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Elementary Campus Renovation Underway

Bobby Easterling
JNCISD Superintendent

Lawn Elementary

The school year began with all Pre-K through 3rd grade students attending classes in portable buildings. A temporary covered sidewalk was constructed to assist in safety while traveling from the portables to the main building. The playground has been relocated and now sits next to the portable classrooms. The demolition of the east wing has been completed. The majority of the work being done at the moment is dirt work and the rerouting of plumbing and other utilities. Temporary doors have been installed in the library, cafeteria, and the classrooms in the existing north wing.

Buffalo Gap Elementary

Construction over the summer included the renovation of the library and restrooms in the building, along with turning a

classroom into a media room. The playground was also relocated over the summer and the kids are loving it! New wings are being added to the east side of the building. The new north wing and the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) lab area are in the dry and sheetrock is going up. The north wing will be the home for Pre-K through 1st grade students. Classrooms and other areas are now taking shape. The new addition to the south wing is almost in the dry and it will not be long until sheetrock starts to go up. The south wing will be the home of 3rd through 5th grade students. The City of Buffalo Gap is moving along with their septic system project and the Buffalo Gap Elementary School is already tied into the city's new system.



Bobby Easterling

Construction underway at Lawn Elementary campus (top) and Buffalo Gap Elementary campus (bottom).



David Hogan

Students will have the opportunity to earn dual-credit while working on planes like the one shown above.

Hands-on Industry Training

JNHS Partners With TSTC Aircraft Technology Program

David Hogan, Jim Ned High School Principal

JNHS students may soon have the opportunity to begin work on an aircraft airframe technology certificate or degree while in high school. During late January, JNHS campus administration and a board member toured the TSTC and Eagle Aviation hangars located at Abilene Regional Airport. The site

visit was scheduled after preliminary discussions between TSTC and JNHS about an opportunity for our students to complete dual-credit courses at the school's hangar. We're especially excited about this opportunity given that it addresses an industry shortage in our area. Over the next 5-6 weeks,

we'll continue to lay the groundwork for a potential Fall 2016 roll-out date. During late March, we'll be hosting an informational session at JNHS, followed by a parent/student tour of the hangars. We'll load up a bus, head to the airport, and give everyone a chance to experience the facilities.

A Word From The Board

Jim Hudson
JNCISD Board President

Welcome to the new Jim Ned Standard. We hope that this newspaper is informative and enjoyable for everyone. With all the changes that are going on in the Jim Ned School District, the changes to our schools, the new programs that the district is looking into and the changes that the State of Texas is making in education, we feel like staying in touch with our communities is very important. Also, we hope that it is a place where information on the schools can get to those in our communities who are not able to attend the activities of our students, and where you can know how our students do in sports, ag, band and all other activites. We hope that with the information going out to the Jim Ned Valley that people will feel closer and more connected to our students.

The bond our community passed last year that allowed us to improve our two elementary school campuses is going well. The School Board has toured the Buffalo Gap Campus and is very pleased with the construction that we saw. The new classrooms are spacious and the teachers seem happy with what is being done. The construction on the Lawn campus is going well, considering the weather. We are on schedule with both campus constructions. We would like



Lawn Elementary Facebook

As demolition at the Lawn campus wraps up, foundation has begun.

to say “Thank you” to the teachers and staff of those campuses for all the effort they have put into not letting the construction affect the way they are educating our children. As always our Jim Ned staff puts the care and education of our children first.

Your Jim Ned School Board hopes that you will feel free to contact us with ques-

tions and concerns about our schools. We put a lot of time and thought into how your tax dollars are spent. We know and appreciate the fact that our students and staff have strong support from our community in all their activites and endeavors.

Indian Athletics

Jerod Womack
JNCISD Athletic Director

Jim Ned Indian sports had a great fall competing in cross country, volleyball, and football. All the teams advanced to compete in post-district play.

