golf

Campus News

KELLER SAGINAW HS

The Keller - Saginaw HS Band performed at a UIL Concert and Sight-Reading competition and achieved a unanimous Superior rating from the judges! The band students have worked hard all year on their individual and ensemble musicianship skills. Their hard work has earned them positions in both the all-region and the area rounds of competition. Twenty-two of the members have earned Division 1 ratings for their solos or small ensembles, which qualifies them for the UIL State Solo and Ensemble Competitions in June. Many of these students will be traveling to New York City to perform at Carnegie Hall! You can see the band perform at their Spring Concert on May 2nd.

KATY K8

Katy K8 hosted a math-curriculum inspired K-5 event this year called Might Math Super Hero Night! The goal was to bring the students and parents together to collaborate with teachers to cultivate a love for Math. The gym was set up with 16 math stations, which featured an engaging math activity or game ranging from graphing, estimating, 3D design and trilingual math puzzles. Students were encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero and have fun! Teachers were dressed in "got math?" shirts and red capes that were graciously donated by Istation. They were thrilled to share this amazing night with collaboration of PTO, parents, students and teachers!

LANCASTER DESOTO HS

ILTexas Lancaster DeSoto High School's Dazzling Eagles Dance Team competed in the American Elite All-Star Auxiliary Competition and placed second in the high school division! It was the first time the dance club team has ever been in competition and the team is extremely proud of their debut performance in the spotlight. Having done so well their first year, the team will be holding tryouts soon to expand their dance program for the next school year.

Student & Teacher Highlights

RAYAN MBADIWE

Congratulations to Rayan Mbadiwe for qualifying to compete in the *National Geographic* GeoBee state competition! With this is a major accomplishment, Rayan will advance to the State competition in Austin on Friday, March 29th. Afterwards, the Texas State Champion will advance to the *National Geographic* GeoBee Championship May 19-22 at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C.

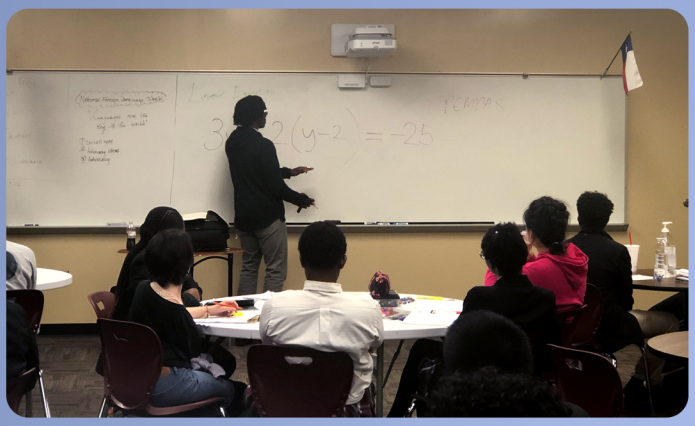
RODNEY SHEPHERD

Rodney Shepherd is a counselor at Arlington Grand Prairie HS who has been closely involved in the Service Learning Projects for this year, pushing students to do their absolute best. Mr. Shepherd was features the WE Movement event in March. Part of their highlight at the event was the community service and "Others Before Self" motto that Mr. Shepherd has continued to lead for AGPHS.

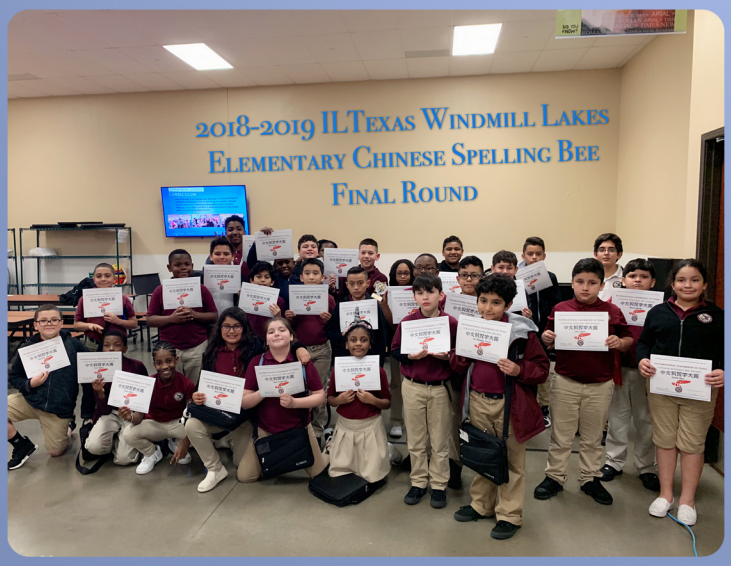
Curriculum

SAT PREP

SAT prep is in full swing at all ILTexas High Schools, as showcased at Katy-Westpark HS where Juniors can attend preparation classes twice a week!



SPELLING BEES



At ILTexas we don't just host a traditional English spelling bee, we host English, Spanish, and Chinese bees, of course!
We completed our English bees in the fall in collaboration with the Scripps National Spelling Bee, and this semester we completed our Spanish and Chinese bees (one of the few hosted in the county!)

Benefits

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Board Updates

At the March 20th Board Meeting, the Board heard presentations from ASP (Academic Success Program) and Ilfusion. ASP shared with the board their systems for helping ILTexas students with their college application processes. Ilfusion presented their Discovery and Development Process that they have developed for ILTexas. The Board reviewed updated ILTexas and Student Policies. They also acted on a proposed amendment for a new campus for a South Dallas K through 12 school.

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