

## Texas Public Schools Week

*“EDUCATION - It's BIGGER Here”*

For over 20 years, Texas has been celebrating Texas Public School Week. Public education has been the shining star of the Lone Star State for more than 150 years. Students and educators throughout the state open their doors and invite their communities to take a first-hand look into their educational programs during Texas Public Schools Week.

Palacios ISD has joined in the celebration by inviting all community members, families and friends of Palacios to our schools for events and open houses throughout the week of March 7-11, 2011.

- March 8 Central Elementary will host its Open House and Science Fair from 5:00-6:00 pm.*
- March 8 East Side Elementary will host its Open House and Science Extravaganza from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. PTO Spring Dinner (BBQ Stuffed Baked Potato) – tickets are \$7.00 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm.*
- March 10 Palacios JHS will host its Open House and Science Extravaganza from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Chicken Fried Dinner, tickets are \$7.50 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm.*
- March 10 Palacios HS will host its Open House from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.*

## Matagorda County Day in Austin

On Wednesday, February 23, 2011 twenty-four Palacios ISD students attended the Matagorda County Day in Austin, Texas. The trip was sponsored by several businesses and organizations throughout Matagorda County. Students from Bay City ISD, Tidehaven ISD, and Van Vleck ISD accompanied PISD on the Austin trip. It was designed to allow students from area county schools an opportunity to visit the Texas State Capital and observe the Texas Senate from the 3rd floor gallery. While there they also toured the Bob Bullock Museum and enjoyed the Star of Destiny Show while at the museum.

PISD students attending the trip were: Amanda McKinzie, An Le, Teresa Nguyen, Ann Nguyen, Lara Martinez, Vincent

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Martinez, Adriana Cruz, Jeremy Hunt, Alicia Torres, Ana Paniagua, Ashlan Kacer, Liem Tran, Tess Bates, Carlos Delafuente, Truong Vu, Mary Watson, Jessica Ramon, Katherine Cantu, Ismael Lara, Lauren Mills, Jennifer Mack, Marie Muniz, Edgar Corona, Jacob Frausto. Also attending were Superintendent Vicki Adams, Assistant Superintendent Herbert Ressler and chaperones were: Assistant High School Principal Sherri Seaman, Mr. James Overton, Mrs. Barbara Buckley-Peeples.

## Coach Treybig Recognized by UIL

Palacios ISD and the University Interscholastic League (UIL) are proud to announce Coach Mike Treybig as the recipient of the 2010 UIL Sponsor Excellence Award. On Tuesday, February 8, 2011, during half-time of the varsity girls' basketball game, Coach Treybig was presented this award by Deputy Director of UIL, Dr. Jamey Harrison; Executive Director of UIL, Dr. Charles Breithaupt; Waiver Officer of UIL, Eddie Wolski; and Superintendent, Vicki Adams. The purpose of the award is to recognize the contributions of UIL scholastic competition sponsors and to identify and recognize outstanding sponsors who assist students in developing and refining their extracurricular talents to the highest degree possible within the educational system while helping them to keep their personal worth separate from their success or failure in competition. Coach Mike Treybig is an excellent example of why this award was created. Palacios ISD and the UIL would like to say “Congratulations to Mike Treybig and Thank You for all you do for our students, families, and community!”



*Pictured l-r: Superintendent Vicki Adams, Dr. Jamey Harrison, Coach Mike Treybig, Dr. Charles Breithaupt and Eddie Wolski*

## Thoughts of a Superintendent . . .

*From the Desk of Vicki Adams*



### A Legendary Leader

Recently one of the greatest leaders and people of our time passed away.

John Wooden was not only one of the most successful coaches of all time at all levels of sports, he was a mentor, leader, person of integrity, and inspiration for an entire generation of people all over the world. He probably did not set out to have the impact he had rather he probably set out to help make this world a better place one person at a time through the people he interacted with everyday. Over the years he touched many people in many ways and even though he was most known for his victories on the collegiate basketball court he probably had a greater impact on the victories he helped teach other people to create for themselves.

How many of us have the chance to create victories for someone throughout the day? If we can stop long enough to stop focusing on ourselves we will see many people who are in need of someone to help them. It could be from a kind word, a little bit of encouragement, support through a difficult time, leadership by example or just a simple smile. The question is, will you be that person for someone today? Imagine what the world could be like if we all made it a point to find just one person during the day and do something to facilitate a better moment or day for them.