Our cross country teams had a great fall with both the boys and the girls. Our boys' team advanced to the regional meet in Lubbock after finishing 2nd place at the district meet. Our girls' team won both the district and regional meet, qualifying to run in the

state meet held in Round Rock. The girls finished 4th place overall at the state meet in Round Rock.

In their third season, volleyball finished in 2nd place in the district race and made a great run in the playoffs. After defeating Comanche, Colorado City, and Wall in the playoffs they advanced to the regional tournament at Abilene Christian University. The girls finished with a 26-14 overall record.

The football team earned a spot in the state playoffs. This was the first time in six years the football team advanced to the state playoffs. With wins over Anson and Roscoe in pre-district and wins over Early, Bangs, and Merkel in district play, the boys earned a spot in the bi-district round of the playoffs.



Jim Ned High School Technology

Lady Indians cross country win district, regional meets. Team finished 4th place overall at the state meet in Round Rock.

Jim Ned Middle School

Jay Wise
Jim Ned Middle School Principal



Jay Wise
JNMS Principal

In December, the Middle School attended our District Academic UIL competition in Ballinger. All of our student did extremely well. We placed second behind Wall.

Places: 1st Wall, 2nd Jim Ned, 3rd Ballinger, 4th TLCA, 5th Merkel, 6th Grape Creek

The following students placed in their respective subjects:

Ready Writing: Jayden Dorman 6th, Hannah Ally 4th, Caroline Baum 6th, Emory Hanna 1st; Editorial Writing: Sadie Self 6th, Carter Gomez 1st, Sage Murray 6th, Abigail Prentice 4th; Spelling: Evan Guffey 3rd, Emily Nadeau 2nd, Emma Page 5th, Brenda Kemp 6th, Aliyah Pharris 2nd, Cambri Green 3rd; Science: Sidney Terrell 3rd, Max Rowe 1st, Hayden Poorman 2nd, Nicholas Page 6th; Music Memory: Team Placed 2nd, Konner Frazier 2nd; Number Sense: Ben Eshelman 6th, Chassity Beasley 1st, Dakota Chaloupka 2nd; Art Smart: 6th Grade Team 2nd, Konner Frazier 3rd, 7th Grade Team 2nd, Faith

Morgan 6th, Jesslyn Payne 4th; Maps, Graphs & Charts:Stephen Evans 1st, Andy Andrews 4th, Caden Martin 4th, Lucas Daggs 5th, Reid Duncan 6th, Max Rowe 1st, Jessie Gustafson 6th; Calculators: Ben Eshelman 4th, Tyson Combs 5th, Ally Rios 6th, Rob Young 4th, Lane Prince 5th, Reid Duncan 6th, Chassity Beasley 3rd, Hannah Wylie 5th, Ciley Roe 6th

Chess: Evan Guffey 1st (tie), Kylon Ford 1st (tie), Sebastian Tatum 6th; Oral Reading: Jarrett Harle 5th, Brooklyn Weaver 3rd, Rylee Davison 4th, Lane Prince 5th, Brady Ross 5th, Ciley Roe 6th; Dictionary Skills: Brianna Votaw 2nd, Carter Gomez 4th, Emma Page 5th, Caroline Baum 6th, Emily Stogsdill 2nd, Dakota Chaloupka 4th; Impromptu Speaking: Charlie Galliton 6th, Kathryn Cloud 1st; Listening Skills: Kayla Hicks 3rd, Kathryn Cloud 2nd; Mathematics: Ben Eshelman 4th, Jarrett Harle 5th, Hannah Alley 3rd, Jacob Hoebelheinrich 1st, Chassity Beasley 3rd, Spencer McCarty 6th; Modern Oratory: Jarrett Harle 1st, Bryce Smith 5th, Callie Smith 6th, Carter Gomez 4th, Katie Windham 5th, Rylee Davison 6th, Regan Huskin 3rd, Abigail Prentice 4th; Social Studies: Andy Andrews 3rd, Charlie Galliton 6th, Lucas Daggs 3rd, Tarrant Cloud 5th, Max Rowe 1st, Hayden Poorman 5th

I would like to thank all of the students and teachers for a job well done!

