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## AISD FIRE ACADEMY CLASS #1

Students earn certifications upon graduation (National Registry Certification as EMTs; Texas Commission on Fire Protection certifiable status of basic fire suppression). Cultivating and retaining talent in the community are part of the City Council's priorities. Following 2013 Academy graduation, the Arlington Fire Department hired Austin Dellasega, Blake Cretsinger, Brent Bosquet and Josh Berkley, who currently work in Operations. Austin White works for American Medical Response (the City's private ambulance contractor), Morgan Pratt volunteers for Dalworthington Gardens and works for AMR, and Yadera Nieto is enrolled at TCC studying paramedicine.

## AISD FIRE ACADEMY GRADUATION #2

On June 14, 2014, there were 16 students who graduated from the Arlington ISD Fire Academy Class #2: Nicholas Acevedo, Kevin Beverly, Adrian Esquivel, Christian Kenworthy, Valery Lofton, Alejandra Osorio Martinez, Alexander Perez, Chris Prendergast, Jessica Pruneda, Brandon Russ, Patrik Simpson, Tyler Smith, Nicholas Stone, Tristan Stone, Jordan Thibeaux, and Ricardo Vazquez. This ongoing partnership between Tarrant County College, Arlington ISD and the Arlington Fire Department provides students with two years of training and prepares them for certification exams.



June 13, 2013 - The AISD Fire Academy Class #2 students demonstrated skills learned during their two-year training with the Arlington Fire Department at the AISD Family Night. They receive dual college credit for classes taken.





April 17, 2014 - MISD Superintendent **Jim Vaszauskas** (at podium above) welcomed members of his Administrative Council and the management team from the City of Arlington to the joint staff meeting.



April 17, 2014 - MISD Associate Superintendent/Human Resources **Karen Wentworth** (third from left) speaking with Arlington's Water Utilities Assistant Director/Operations **Terry Benton**, Municipal Airport Manager **Karen Vanwinkle** and Libraries Director **Cary Siegfried** (pictured left to right).



May 28, 2014 - AISD Martin High School senior **Eric Wagner** met with **Mayor Robert Cluck** as part of the 2013-14 Richard Greene Scholar internship program.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## MANSFIELD ISD AND CITY OF ARLINGTON JOINT STAFF MEETING

On April 17, the Administrative Council of the Mansfield ISD and the City of Arlington management team met to discuss current and future projects as well as possible collaboration opportunities.

Mansfield ISD Superintendent Jim Vaszauskas hosted the event in conjunction with Arlington's education partnerships under the City Council's *Supporting Quality Education* priority. The joint staff meeting was held at the MISD Center for the Performing Arts.

The MISD Administrative Council is the decision-making body for the district's administrative functions and is comprised of 12 executives under the leadership of the superintendent.

"It was our pleasure to host our friends and colleagues from the Arlington city staff on April 17 for a luncheon prepared by our culinary arts students," Vaszauskas said. "MISD is proud of our relationship with the City of Arlington, and we were honored that they were able to attend. I also want to thank our students for serving us such a fantastic meal."

The student-prepared lunch was under the direction of Chef Adair Smith.

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## RICHARD GREENE SCHOLARS

During the school year, six AISD seniors participate in internships with the City of Arlington and other entities. One student from each of the district's six high schools is selected based on a minimum 3.0 GPA, leadership, extracurricular activities, community service and in-person interviews. At the City of Arlington, the Scholars spend time with Animal Services, the City Manager's Office, Community Development & Planning, Library, the Office of Communication, the Mayor's Office, Municipal Airport, Public Safety, and Water Utilities. Upon high school graduation, they receive a \$10,000 scholarship from UT Arlington to attend the university.

The 2013-14 Richard Greene Scholars were: Arlington High School's Grant Hansen; Bowie High School's Brian Chitimira; Lamar High School's Kylie Wade; Martin High School's Eric Wagner; Sam Houston High School's Hannah Kopetsky; and Seguin High School's Denise Nguyen.

# UPDATES

## ARLINGTON ISD BOND PROGRAM

On May 10, voters approved the \$663.1 million bond election to build new facilities, upgrade and renovate existing facility, address safety and security districtwide, upgrade technology infrastructure and equipment, provide fine arts equipment, and address transportation.

Superintendent Marcelo Cavazos, who briefed the Arlington City Council on May 27, said, "This bond will affect every part of our district, which in essence, affects all parts of Arlington within AISD. It is important to plan together with the city, the county and other entities, so that we can maximize the resources of taxpayers."

