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A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

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90 SECONDS WITH BRET

Each week Superintendent Bret Champion updates us on the latest news happening across the district. These videos are available every Tuesday afternoon. Check out the highlights below:



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[Click here](#) to see all of the 90 Seconds with Bret episodes.



MARCH: HOPE AND A FUTURE

[Klein Oak Art Teacher Spreads Goodwill in the Philippines](#)



Last November, Klein Oak Art Teacher Melanie Leslie traveled to the island of Cebu in the Philippines to propose a micro-enterprise project called "Hope and a Future" for the children of the town of Dumanjug to help fund education beyond the high school years.

To help Melanie in her goal of supporting education in Dumanjug, the Klein Oak National Art Honor Society raised enough money in their annual Empty Bowls Auction to award "Hope and a Future" \$600 to kick off their project.

Through "Hope and a Future," Melanie utilized recycled materials to build a vertical organic vegetable garden that students in Dumanjug will tend and market to individuals and businesses in their village and surrounding areas. Along the way, the children will receive support and assistance from adults committed to the program's success.

Melanie shared additional info on the project in a recent Q&A session. [Click here](#) to read more.



WHAT'S NEW

Promise2Purpose

We are excited to announce that the Board of Trustees approved a shared vision for the district this past January: **In Klein ISD, EVERY student enters with a PROMISE and exits with a PURPOSE.** This shared vision focuses on five target areas:

1. Pathways: We will utilize a dynamic, guaranteed, and viable curriculum and provide **every** student with a rich, relevant, and clear pathway to success.
2. Challenge: We will focus on the whole student so that **every** student will "level up" and engage in rigorous learning and build excellent character.
3. Equity: We will close gaps by personalizing learning by knowing **every** student by



- name, strength, and need.
4. Leadership: We will retain, attain, and grow excellent leaders throughout our system so that **every** student learns in a quality environment.
 5. Continuous Improvement: We will gather feedback from **every** voice to eliminate silos, build strategic partnerships, and foster a culture of learning.

The Strategic Planning Committee is hard at work formulating guiding documents that define three critical components for successful learning. Read more [here](#).

You can learn more about Promise2Purpose by clicking [here](#).



DID YOU KNOW

Million Mile Month

The Kleinwell Healthy Living Program invites you to participate in the Million Mile Month challenge this April. Join us as we work together to complete a million miles of physical activity as a district. It's easy! Get out your walking shoes, grab your yoga mats and bikes, and log your activity. Here's how to get started:



1. Register by [clicking here](#).
2. April 1 - 30 log in to your personal profile and track your activity and miles.
3. Check out the leader boards to see how you and the district are performing.

We hope you join us in this challenge and help the district reach number one on the leader board across the nation!

There are options to donate. However, registration is free. Click [here](#) for more information.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

March is National Nutrition Month and Social Work Month



[Patti Pettigrew](#)

Food Service - Greenwood Forest Elementary

She has dedicated herself to our staff and students for more than 30 years.



[Carolyn Sweet & Kimberly Jones-Williams](#)

Klein ISD Social Workers

They dedicate each day to meeting the needs of our students.

Pettigrew began working for Klein ISD Food Service through the co-op program in 1977 and has worked at several schools over the years.

Her day begins around 5:45 a.m. where she begins setting up breakfast for the students at Greenwood Forest Elementary. As a production assistant, she helps prepare and serve food, but she is always eager to lend a helping hand where it's needed.

Her favorite part of the day is getting to interact with the staff and students as they visit the food service lines. During her time in Klein she has had the opportunity to work with elementary, intermediate, and high school students and has found her love at Greenwood Forest.

"I enjoy working at the elementary level," she said. "The students are great and I really enjoy all of my coworkers."

In her spare time, Pettigrew enjoys participating in the Special Olympics. She plays volleyball and basketball, but her favorite sport is softball where she enjoys pitching.

"I just love being able to help everyone out," she said. "Oh, and go grizzlies!"

March is Social Work Month and we take time to highlight those making a difference in our schools.

Sweet began working in Klein ISD as a substitute in 1982 at Klein Forest. It wasn't long after that when Dr. Grace England saw the need for a social worker on her team and approached Sweet.

"I am part of the child's team," said Sweet. "Collaborating with other professionals to make a difference in the future of a child and a family is very rewarding."

Each day she focuses on the different needs and requests from the schools and students. She provides information, case management, helps facilitate medical appointments, makes home visits and so much more.

Williams has worked in the district since 2004 and enjoys working with the students and families each day.

She is able to provide resources and social work services to our students, and incorporates community resources that are also available.

"I am so proud to be a part of a school district that goes beyond the call of duty," said Williams. "I love doing anything to help our students and their families."



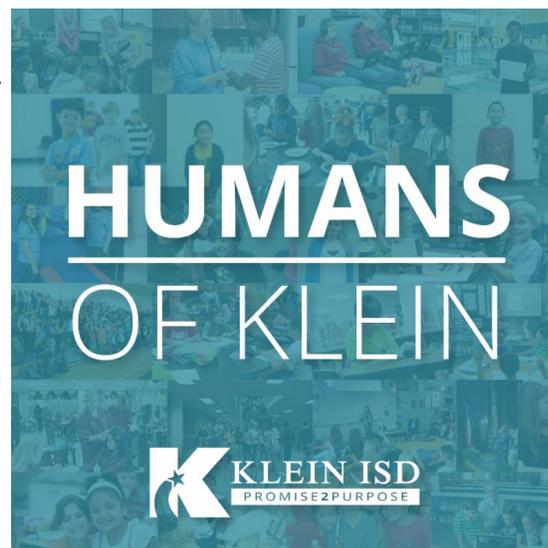
MISCELLANEOUS

Humans of Klein

Help us find the interesting people in our schools, our district, and our community by participating in the Humans of Klein project.

Similar to [Humans of New York](#) created on social media, this photography project will capture people in their everyday element and provide a glimpse into the lives of people in our district and our community.

To participate in Humans of Klein, or if you know of the perfect candidate, please email your information to pnews@kleinisd.net for review. Selected participants will be contacted to arrange a quick interview and photo.



{CALENDAR} OF EVENTS



March 2017

13-17: Spring Break
25: Wunderlich Farm Farmers Market
28-31: STAAR testing

April 2017

10: Board of Trustees Meeting
14: Good Friday holiday

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? Check out the Street Smarts class. [Click here](#) for more information.

Rhythm Music School:

Employees receive \$25 off the registration fee for private music lessons. Learn more by clicking [here](#).

InvesTex Credit Union:

Employees receive great deals on auto loans, low interest credit cards, and much more. Click [here](#) for more information.

Sprint:

Employees receive a 15% discount on qualified monthly rate plans of \$5/phone off the Unlimited Freedom Plans. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Teacher Creature:

Employees receive a 10% discount on your entire purchase. Show your Klein ISD badge at checkout. Learn more [here](#).

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