Board Meeting Summary

Brief summary; full minutes at <https://goo.gl/4b8Y9z>.

Minutes are taken at each meeting. Those minutes are then reviewed and approved at the following board meeting. This monthly article will summarize the published, approved minutes.

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the JNCISD Board of Trustees will be on the evening of February 8, 2016. All interested community members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Minutes of the December 2015 board meeting reflect:

- (2) FIRST public hearing;
- (3) public comment (none);
- (4) review of previous minutes and bills;

Counselor's Corner

Carla Cooley
Jim Ned High School Counselor

Attention seniors: The 2016 Taylor Telephone Scholarship application is here! Any senior student whose parent or legal guardian has active service with Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and who lives within the service area with that parent or legal guardian, may apply. The parent must retain an active account status through release of all scholarship funds. Continue to check Mrs. Cooley's scholarship page for other scholarships that will be available soon. The FAFSA meeting has been rescheduled for February 18, 2016, at 6:00pm in the JNHS library.

Attention juniors and sophomores: PSAT scores will be here soon. Mrs. Cooley will bring your results to you in your English class. She will give you an explanation of your scores, a copy to take home to your parents, and a copy will be filed in her office.

ACT and SAT testing dates: The next ACT test is April 9th and the registration deadline is March 4th. The next SAT test is March 5th and the registration deadline is February 5th. Visit Mrs. Cooley's testing page for a direct link to online registration.

The Competitive Side of Academics

Journalism Class
Jim Ned High School

Jim Ned students have been busily preparing and competing in several academic competitions thus far this year.

Last semester the FFA teams competed in and advanced to state in both Jr. and Sr. Parliamentary Procedure. The Jr. and Sr. Quiz Teams, Jr. Skills Team and Sr. Creed Speaking all advanced to the Area competitions where they placed 4th, 5th, and 7th respectively. Radio Broadcasting and the Sr. Skills team both placed 3rd at the district competition.

Although not academic, it is still noteworthy to mention that the FFA will also be competing at Area this spring in the FFA talent contest as they won first place in the district competition.

Many may not be aware that Jim Ned has a robotics team that competed at TSTC in Sweetwater last semester. It is a relatively new team and two of its members took time to comment on their experience.

Senior Joe Ronquillo believes designing and building robots is a great opportunity for students to express themselves. Troy Long says that the designing is his fa-

vorite part, but that the competition was very stressful.

Keep an eye on this team as they prepare for next fall.

As winter sets the stage for the beginning of the second semester, high school students gear up for the upcoming UIL academic contests. Practice meets began in January and are designed to prepare contestants for the district meet to be held at Jim Ned High School this

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Joe Ronquillo

spring on April 4th.

At the district competition Jim Ned will have around fifty students competing in Journalism, Speech and Debate, Science, Math, and Theatre as well as Business

Skills contests including Accounting and Computer Applications. There are also the Language Arts contests of Literary Criticism, Ready Writing and Spelling. Rounding out the competition are Social Studies and Current Issues and Events.

The students and coaches have been preparing since last fall and are excited at the prospect of advancing to the State UIL competition in Austin, Texas in May. They are off to a promising start since Jim Ned won first place at their first practice meet in January.

Lawn Elementary Happenings

Chris Holson
Lawn Elementary Principal

Construction, construction, construction is the name of the game at Lawn Elementary this year. Pre-K through 3rd grade students have been having class in portable classrooms since the school year began. The halls that had served as the main arteries for moving from one end of the campus to the other were part of the demolition process, so extra time is needed to move from area to area. The theme for the year is "flexibility" and the entire staff, parents, and students have been extremely flexible with all of the changes. This incredible attitude has resulted in a great first semester on our campus.

