

Superintendent's Warrior Report

Preparing Champions for LIFE!

District Staff at Ron Clark Academy

Cofounders and administrators, of the Ron Clark Academy, Ron Clark and Kim Bearden, hosted a workshop for an in-depth, intimate professional development event.



Ron and Kim have over 55 years of combined experience, and 30 of those have been in administration. What have been the secrets to their success? Ron, Kim, and fellow administrators Junior Bernardin, Troy Kemp, and Kirk Brown join together to share ways to :

- Build rapport and enhance relationships among staff, parents, and students
- Communicate effectively
- Build staff morale and prevent burnout
- Challenge and support students
- Foster community support
- Create teacher leaders
- Engage every child in the learning process
- ...And inspire, motivate, and get things done!

Idabel Public Schools has once again found a way to send a small cohort of our staff to learn from the best! Teachers Carrie Fletcher, Shannon Pond, Trudy Procell, Principal Terri Bastible and Instructional Coach/21st Century Director Chris Gammon travelled to Atlanta, Georgia to learn and bring back to Idabel the Ron Clark Academy secrets of success.

The Ron Clark Academy trainings are high energy, fun and inspiring for educational professionals that attend. This exclusive training is a one day training and provides an in-depth, tailored professional growth model.

Participants engage with the Ron Clark Academy staff and students in an intimate setting where the RCA best practices are shared so our staff members can bring them back to implement in our efforts to Prepare Champions for Life!



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Special points of interest:

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day—No School
January 20th
- HS Basketball Homecoming vs Hugo
January 31st
- Construction Plans Completion Estimated
February 3rd
- HS Basketball vs Broken Bow
January 4th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 10th-12th
- President's Day—No School
February 17th
- OSSBA Region 14 Meeting February 27th
5:00-9:00 at KTC Idabel

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New Bus for District Arrives!

Thanks to a very generous donation from a local businessman Idabel Public Schools received a new bus for our 3-year olds Even Start program and Adult Education to use for years to come.

Ms. Connie Lynch was overjoyed to receive the new bus saying "the bus is proportioned for very small children ... it has every new safety feature ... and the ride is so smooth."

The bus has integrated child safety seats and 3 point harnesses for larger riders. This will be the safest bus in our fleet and should be around for many years.

The bus could not have been purchased without the community support/donation for our extended education services programs.

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District Receives Positive Midyear Adjustment

All schools start off the year with a certain amount of funding, but once the state looks at true enrollment, then funding adjusts up or down, and Idabel Schools will receive just over \$100,000!

Increases in enrollment and several other weighted factors led to the increase in State funding.

With the recent pay raises these new funds are much needed to cover the extra district personnel costs.



New Bus for Even Start & Adult Ed Programs

Local tax dollars are finally being received by all school districts across the state. Idabel has received our first installment of local taxes which allows us to breath a little easier and start planning for the rest of the year and the start of next year.

Receipts are as follows:

- General Fund—\$483,334.39
- Building Fund—\$58,605.01
- Sinking Fund—\$259,811.18

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Van Gaal is Named Coca Cola Semifinalist



Congratulations to IHS senior Lilly van Gaal who was recently named as a Semifinalist for the Coca-Cola Scholars Program. Lilly was chosen based on her academic performance, leadership, and community service. In the spring, 150 finalists will be named; these students will each receive scholarships worth \$20,000.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation exists to bring better to the world through investment in exceptional high school students who are dedicated to leadership, service, and action that positively affects others.

To celebrate Coca-Cola's centennial in 1986, The

Coca-Cola Company and Coca-Cola bottlers came together to fund the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. This commitment to education enables the Foundation to support over 1,400 college students each year, with annual scholarships of \$3.4 million through two nationally recognized programs on behalf of the Coca-Cola System.

The mission of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is to provide scholarship programs and life-long enrichment opportunities in support of exceptional peoples' thirst for knowledge and their desire to make a difference in the world.

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IMS Program Spotlight-Quiz Bowl!

The 2019-20 Mid-Level Quiz Bowl team has competed in the District Tournament at Valliant, the Regional Tournament at Atoka, and are preparing for the Area Tournament to be held at McAlester.

They won first place in the District by defeating Valliant and Broken Bow. At the Regional, they lost only to the first place team, Coalgate, and were Regional Runners-up.



Team members are Jada Bell, Emma Bundy, Alexandra Gamez, Ryan Robbins, Rylee Rowan, Luis Salazar, Jaden Stevason, and Star Torres.