Jim "Boomer" Bain always says "make it a great day" whenever he signs off via email or leaves a conversation, and I would like to add an additional thought and that would be to "make it a great day for someone else"! What a wonderful thought to live our lives by. There is a lot of reward and joy in helping other people find success. We enrich our own lives through the lives we enrich!

One of my favorite John Wooden quotes is "things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out." Who will you help today? Who will you help make the best of the way things turn out? The choice is yours!

*-Taken from Jon Stigliano, owner of SSG*

## Career Day for Students

**T**hursday, January 27, 2011 PISD held Career Day for 7th-12th grade students at the Palacios Recreation Center. Every two years, Myra Garcia-PHS Counselor, and Rhonda Huitt-PJHS Counselor, organize the event and invite presenters from local agencies, businesses, colleges, and universities. Students were able to visit presenters' booths and discuss information such as employment opportunities, education requirements, and salary potential. This year there were 14 presenters who are listed below and Palacios ISD would like to take this time to say thank you to these agencies and presenters for taking the time out of their busy schedules for our students and their future.

- Justice of the Peace – Judge Jerry Purvis
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens – David Janssen and Aaron Koenig
- Educator/Counselor – Diva Vasquez
- Lavaca County River Authority – T. John Crow
- Conoco Phillips – Rhonda Shay and Vanessa Gaskin
- US Army Reserve – SSG Elizabeth green
- Palacios Community Medical – Holly Claybourn
- Wharton County Junior College – Julie Aaronson
- University of Houston-Victoria – Aundrea Ware
- Victoria College Tech Prep – Jennifer Lehnert
- Victoria College – Matthew Cancio
- Texas A&M Kingsville – Dr. W. Kinnison
- Wharton County Junior College/Division of Technology & Business – JoAnn Lurker and David Cucera
- Massage Therapist – Jacinto Torres

## Texas College Prep Program Examination Vouchers

**P**alacios ISD 11th grade students are eligible to receive a college entrance examination voucher for the ACT or the SAT state-funded college entrance exams. The 81st Texas Legislature funded the Texas College Preparation Program (TCPP) to provide 2010-11 11th grade students with vouchers to assist in providing students with the opportunity to take one more step towards a college education. In order to register for an eligible test administration, students must obtain an exam voucher. These vouchers only cover the regular registration fee associated with the examination.

Information concerning these vouchers can be obtained from the high school counselor. The TCPP voucher is available to students at this time. If you are interested in this voucher or have any questions or concerns, please contact Myra Garcia, PHS Counselor at 361-972-2571 or you may obtain information at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=2147489129>

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### 2010-2011 State Student Assessment Testing Calendar

October 19-22	TAKS Exit Level Retests (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies)
March 1	TAKS Gr. 4 & 7 Writing; TAKS 9 Reading; TAKS- Grade 10 & Exit Level ELA
March 1-4	TAKS Exit Level Retests – ELA
March 2	Math
March 3	Science
March 4	Social Studies
March 7-April 8	TELPAS
April 4	TAKS Grades 5 & 8 Math
April 5	TAKS Grades 5 & 8 Reading
April 26	TAKS Grades 3-4, 6-7, 10 Math; TAKS Exit Level ELA Retest
April 27	TAKS Grades 3-4, 6-7 Reading; TAKS Exit Level Math; TAKS Exit Level Math Retest
April 28	TAKS Grades 5, 8, 10 & Exit Level Science; TAKS Grade 9 Math; TAKS Exit Level Science Retest
April 29	TAKS Grades 8, 10 & Exit Level Social Studies; TAKS Exit Level Social Studies Retest
May 2-6	AP Tests
May 9-13	AP Tests
May 17	TAKS Grades 5 & 8 Math Retest
May 18	TAKS Grades 5 & 8 Reading Retest
June 28	TAKS Grades 5 & 8 Math Retest
June 29	TAKS Grades 5 & 8 Reading Retest
July 11-14	TAKS Exit Level Retests
<b>End-of-Course Operational Assessments</b>	
May 9-27	Algebra I & II, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, World Geography, US History, English I-III, World History

*The Sharky's Angels Dance/Drill Team competed at the Texas State Dance Competition on Saturday, February 5th in Austin, Texas and walked away with Super Sweepstakes and High Point Award in Kick and Contemporary. Palacios ISD is very proud of this team, and Tess Flores, Dance/Drill Team Sponsor/Director. Congratulations to all of you on your success.*



*Front l-r: Amanda Gomez, Jasmin Diaz, Co-Capt. Brittany Munoz, Capt. Taylor Aoughsten, Lt. Lauren Garcia  
Middle l-r: Devon Polk, Geneva Perez, Amy Vacek, Elizabeth Vargas, Mynda Morton, Kaylea Peterson  
Back l-r: Hannah Gomez, Christina Cantu, Ja'Lyn Polk, Rachel Vasquez, Ashtin Grange, Ann Maria Gonzalez, Brooke Munoz*

### 2011-2012 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration Announced

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration begins at Central Elementary on Monday, April 4, 2011, and will continue until the opening of school next fall.

