New Endowed Chair Educator and Researcher

Waste Management has pledged $450,000 to the Humble ISD Education Foundation to establish the Glenn Masterson Endowed Chairs for Elementary Science Education. The donation is funding Science Endowed Chair Researcher and Science Endowed Chair Educator positions to serve our elementary schools. Particular focus is on the four elementary campuses in close proximity to the Atascocita Landfill - River Pines, Park Lakes, Northbelt and Fall Creek elementary schools.

The primary role of the Endowed Chair positions is to provide hands-on, researched-based learning experiences in three major instructional areas - earth, physical and life science.

One component of the work being done with selected campuses will be employing Stephanie Fisher part-time as the Endowed Chair Educator. Stephanie brings a wealth of science expertise as evidenced by her past work in the District as a classroom teacher, science lab teacher and elementary science instructional coach. She will work directly with campuses to provide best practice, job-embedded professional development to ensure campus science programs are enhanced and sustained. In addition, she will facilitate community science nights and launch outdoor classrooms.

In her role as the Glenn Masterson Endowed Chair Educator, Stephanie Fisher will serve both Waste Management and Humble ISD as an advocate for hands-on learning, as well as environmental awareness for both staff and students.

Another component of the work being done with selected campuses will be employing the expertise of Dr. Alan Sowards as the Endowed Chair Researcher. Dr. Sowards is a longstanding, award-winning professor of K-8 science pedagogy at Stephen F. Austin State University.

In addition to his work at SFA, Dr. Sowards has designed and delivered summer teacher institutes in association with the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality. He will conduct on-going research related to teacher preparedness for facilitating outdoor field investigations that build environmental literacy in students and the community. Services covered in this contract are for one semester.

In his role as the Glenn Masterson Endowed Chair Researcher, Dr. Sowards will serve both Waste Management and Humble ISD as an ambassador for heightened environment awareness and elementary science education.

The Education Foundation Board of Directors wishes to thank Humble ISD Staff for your record-breaking show of support! Employees have given and pledged over $48,000 for this school year.

Not only do we say “Thank You,” we pledge to work even harder to raise additional resources for your schools and students. Look for the Foundation grant application – coming in January – and send us your best ideas!
**Accomplishments and Honors**

Hayley Stenhouse, daughter of Kingwood High School AP secretary Anna Stenhouse, graduated from UT on Dec. 5 with a BA in Advertising.

Arts education director Allen Miller was named Outstanding Administration Division Art Educator by the Texas Art Education Association.

AHS teacher Nancy Schettler’s daughter, Andrea (Schettler) McLarty, won first place for women in the Santa Barbara International Marathon with approximately 4000 runners. She placed 11th overall. Her time on a hilly course was 2:52:23. There were about 4000 runners. She will be training for the 2012 Olympic time Trials. Andrea is a ’96 KHS graduate.

Alex Nees, son of AHS teacher Susan Gerhardt, graduated from Texas A&M in May with a BS in Agricultural Leadership and Development and a minor in Business. He has recently become employed by the Serna Insurance Agency in Humble. Alex is an ’05 HHS graduate.

Summer Creek High School para-professional Lachele Stoeck recently graduated from Lamar University with a Bachelor’s of Applied Arts and Sciences degree.

**New Faces & Places**

North Belt welcomes new second grade teacher Esmeralda Leal, kindergarten teacher Marissa Sanchez, and bilingual interventionist teacher Abigail Trevino.

Karl Koehler is the new principal of Atascocita Middle. Thyrun Hurst is leaving AMS to become principal of the new Woodcreek Middle School. Brandon Garza will be the new principal at Sterling Middle. He was formerly associate principal of instruction at Galena Park HS.

Alice Blazek and Denise Fuhrman are retiring from the Technology Department.

**New Arrivals**

Bear Branch 1st grade teacher Michele Galindo announces the Nov. 25 birth of her first child, Joshua David. He weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz. and is 19 inches long.

Sterling MS Secretary Sheila O’Neill announces the Nov. 24 birth of her first grandchild, Cayden Joseph O’Neill. He weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. Dad Mark is a HHS ’01 graduate and mom Jamie is a KHS ’99 graduate.

Elm Grove Elementary assistant principal Scott Duncan and Woodland Hills Elementary 5th grade teacher Jennifer Duncan announce the Dec. 2 birth of their son, Max. He weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long.

Humble High School counselor Tyra Jeremiah announces the Dec. 7 birth of her daughter, Josalin Corrie. Josalin weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz.

Humble High School science teacher Cristy Elam announces the Dec. 3 birth of her son, Kingston James. He weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz.