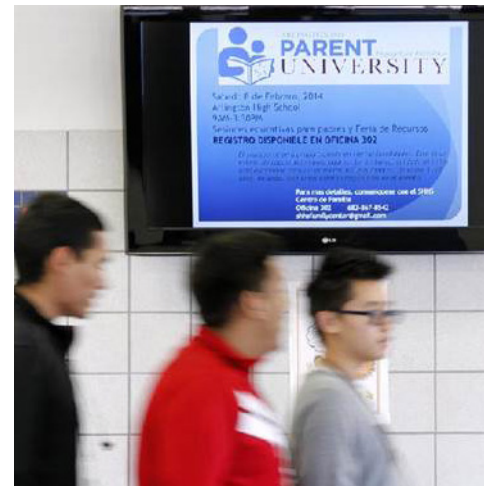
Two new elementary schools will be built in Arlington. The new North Arlington school will be on the Baird Farm property, relieving Ellis, Larson and Sherrod elementary schools. The new East Arlington school will be located on the Workman Junior High campus to relieve Amos, Burgin, Foster, Goodman and Morton elementary schools. Districtwide facilities include a Fine Arts Center (2,500-seat performance hall; classroom space with virtual learning; instrument repair facility with a Career and Technical Education program) and Athletics Complex (practice and competition gymnastics; competition wrestling; natatorium with 50m swimming and diving).

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN AISD BOND PROGRAM


On June 25, the City Manager's Office and Arlington ISD Chief Financial Officer Cindy Powell brought together key subject matter experts for an initial meeting on the school district's construction projects part of the AISD Bond Program.

AISD representatives were Executive Director of Plant Services Bob Carlisle, Director of Facilities Planning & Construction Javier Fernandez, and Staff Architect Richard Flores. City of Arlington representatives were Deputy City Manager Gilbert Perales, Community Development & Planning Director Jim Parajon, Public Works & Transportation Director Keith Melton, and Water Utilities Director Buzz Pishkur.

The City of Arlington will work closely with the District, meeting on a monthly basis with architects to ensure projects go through the permitting process in a timely manner.



AISD will integrate digital signage with notification systems as part of the Bond Program's safety and security component.

<b>ArlingtonISD BOND 2014</b>	
	
Facilities	\$552,388,327
Fine Arts	\$9,828,738
Safety, Security & Technology	\$82,633,000
Transportation	\$18,279,213
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$663,129,278</b>

Potential AISD-City partnership opportunities utilizing shared resources include libraries, fine arts, playground areas on nearby parks and a natatorium.



AISD will replace 96 buses and add 18 new ones. Twenty new service vehicles/SUVs will be added, and 130 will be replaced.

# NEXTSTEPS

## ASID COMMUNITY-BASED CHILDCARE CENTERS

The Arlington Public Library began an outreach program to the area childcare centers in 2014. These Arlington ISD community-based childcare visits serve both as an exciting event for the students and an opportunity to provide convenient library services to parents and teachers of the students in attendance. The children are treated to a storytime session in their own classrooms on a bi-weekly basis. In addition to storytime, the teachers, students and parents are provided an opportunity to utilize library services in a convenient location.

This program is designed for children who are three to four years old to prepare them for kindergarten when they turn five.

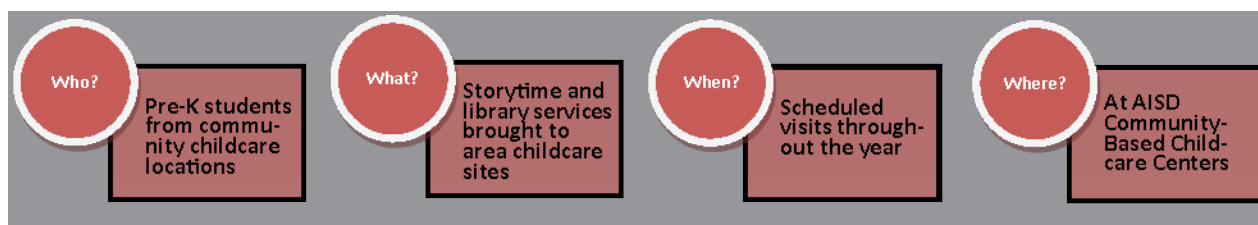
These childcare visits helped open the doors to additional opportunities, such as the multicultural “Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros.” All three- and four-year-old

childcare students visited the George W. Hawkes Central Library for a special library visit.

The idea was so well received that the Library had to break the visiting childcares into two separate days (April 30 and May 1) to accommodate a grand total of 490 children and 90 adults. The special event featured special readers’ theater storytimes, a tour of the library, and gift bags for each child in attendance, complete with fun story-themed goodies, books and Summer Reading Club information.



April 30, 2014 - Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Bennett, who read at El Día de los Niños, said, “I had a great time reading to the kids that day. And it was really helpful that they knew the words to the songs, because I had no idea.”



SPRING 2014 INAUGURAL SEMESTER School	Students who Attended	Adults who Attended	Sessions in Feb. - May
Abram Headstart	185	22	4
All Stars Learning Center	169	20	6
Arlington Headstart 1	362	43	11
Arlington Headstart 2	205	28	8
Children's Place	230	23	7
Childtime	115	18	7
Destiny Academy	138	18	6
East Abram Head Start	185	22	4
East Arlington Head Start	255	29	5
Grace Lutheran	155	15	4
Humpty Dumpty	184	18	6
Kid's Community Arlington	320	46	7
Kid's Community Grand Prairie	164	20	5
Koinonia Christian Academy	207	24	7
Madinah Academy	73	9	3
YWCA	119	20	7
Zone for Kids	171	20	6
Totals:	3237	395	103