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## DR. CAIN'S CORNER

The district hosted another great German Festival this year at Klein Forest High School. I hope many of you were able to attend to celebrate the district's history and the role it continues to play in shaping our future. March is National Nutrition Month and National Youth Art Month. Staying physically fit is vital in maintaining your personal health and wellness.



I hope you will continue to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities offered by our Kleinwell program. In celebration of Youth Art Month, perhaps you can visit the Pearl Fincher Art Museum or take a stroll down to the art classes on your campus. You are sure to find imaginative works that will inspire you! I hope each of you has a relaxing and enjoyable Spring Break.



# KLEIN OAK STUDENT SETS GOLF RECORD

## Amelia McKee has played golf in five countries

Klein Oak sophomore, Amelia McKee, recently broke a campus and district golf record by scoring a 65 at the Gleannloch Farms golf tournament, but that's not the only reason she is amazing.

McKee has been playing golf since she was seven years old and has played in five countries including India, Egypt, and the United Arab Emirates. She has played in 93 tournaments and has 45 first-place finishes.

Golf has brought McKee many opportunities and she spends a lot of her time and energy giving back to junior golfers and to autism and Down Syndrome organizations.

"Just because you do not look or act like everyone else, does not mean that you aren't capable of great things," she said. "I have realized that I can learn from everyone, including those with disabilities."

[Click here](#) to read the full story.



## WHAT'S NEW

Microsoft Office 365 Education available for free



Klein ISD recently moved to Microsoft Office 365 and staff members with a valid email address are eligible to download Office 365 Education for free on any computer. Students who are enrolled at qualifying schools are also eligible to download the program for free. Users can install the latest version of Office on up to five non-Klein ISD devices including Android, iPad, and Windows tablets. [Click here](#) for more information.

Click the following links for downloading instructions:

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## DID YOU KNOW

### Payroll deduction makes giving to the Education Foundation and to Klein, TX Historical Foundation easier

#### Klein ISD Education Foundation

The mission of the Klein ISD Education Foundation is to generate and distribute resources to the Klein ISD to enrich, maintain, and expand programs needed to meet the district's stated mission of excellence in education. To date, the Foundation has provided more than \$1.367 million in educator and teacher grants. The Foundation was also instrumental in donating the Reading Express and STEAM Express to Klein ISD. Each year the Foundation hosts events to celebrate and recognize student and teacher achievements. To learn more about the Education Foundation, [click here](#).



A payroll deduction form can be found [here](#).

#### Wunderlich Farm & The Klein, TX Historical Foundation

The Klein, TX Historical Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is two-fold: 1) to preserve buildings, photos, records, and historical artifacts of the community, and 2) encourage the study and research of Klein, Texas. In addition to welcoming all fourth grade students in Klein ISD, Wunderlich Farm is open to the public on the last Saturday of each month except Nov. and Dec. The farm also hosts several events each year to showcase the lives of the early settlers. For more information



about Wunderlich Farm and its events, [click here](#).

A payroll deduction form can be found [here](#).



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



### Cesar Lagrimas

**Food Service - Klein Collins**

Cesar Lagrimas uses his love of cooking in Klein and for entertaining friends.

Cesar Lagrimas is originally from the Philippines and moved to Houston in 1993. He began working with Klein ISD in 2000 as a food service production assistant.

Lagrimas was promoted from production assistant I to production assistant II because of his proficiency in baking, cashiering, excellent attendance, and desire to continue his education. He prides himself in learning more about the industry and networking with other child nutrition professionals in the state. He is a member of the Klein Association for School Nutrition.

His typical workday begins at 6 a.m. when he makes 770 servings of homemade



### Alli Stein

**Teacher - Hassler Elementary**

Alli Stein met her husband in Klein ISD but not in a way you would expect.

Alli Stein began at Hassler as a student teacher and for the last four years has served at the same campus as a first grade and second grade teacher.

"The best part about teaching is watching the students 'click' and blossom into successful young learners," said Stein.

Stein graduated from Tomball High School and attended Texas Tech University. While student teaching at Hassler, she never expected to meet the man of her dreams.

"A former Hassler teacher and her adult son came to visit the classrooms and in an effort to remain professional, I quickly introduced myself and continued giving a

whole grain yeast roll dough. From the dough he makes rolls, cinnamon rolls, kolaches, and jalapeno cheese bread. He is known as one of the best bakers in the district and has trained hundreds of others in how to bake successfully.

He studied restaurant and hotel management in the Philippines at the University of Manilla. He and his wife had two sons while living on the island and upon moving to Houston, had a third son. Lagrimas loves to cook and entertain friends and family and enjoys coming to work every day. He enjoys listening to music and is known to sing and dance while he works. He considers his team of coworkers his family.

spelling test," said Stein. "Little did I know, he asked his mother to get my phone number and now, three years later, we are married."

Stein grew up active in both gymnastics and cheerleading, continuing cheerleading into her freshman year of college. Now she spends time at the gym she once practiced in, giving gymnastics lessons and helping with cheerleading competitions.

"I feel extremely grateful that I have been able to fulfill my lifelong dream of being an educator," she said. "I am appreciative of the support that I have received from the parents, administration, and our community."



## MISCELLANEOUS

### Kleinwell Family Fun & Health Fair

The Kleinwell Healthy Living Program is excited to bring the 5th Annual Family Fun & Health Fair sponsored by Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital on Saturday, April 30, 2016, from 9 a.m. - noon at Klein Memorial Stadium. This event is free and open to the public. Don't miss local vendors, health experts, live demonstrations, entertainment for all ages, and much more. This year, the Wunderlich Farm Farmers Market will also be at the event with fresh produce, local products, and more. [Click here](#) for more information. We hope to see you there!

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RONALD MCDONALD    GIVEAWAYS    FACE PAINTING  
WUNDERLICH FARM FARMERS MARKET





## March 2016

- 9: VIPS Luncheon - Lemm
- 10: French Elementary Dedication
- 11: Vistas Clapout
- 14-18: Spring Break
- 23: Key Communicators meeting
- 25: Good Friday holiday
- 26: Wunderlich Farm Farmers Market

## April 2016

- 4 : Board of Trustees' Meeting
- 13: VIPS Luncheon - Roth

## Klein ISD Police Street Smarts

Would you like to know more about situational awareness, know how to defend yourself if attacked, and learn tips and tricks to make your home and car more secure? Then check out the Street Smarts class. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Smart Financial Credit Union:

[Click here](#) to view Signature and Auto Loan discounts for Klein ISD employees. For more information, contact [Glenda Gatlin](#) at 713.407.1875.

## Wet 'n' Wild Splashtown:

Employees receive discount tickets for admission. To access your special tickets, [click here](#) for instructions.

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