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Alvin ISD Career Extravaganza and Careers on Wheels set for January 9

The Alvin ISD Career Extravaganza will take place on Saturday, January 9 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., at Manvel High School in the cafeteria. The goal for the event is to educate K-12 students and parents about the countless career opportunities available within the local community.

"We want to equip Alvin ISD students with knowledge regarding potential careers, and help guide them on career choices," said Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department Director, Christina Rice. "This event will give the students an opportunity to visit with a wide variety of career representatives and learn exactly what it takes to be in that field of choice."

Following recent legislation of House Bill 5, Alvin ISD high school students must choose their graduation plan which will be based on an endorsement. CTE offers various graduation endorsements related to careers, and knowing what is in this area will prepare students

to choose a plan that best suits their career goals. To assist students and parents in the decision process, numerous activities are planned for attendees.

"We have quite a few activities planned for students and their families. For example our fashion design students will be putting on a fashion show highlighting clothes from local shops and our models will be students from our elementary schools," stated LaKisha Holloway, one of the event coordinators. "This year we have added in the Careers on Wheels for our younger students. They will have the opportunity to touch and see various service vehicles such as ambulances, tow trucks, mobile blood banks, and army tanks."

Booth rentals are available. Those interested in participating and/or obtaining additional information should contact the Alvin ISD Career and Technical Education Department at 281-245-2160.

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For more information, call the CTE Department at 281-245-2160

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Wilder Elementary Legacy Project

Members of the 2014-15 fifth grade class at Wilder Elementary decided that it would be a great idea to start a legacy project for the campus. It was established that each year the fifth grade students would conduct research to determine a specific campus need, and then raise funds and/or obtain donations to accommodate the need. Once the need is fulfilled every student, current and future, has the opportunity to benefit from the project.

After researching and discussing amongst peers, the 2014-15 fifth Legacy Project Team determined

that the campus needed a track, to allow students to run and play. The students then worked diligently to ensure that the project was fully funded by building strong partnerships with community members, local businesses, and even some Wilder Elementary parents.

The students collected more than \$12,000 for the project. The track was installed and completed for student and community use in September 2015.

"The Legacy Project is a wonderful initiative that allows our students to make a difference at our campus, and positively impact Wilder students of today and tomorrow," said Aeniqua Flowers, Wilder Elementary principal.

Recently former Wilder student, Zion Dixon, stopped back by the campus to join the current fifth grade students for a special dedication of the inaugural Legacy Project.

During the special ceremony Zion, current Nolan Ryan Junior High sixth grader and past president of the Legacy Project Team, spoke briefly about the importance of the project. His father, Bobby Dixon, followed him and commended the students for making their campus a better place.

"A lot of people think about what they can get in life. Very few think about what they can give," mentioned Dixon.

Dixon, who made a significant contribution to allow the project to come to fruition, encouraged the students in attendance to think about how they too can make their surroundings better for those



who come with them, as well as those who come after them.

Christina Lovette, Nolan Ryan Junior High School principal, was also in attendance, and shared a quote from a Robert Frost poem entitled "The Road Not Taken." The quote was as follows:

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -- I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.

After reciting the quote, she then encouraged the students to continue to think outside of the box, and have the courage the act on it.

"We are excited and can't wait to see what you are going to do at Nolan Ryan," added Lovette.

She then let the students know that even after they leave Wilder and become Longhorns at Nolan Ryan, they will still have the resources and opportunities to continue to give back.

Also in attendance was Alvin ISD Associate Superintendent, Lisa Butler. "We are so blessed to have leaders and students like the ones here at Wilder," said Butler.

The dedication of the track included the "passing of the torch" to the new Legacy Project team. The new team members will begin meeting soon to determine what the next project will be, and how they too will leave their legacy.

To stay informed of all of the great things occurring in Alvin ISD, visit www.alvinisd.net.