**PREKINDERGARTEN . . .** The four-year-old Pre-Kindergarten program will be offered to all four-year-olds as long as space permits. Three-year olds will continue to have to qualify for the program. Students enrolled in the A.M. Pre-Kindergarten program will have morning transportation and free breakfast. Students enrolled in the PM classes who are not eligible for free and reduced meals will be able to buy lunch just as other students are currently able to do. In order to register a four year old child for Pre-K he/she must be four years old on or before September 1, 2011. If you are registering a three year old based on income please provide the four most recent paystubs for all income earners in the household. Register your child as soon as possible so we can plan for next year.

**Kindergarten . . .** registration for new students who are not currently enrolled at Central Elementary begins on Monday, April 4, 2011, and will continue until the opening of school next fall. Registration will be conducted on school days from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and from 1:00-2:00 p.m., at Central Elementary School until June 3th. There will be one additional day to register in August before school starts. Once school starts you will need to wait until after 10:00 on the first day of school to register your child. In order to register your child he/she must be five years old on or before September 1, 2011.

In order to enroll in either program, you must have the following documents with you at the time of registration:

Immunization requirements for Pre-Kindergarten:

- DPT 4 doses, last dose must be after 4th birthday;
- Polio 3 doses, last dose must be after 4th birthday;
- MMR 2 doses, first dose cannot be before 1st birthday, second dose to be given after 4th birthday;
- Hepatitis B 3 doses;
- Varicella 2 doses with second dose given after 4th birthday or provide written documentation of history of illness
- Hepatitis A 2 doses
- TB skin test must be after 2nd birthday; repeat if moving here from another state or country.
- Pneumococcal Vaccine 1 dose on or after 24 months of age
- Hib 1 dose received on or after 1st birthday

Parent or legal guardian must also present their Texas Drivers license or other photo identification showing the parent or guardian's date of birth.

It is very helpful to the school if you will register your child as soon as possible so we can plan for next year.

**PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!**

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*Caleb Lindley, Samantha Garcia, Shelby Wilson Justin Vu, Kaitlyn Marroquin, Christopher Tovar, Nayeli Paz, Brooke Vandenberg*



*Trey Durio, Lisa Nguyen, Rachel White, Montserrat Garcia, Brianna Serna, Alexandria Ceasar, Priscilla Nguyen, Brittany Serna*



*Nohely Lopez, Karina Ramon, Audry Kessler, Vy Le, Paul Tran, An Le, Brittany Guerrero, Kason Klump, Tim Nguyen, Steven Nevarez, Tyler Harris*



*Lupe Mancera, Edan Tran, Ashtyn Kruse, Ethan Lucio, Krista Gatica, Caitlin Rodgers, Jacob Guerrero, Slone Greaves, Nathalia Hurtado, Casey Huffman, Micheal Bui, Ethan Carr, Omar Muniz, Lizbeth Hurtado, Avery Kubecka, Noah Wyatt, Yulisia Juarez, Stephanie Gonzales, Sara Tran, Hector Hernandez, Edgar Garcia, Edward Serna*



*April Negrete, Jenna Dunn, Mina Aparicio, Serena Zamarripa, Anahi Rios, Bryttany Vu, Valerie Nguyen, Gabriela Cardoza, Megan Buckley, Marissa Figueroa, Branson Hebel, Margaret Castanon, Kimberly Rubio, Agustin Maldonado, Cody Estes, Kacie Ging, Cristal Hernandez, Bianca Gonzalez, Joie Pena, Sydney Garcia, Kamryn Vickers, Phuong Nguyen, Sarah Nguyen, Kelly Tran Thai Pham, Misael Padron, Alexander Nguyen, Nieves Gonzalez, Arielle Hudson, Sabrina Garcia, Cameron Slaughter, Vanessa Nguyen, Gilberto Borja, Randall Jasek, Fred Harr, Christian Garcia, Henry Molina, Katelyn Sexton, Andrew Tran, Seseley Hyde, Blake Huitt, Cameron Greaves, Ivan Carrillo*