This semester produced two amazing music programs from Mrs. Turner and her students for Veteran's Day and Christmas. Fire safety week, red ribbon week, and trips to May Farm are just some of the great activities



Stephanie Knox Gallagher

Lawn Elementary students honor our communities veterans with musical

that Lawn students were involved in during the first semester. The semester finished strong as our students competed at a very high level in the UIL district academic meet by winning many medals and placing second overall as a school.

As the second semester begins and we prepare for STAAR tests this spring there will inevitably be even more issues arise, but thanks to the professionalism of the great staff at Lawn Elementary and the support of our community, we know it will be a successful second semester as well. We are excited to see the new construction begin and we know that the inconveniences we are facing today will be worth it in the long run when our students and staff have a state of the art, 21st-century school that will serve the Jim Ned School District for many years. IT'S GREAT TO BE A JIM NED INDIAN!

Buffalo Gap Elementary Update

Cristi Doty
Buffalo Gap Elementary Principal

Our Buffalo Gap elementary campus is hoppin' ... a new track, great new playground equipment, and plenty of construction!

In the midst of all the changes, our teachers and students are pressing forward with business as usual.

The Buffalo Gap students presented a festive Christmas program for parents and community members. Students in kindergarten, first, and second grades performed to the delight of the audience. The students were in for a special, unexpected surprise when Santa Claus stopped in to listen to their musical.

During the cold weather and with construction in full swing, students had the chance to enjoy a day at the movies. Students climbed aboard the "Polar Express", enjoying a movie and hot chocolate at their

campus' "theater".

We're especially proud of our students' performance at the district academic UIL meet. We had 59 students, grades second through fifth, compete at the UIL meet in Ballinger. They placed third overall. Great job!



Buffalo Gap Elementary

Teachers and construction crews are all hard at work.

JNHS Project Graduation

Lori Pittard & Lindy Beasley
JNHS Project Graduation Sponsors

Each year, Jim Ned High School and a dedicated group of senior parents plan, organize, and fundraise in order to provide our seniors with a fantastic night of fun, games, and prizes at Project Graduation.

Project Graduation is an all-night event that immediately follows the JNHS graduation ceremony, allowing our graduates a safe, drug- and alcohol-free celebration alternative.

Our sponsors and parent group

have organized several fundraisers including: butter braid sales, 50/50 chance, gun raffle, and our annual baked potato sale and silent auction. To date, these activities have raised approximately \$30,000 that will fund all kinds of food, door prizes, cash awards, and activities.

The great work that our senior parents are doing shouldn't go without notice. Thank you for the baking, buying, selling, wrapping, and fundraising. To those of you that are pitching in, our senior class truly appreciates your efforts!



Jim Ned High School

JNHS students participate in many academic competitions including academic UIL, FFA, and BEST robotics.

Upcoming Events

Come Out And Support
The Jim Ned Indians

- Lawn Elementary

2/3 - 1st grade to planetarium

2/5 - Pennies for Patients due

2/12 - Valentines parties

2/16 - Spring pictures
- Buffalo Gap Elementary

2/8 - PTN meeting

2/16 - Spring pictures
- Jim Ned Middle School

2/25 - Track meet
- Jim Ned High School

2/6 - San Angelo Stock Show

2/9 - Basketball at Wall

2/11 - Powerlifting at Clyde

2/12 - Softball scrimmage at JN

2/13 - UIL meet at Wylie

2/27 - Band at AHS

Ft. Worth Livestock Art Show

Jan Pearce
Jim Ned High School Art Teacher

The JNHS art competition season began in December with the Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. This event offered six available placement opportunities in the 2-D category (Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and 1st through 4th). Kasey Rives and Halle Cooley placed 3rd and 5th respectively, earning them "1st" and "3rd" titles. Both students received college scholarships for their winning pieces., Kasey received \$5070.00 and Halle \$3500.00.

