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90 SECONDS WITH BRET

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



Nov. 1, 2016



Nov. 8, 2016

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



SALUTING OUR VETERANS

Honoring the brave men and women

Klein ISD will host its annual Salute to Veterans and Armed Forces ceremony on Friday, Nov. 11, 2016, beginning with a breakfast hosted by Food Services in the Kleb cafeteria beginning at 8 a.m. This year's breakfast will feature keynote speaker, Ron Youngblut, director of operations from Camp Hope, and interim housing and support program for Wounded Warriors, Veterans, and their families suffering from combat related PTSD.

The Salute will continue at Klein Memorial Stadium with a program presented by the Klein ISD JROTC chapters. A Military Pass-in-Review Parade will be led by the Klein High School Air Force JROTC program, under the direction of Lt. Colonel Timothy Lambert.

We also take the time to highlight our faculty and staff who have served in the military. Based on information received by press time, we recognize nearly 100 veterans from across the many departments and campuses in our school district that have served in all branches of the military. Together these individuals have protected our country and freedoms for a combined 665 years, having served in the Vietnam war, Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and many other notable combat missions.



These Veterans are now our teachers, coaches, bus drivers, police officers, Board members, office professionals, IT professionals, and maintenance workers who have served in our district for more than 525 combined years.

Their pledge to not only serve our country, but to continue serving our community and our students is widely respected. We want to take

the time to thank each and every one of these brave men and women for their courage and sacrifice. Without their service, our country may not have the freedoms that we all enjoy.

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



WHAT'S NEW

VisionCasting with Dr. Champion

Superintendent Bret Champion, Ed.D, is conducting *VisionCasting* meetings for all Klein ISD campuses and departments. Your voice matters, and in these 45-minute gatherings, the future of Klein ISD will be discussed. As Bret recently noted, a vision is only as good as it is wide: that is, to ensure our system is best aligned to meet the needs of all of our students, it is critical that we all share a common vision for Klein ISD. In addition, a video of one of the gatherings can be viewed online, but employees are encouraged to attend one of the meetings so that their voices can be heard. Remember, the shared vision belongs to all of us.



DID YOU KNOW

District enrolls 51,000th student

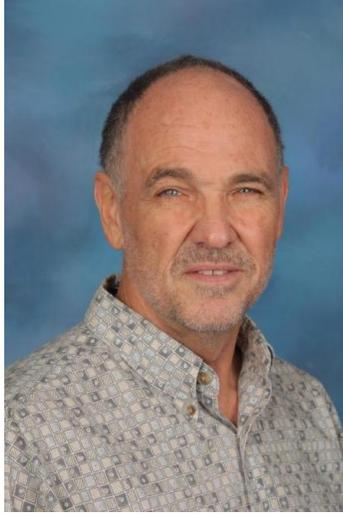


We have reached a new milestone in Klein ISD. The 51,000th student to enroll was Hard Mauricio Mejia on Aug. 31, 2016, at Bernshausen Elementary. Student enrollment in Klein ISD increased 1,083 over the enrollment of the previous school year. The trend for increasing enrollment and the need for new schools continues for the school district and the community. These figures indicate a growth rate of 2 percent over enrollment at the same time the previous school year.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Honoring those who served



Jack Reynolds

District Technician - IT

Serving in the military and now in Klein ISD for almost the same amount of time, Jack Reynolds is now looking forward to retirement.

Reynolds began his journey with the Navy because he was mad at his dad. It was 1968 and the Vietnam War and the draft were both in full swing.

He was assigned to the USS Hoel DDG 13 out of San Diego and spent time in Hawaii, New Zealand, and Japan. He also served on the USS Sperry AS12 and many other locations stateside.