Humble Middle School reading teacher Delena Medina announces the birth of her son, Andres. He weighed 8 lbs., 14 oz.

Oak Forest speech therapist Brooke Scott, announces the Nov. 30 birth of her daughter, Sarah Paige Scott.

Bianca Hadjioannou, secretary to the Director of Academics, announces the Nov. 11 birth of twin grandchildren George and Clara. They were 4 weeks premature, but came home from the hospital right before Thanksgiving and are doing well. Parents John and Meghan Hadjioannou are both ’98 KHS grads.
Students at the **Behavior Training Center** held a food drive for Humble Area Assistance Ministries’ Seasons of Sharing. The food items were presented to Diana Garbis, executive director of HAAM on Nov. 12. The food was used to help HAAM provide Thanksgiving meals to families in need.

At **Greentree Elementary**, instead of exchanging gifts at class parties, students are donating to purchase gifts for children in need. This year Greentree students will help local families as well as the Society of St. Stephen. This year the Society of St. Stephens has over 1000 children to support for the holidays.

The **staff of Jack Fields** participated in a one-day food drive just before Thanksgiving. They donated 100 items to the Humble Area Assistance Ministry food bank.

**School board members and Creekwood Middle staff** will play CMS students in a basketball game on Dec. 16 at 7:30 PM in the CMS Gym to raise money for the Fazzino family. The cost to attend will be $5.00 for adults and $3.00 for students. Donations will be accepted.

**Get Well**

Cody Hoya, son of webmaster **Charlotte Hoya**, will be recuperating from back surgery for the next 12 months.

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**Fundraising Nights out at Zachary’s Cajun Cafe**

**TO BENEFIT**

The Humble ISD  
*Peace Love Books*  
Children’s Book Festival

Eat out at Zachary's Cajun Café located at 716 Kingwood Dr.  
(in the Randall's Shopping Center at Kingwood Drive and loop 494)

**Tuesday December 8th AND Tuesday December 15th**  
Zachary’s will donate 10% of your purchases to help fund this event!

**Bring in this form to be filled out to track our sales**

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**Family Album**

**Bright Ideas**

Oaks Elementary PE teacher **Erin Ehret** and PE aide **Sandy Nunes** have sponsored an after-school club to encourage students to be more involved in physical activity. The Volleyball Club met four days per week for four weeks. They taught various game skills and strategies, team building and good sportsmanship. There were four teams which allowed two games at once.

“The kids had a blast, but we enjoyed it even more,” said Erin. “Because there is so much student interest, we will have another after-school club in January, but have not decided yet what the activity will be.”

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**Sympathy**

Humble ISD retired teacher **Pam McClung** passed away Dec. 1. Pam taught in Humble ISD from 1989 to 2008, when she retired from Timberwood Middle School. She also taught at North Belt, Riverwood Middle, Whispering Pines and Timbers. Thank you for keeping her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Condolences to **Judy Barton**, Child Nutrition manager at KPHS, on the loss of her mother-in-law.

Sympathy to **Jenn Culver**, third grade teacher at Oak Forest Elementary, on the loss of her grandmother.

Sympathy to **Jim Hamilton**, Maintenance, and to the **Custodial Department** family on the Dec. 1 loss of Jim’s mom, Hilda Matter. Hilda was a long-time Custodial employee who worked at several campuses, retiring from the Oaks.

Condolences to **Michelle Cole**, Public Information secretary, on the loss of her grandmother, and to **Helen Morgan**, Education Support Services secretary, on the loss of her mother-in-law.

Sympathy to **Billie Trainer**, Oaks Elementary PPCD para educator, on the loss of her father.

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**Wedding Bells**

North Belt pre-k teacher **Sharon Harding** announces her Oct. 24 marriage to Paul Keller. Sharon attended Greentree, Willow Creek, Riverwood Middle and graduated from Kingwood High School in 2002.

Superintendent **Dr. Guy Sconzo** announces the Nov. 21 marriage of his daughter, Jennifer, to Jean-Pierre Breaux.

Creekwood Middle PE teacher and coach **Stacy Turner** announces her Nov. 16 marriage to Brian Inman in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico.

Woodland Hills second grade teacher **Jennifer Hagy** announces her engagement to Justin Terrill. A March 13 wedding is planned. Jennifer is the daughter of WHE librarian **Patricia Hagy**.

Timberwood math teacher **Kelley Branham** announces her Nov. 21 marriage to Craig Monteith. Both are ’99 graduates of HHS. Craig’s mom is TMS math teacher **Karen Fitzsimmons**.

Timberwood ICS para professional **Sarah Morris** announces her engagement to Chris Recchilongo. A June 12 wedding is planned.