Jim Ned artists will travel south for their next competition in late January to the Austin Stock Show & Rodeo. This show offers four categories of competition (2-D, 3-D, photography and digital). It too will award college funds resulting from auction totals of the top 15 winning pieces.

Next year the San Antonio Stock Show/Rodeo is projected to be back on our list of competition destinations with eligibility boundary expansions in 2017.

Art II, III & IV students who commit to competitions are required to do the majority of their entry completion outside of



Jan Pearce

Kasey Rives and Halle Cooley represent JNHS at the Ft. Worth Livestock Art Show.

Though not a competition, select JNHS students will participate in Youth Art Month at the Grace Museum in February/March. The exhibit will include student artworks representing Abilene and surrounding area schools, elementary through high school. (February 25 - March 19)

daily art class. Their participation requires self discipline, perseverance and tremendous skill in producing a competitive piece. Students will begin in September producing art for the shows and continue through the spring long after competitions conclude, in preparation for the next year.

Our School Resource Officer

Chad Campbell
JNCISD School Resource Officer



I am a graduate of Hamlin High School. I attended the South Plains Association of Governments Law Enforcement Academy in Lubbock, Texas. After completing the academy, I graduated in 2004. I have been with the Taylor County Sheriff's Office since 2012. My duties have included working as a correctional officer, being assigned to the patrol division, and now I'm assigned to the criminal investigation di-

vision as a school resource officer. My roll in your school is to assist school administrators in the safety of all students and staff, assist students, and investigate criminal offenses that occur on campus.

In my spare time I'm a huge baseball and football fan. I also have two sons and an adult daughter. I have a beautiful wife that is a dispatcher for the sheriff's office.

In conclusion I feel I have a challenging but very fun job as your school resource officer because my job is mainly a job where I am able to help young people grow into positive, productive adults.

Jim Ned Sports Nation Live

Jason Hutt
On-air Talent (and history teacher)



Jim Ned Sports Nation is the place to find all things pertaining to the various athletic programs of Jim Ned CISD. The "Nation" provides live audio streaming of varsity girls/boys events, schedules, stats, player info, and much more. Jim Ned Sports Nation will broadcast varsity district contests this year for football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball live on www.jimnedsportsnation.com.

It is the sincere mission of the "Nation" to help raise sponsorship funds for Jim Ned athletic programs and student-athlete scholarships. Two scholarship grants are in the works for the spring of

2016 to be awarded at the sports banquet. Seniors interested in applying can pick up a form to fill out from Mrs. Cooley.

Be sure to check out all the new information on the various sport pages on the "Nation's" website. You can also follow the action on their Facebook page and Twitter updates. Anyone wishing to become a sponsor of the Jim Ned Sports Nation can click on the sponsor link and fill out their business/personal information.

If you happen to miss out on any of the Indian's action this spring, go to the Jim Ned Sports Nation website and click on the appropriate sport. There you will find a list of archived events that you can click on to hear the past broadcasts or re-live the action brought to you by the "Nation's" broadcast team. The "JN Sports Nation" would like to thank all of their sponsors and for the support of the Jim Ned community.

The Pride Of The Tribe

Tommy Ray
JNHS Band Director

The Jim Ned Band is in the middle of another successful year.

The band competed at the UIL marching competition at Wylie High School, scoring straight ones. That accomplishment launched them into the UIL region marching contest, where the band posted straight ones again.

The band wrapped up their marching season at the UIL area marching contest.

Eleven students made the All-region Band and two others earned spots in the All-region Jazz Band.

The group represented our school very well at several parades. Outings included the West Texas Fair and Rodeo Parade, the State School Parade, and Abilene's Christmas Lights Parade.

Also noteworthy, the band prepared and performed a fantastic Christmas concert that was attended by many community members.



Jim Ned Band Parent Organization

JNHS Marching Band performs under the Friday night lights.