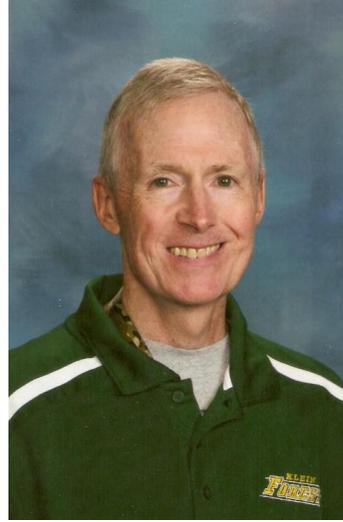
"The purpose of a warship is to be ready for any and all situations and that is only accomplished through constant training," said Reynolds. "It was a love/hate relationship."

He has received numerous medals including: the Navy Commendation, two Achievement, National Defense Service, Combat Action, Vietnam Service Campaign, and five for Good Conduct.

After his retirement in 1990, he attended North Harris County College for two years and then came to work in Klein ISD as an electronics tech.

"Thanks to Donald Chiu's insistence on my going back and completing the courses I needed, I was able to get my diploma," he said."

Reynolds is the first and only child in his family to have gone to college and to have received a diploma.



Todd Woodcock

Math Teacher - Klein Forest

Having served in the military 30 years, Todd Woodcock now dedicates his time to students.

Woodcock joined the Army to help pay for his college education at Northern Illinois University. It was the pride and the camaraderie with other service members that led him to continue to serve.

Over the years, Woodcock has served in many divisions across the US including Ft. Sheridan, the Arlington Heights Reserve Center, and has held many positions including Group Commander, Task Force Operations Officer, and Branch Chief. He served during Gulf Wars 1 and 2 and was mobilized for Operation Noble Eagle.

He has also received numerous medals and honors including: Army Achievement, Army Commendation, and Meritorious Service.

"When I left the Army, I wanted to continue serving my country," said Woodcock. "Teaching is the next best means."

He admits that his first love is economics, history, and government; however, he has always been good at math and becoming a teacher was the surest way to find a job.

"I remember my favorite teachers and how they really helped open my eyes to the joy of learning," he said. "I want to do the same for my students."

Woodcock is also an avid runner, having participated in five marathons. He is currently training for next year's Houston and The Woodlands marathons.



MISCELLANEOUS

Kleinwell Healthy Living Program



AHA Heart Walk Success

Klein ISD showed strong support at the 2016 AHA Heart Walk held on Oct. 29, 2016. Over 125 walkers made up of employees, students, family members, and friends raised \$3,500 to fund research towards the fight against heart disease, America's number one killer.



Healthy Living Seminar

Join physicians from Spring Medical Associates as they discuss everything you want or need to know about Diabetes, including how to prevent and how to manage.

Monday, Nov. 14, 2016

6 - 7:30 p.m.

Klein ISD Multipurpose Center

Sessions in English and Spanish

Register on Eduphoira or by emailing

tcummings1@kleinisd.net.

Maintain Don't Gain Holiday Challenge

With the holiday season upon us, we all know that it can be a challenge to stay on our best eating behavior. To help motivate Klein ISD employees to break the vicious holiday weight gain, Kleinwell will once again sponsor the Maintain Don't Gain Holiday Challenge. Participants who weigh-in before the Thanksgiving break with their Wellness



Ambassador or school nurse and maintain or lose weight upon our return from the Christmas break will be eligible to win \$50 through a drawing on his/her campus. Last year, over 2,300 employees who participated completed the challenge successfully!

For every 25 employees who participate in the starting weigh-in, each location/campus will have an additional \$50 drawing. Click on the image for more information.

Don't know who is your campus Wellness Ambassador? Find out [here](#).



November 2016

14: Board of Trustees Meeting



Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins:

Klein ISD employees receive a 10%

16: Key Communicators Meeting
21-22: Staff Development
21-25: Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2016

3: Wunderlich Farm Christmas at the Farm
9: Vistas Clapout
12: Board of Trustees Meeting
19-30: Winter Break

January 2016

2: Staff Development
3: Classes Resume

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.

discount and special pricing on all catering orders. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Splashtown:

Buy your season passes now and receive free parking. Learn more about other offers available [here](#).

The Teacher Creature Store:

Mention Klein ISD at checkout and receive 15% off your entire purchase.

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