Pictured from left to right are as follows:

Back – Christina Lovette – Nolan Ryan JH Principal, Daphnae Keravantos-Schnur – Parent, Bobby Dixon – Parent, Lisa Butler – Alvin ISD Associate Superintendent of Teaching and Student Learning, Aeniqua Flowers – Wilder Elementary Principal, Malene' Dixon

Students left to right: Ronan Corley, Jay Vaghela, Dylan Willis, Drew Rosetta, Zion Dixon, Haley Smith, Sophia Keravantos-Schnur, and Camron Hall

127 Alvin ISD Students earn AP Scholar Awards

127 students in Alvin ISD have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP Exams.

Three students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average score of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. These students are Quang Duong, Manvel High School, Patricia Thai, Manvel High School, and Suzanne Zeller, Alvin High School.

25 students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award

by earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

23 students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

79 students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with scores of 3 or higher.

"I commend all of our students and AP Scholars for taking advantage of and succeeding in challenging exams," said Jackie Caffey, director of Advanced Academics. "Research consistently shows students who score a 3 or higher on AP exams typically experience greater academic success in college and have higher college graduation rates. We will continue expanding AP course offerings so students may dive deeper into their learning and get ahead in college while in high school."

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STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit a forehand groundstroke, a two-handed backhand, one-handed backhand and a forehand volley. In this issue, I will give you instructions on how to execute a two-handed backhand volley for a right hander. This stroke is used whenever the player is forced to hit a ball in the air. In these pictures player Robyn Fuller from the Grey Rock Tennis Club demonstrates the proper form and technique.

Step 1: Ready Position: The body is facing the net. The right hand is holding the end of the racket in a forehand grip position and the left hand is next to the right hand. The left hand is holding the racket slightly tighter than the right hand. Feet are a shoulder width apart and the body is in equal balance. For beginners it is okay to use the forehand and backhand grips for the forehand and backhand volleys. As the player gets stronger and the balls come at a faster speed, it will be best to use the continental grip for both volleys.

Step 2: Back Swing: Since the volley is usually executed when a player is close to the net and there is very little time to react to the incoming ball, the back swing is very short. The left hand will make a slight change of the grip and the right hand will be relaxed and loose. The left shoulder should take a short turn and the head of the racket should align to the flight of the ball. The left wrist should be "cocked" back slightly and the head of the racket should be above the wrist. Eyes are still focused on the incoming ball.

Step 3: Point of Contact: The right foot is now taking a step forward and the racket is making contact with the ball. It is important to keep the left shoulder closed and not rotate the right hip too early. Flexing the right knee will allow more flexibility to find the proper point of contact and give power to the ball.

Step 4: Follow Through: Once the racket has made contact with the ball, the follow through is very short to allow the player to immediately get back to the ready position. The right arm should be close to the body.

Look for in the next Newsletter: The Serve



SHADOW CREEK RANCH

PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM FREEZING WEATHER

- Wrap all exposed pipes located outside or in unheated areas of the home.
- Remove garden hoses from outside faucets.
- Cover vents around the foundation of your home.
- Know where your property owner's cut-off valve is located and how to use it. The valve is located adjacent to the water meter box under a 6" metal lid.
- In sustained sub-freezing weather, let water drip slowly from inside faucets.
- Take extra precautions to protect pipes that have frozen in the past.

If You Are Not Going To Be Home:

- Shut water off at the property owner's cut-off valve.
 - Drain all outside water faucets if your house will be unoccupied for several days (leave outside faucets open).
 - Or, leave home heating system on at a low setting.
 - Open cabinet doors under sinks adjacent to outside walls.
 - Renters and tenants may be responsible for personal property damage caused by broken water pipes during severe weather conditions. Residents should contact property management/landlord or maintenance personnel to locate property owner's cut-off valve and find ways to avoid pipe breakage during a freeze.
- In Sub-Freezing Weather**
- Drip outside faucets 24 hours a day (5 drops per minute). This is not necessary unless temperatures are expected to be 28 degrees or below for at least 4 hours. (Be sure to turn off the faucets after the threat of freezing weather.)
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