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NEWSLETTER OF THE COPPELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**DISTRICT  
HIGHLIGHTS**

## A YEAR IN REVIEW

### DISTRICT

- Pinnacle 2020, a team consisting of 40 members of the CISD community, met and developed a Call to Action and Goals for the district for the next five years.



- The district broke ground on Richard J. Lee Elementary, the State's first Net-Zero energy elementary school.



- CISD was able to contribute \$400,000 to match money raised by campus PTOs to supply technology items such as iPads, MacBooks, laptops and projectors.
- For the third consecutive year, CISD received the Comptroller's Silver Leadership Circle Award for 2014. The award is given for implementation of financial transparency and achieving academic success through cost-effective operations.
- The Coppel ISD Education Foundation awarded \$45,250 in innovative teaching grants this year to eleven campuses: Austin, Cottonwood Creek, Lakeside, Mockingbird, Pinkerton, Town Center, Valley Ranch, Wilson, CMS North, Coppel High School, and New Tech High @ Coppel.
- Coppel ISD's Child Nutrition Department was one of only 36 school districts to participate in the Texas Department of Agriculture's Local Products Challenge.

*The Board approved a district boundary realignment to include Lee Elementary and create more balance for other campuses with minimal disruption and movement of students. Visit [www.coppellisd.com](http://www.coppellisd.com) for the map.*

### CAMPUS

- Coppel High School launched "CG3," a 1:1 iPad initiative, in which iPads were provided to all 3,100 learners.
- Coppel Middle School West piloted a blended learning program, "iWest," with nearly 100 learners.
- Cottonwood Creek and Wilson Elementary piloted the use of iPads at fourth and fifth grade as a part of the Club 21 instructional technology initiative.



- Pinkerton Elementary became Coppel ISD's first "choice" elementary school and has been approved as an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Candidate school.
- CHS made the College Board's Advanced Placement Honor Roll for increased access to AP course work while increasing the percentage of students receiving a 3 or higher on the AP exams.
- NTH@C was named an Apple Distinguished School for the fourth consecutive year.
- Over 700 elementary students participated in the district's Academic Olympics. Mockingbird Elementary won first place, and Valley Ranch and Wilson tied for second place.



### STAFF

- Jessica Caviness, math teacher at CHS, and Kim Wooton, science facilitator at NTH@C, were named finalists for the 2013 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). PAEMST is the highest recognition a mathematics or science teacher may receive for exemplary teaching in the United States.
- Superintendent Dr. Jeff Turner received the Texas School Public Relations Association's 2013 Key Communicator award.
- Mrs. Kelly Penny, Chief Financial Officer, was selected as the 2014-15 President of the Texas Association of School Business Officials.
- Kimberly Kindred, CMSN, was selected as CISD's first Region 10 Teacher of the Year.
- Ron-Marie Johnson, Principal of Victory Place @ Coppel, was named Administrator of the Year by the Texas Association of Alternative Education.



## ACADEMICS

- Nineteen seniors from CHS were named Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program.



- Mrs. Jodie Deinhammer's CHS Anatomy and Physiology class, designed a course "Health Without Borders," on iTunes U with 33,000+ subscribers from around the world. Among those subscribers are Cottonwood Creek kindergartners, who visited CHS for a lesson on the five senses.



- The UIL Academic Decathlon team received two first place finishes and 15 top five finishes at the State competition.
- Emily Friis-Hansen won first place in Ready Writing at the UIL State Academics Contest.
- For the last fourteen years, CISD has sent students to the State Science and Engineering Fair. This year, two students (from CHS and CMSN) qualified to compete.
- Twelve learners from Coppell Middle School East were honored by the NASA AMES Research Center during their International NASA Space Colony challenge.



- The CMS North MATHCOUNTS team and the CMS West Science Olympiad Team competed at the State event.
- Veronica Castillo received the Texas Council of Administrators for Special Education (TCASE) "Student Spotlight" award.
- Two Victory Place @ Coppell learners received accolades at the YMCA's Youth and Government State Conference.

## ATHLETICS



- Roger Moe won the Texas 5A Wrestling Heavyweight Championship title. A total of four boys and four girls competed at the state wrestling tournament.

- The boys' soccer team competed in the championship game of the UIL 5A State Soccer Tournament for the second year in a row.



- Girls' Golf Team finished fourth in the Texas 5A State Tournament.
- The girl's 200 Medley Relay competed at the State Swim Meet.
- For the last three years, the CHS High School Cheer Team has won the High School National Championship in their division at the National Cheer Association event.

## FINE ARTS

- Ten student-artists medaled and one received a gold seal at the State Visual Arts Scholastic Event.
- Three choir students and five band students (the most from any high school) were named "Outstanding Soloist" this year.
- The Foundation for Music Education selected Coppell Middle School North's Honor Winds as a National Commended Winner in the Mark of Excellence Wind Band Honors project.
- Based on the number of exams passed, CHS received exceptional 2013 Advanced Placement (AP) State Rankings in Fine Arts including third place for its Comprehensive AP Fine Arts program.
- Seventeen students were selected to the Texas All-State Band and five choir members were selected for All-State Choir.
- Five CMS West performers advanced to the National Thespian Festival, hosted at CMSW.

- The CHS Marching Band competed in the finals of the Bands of America Super Regional competition and received a Caption award for the difficulty of music selected and performed.



- Three CHS artists had their work chosen for the Young Masters exhibition. An AP Art History essay by Anant Tibrewal (not pictured) was also selected.

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