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Kaelin Clay Selected for State Advisory Council

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister recently announced that 104 Oklahoma high school students have been named to her 2020 Student Advisory Council, the fifth consecutive year the group has been convened to assist Hofmeister and the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) in matters of policy.

Dominant themes voiced by last year's Student Advisory Council were the importance of personal financial literacy, increased awareness of student mental health needs, and how trauma affects chronic absenteeism and student success. Feedback from the Council has been instrumental in state-level initiatives to provide teachers more professional development in

trauma-informed instruction, replace end-of-course high school testing with ACT or SAT, and pilot Individual Career Academic Planning (ICAP).

This year Idabel High School Senior Kaelin Clay was selected to participate in this very prestigious group. Miss Clay was one of several students from Idabel recommended by Superintendent Doug Brown this year. Kaelin is one of two students from McCurtain county to be selected for the council.

Kaelin is the daughter of Vic and Karla Clay of Idabel. Kaelin's mother, Karla, teaches vocal music at Idabel Middle School.



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Plasma Cutter for I.H.S. Ag Depart up and running



Idabel High School Vocational Agriculture classes are now using a high tech plasma cutter to create works of art with metal. It has taken several years and lots of effort to repair the plasma cutter and VoAg teachers Brandon Allen and Jeff McCarter finally were successful.

They will be creating decorative pieces for the County FFA Auction and for individual sale for fundraiser projects. This will be a great source of pride for our Ag. Students.



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Bond Projects Update

Construction plans are almost complete and the Board will be voting to sell the 1st bond to provide start up money for preconstruction expenses. All construction surveys are complete.

Superintendent Brown has met with the architect to finalize plans and is scheduled to meet with Jim Newcomb of Sooner Construction Management to discuss the next steps to get started and a construction timeline.



The District will be looking for volunteers and donors to help with beginning dirt work to help save on construction costs. Administrators, coaches, and band directors have all had input on final plans.

As of today we are still on schedule for an April start. We should solidify a start date soon.

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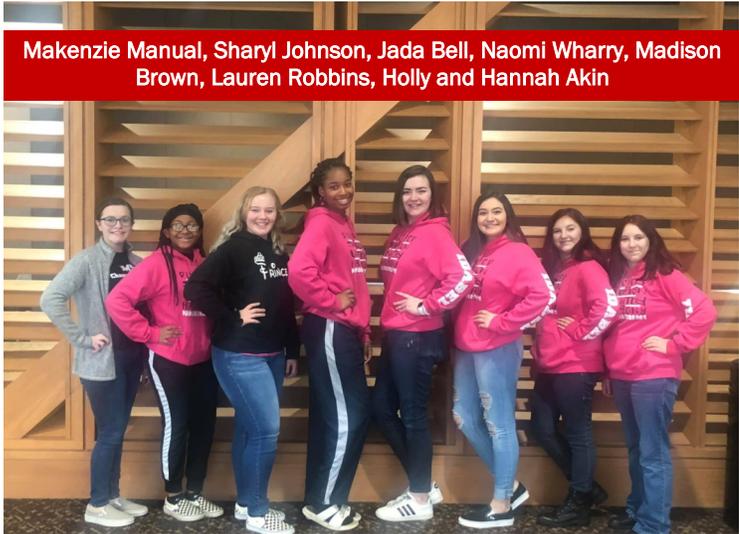
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Idabel Well Represented at Jr. High All-State Choir

Recently #ipswarriors vocal music programs sent eight students to All-State. Four Freshman and three middle school students traveled to Yukon Oklahoma to participate in Junior High All-State Choir. We also had one Senior, Naomi Wharry joined them for the trip to participate in All-State Jazz High School Choir.



Makenzie Manual, Sharyl Johnson, Jada Bell, Naomi Wharry, Madison Brown, Lauren Robbins, Holly and Hannah Akin

Board Update



All new and incumbent board members who are beginning a new term will begin the new term after the election date passes and results have been certified.

Districts that only had one candidate file,

(Mrs. Claire Downing) the election board may already have issued a certificate declaring the winner of the election so those districts are merely waiting for April 7 to be able to seat the new board member or to begin the new term of office.

Board Member Continuing Education Requirements & Opportunities

Board members have 15 months from the date of election to meet their initial continuing education requirements.

Save the date! OSSBA will host its annual mini-

conference for new and incumbent school board members on April 17-18 in Tulsa and May 1-2 in Oklahoma City. Board members elected in 2019 and 2020 who attend both days will satisfy their 15-month continuing education requirements. More information and registration details will be available soon!

OSSBA has several upcoming learning opportunities for board members, including webinars, workshops and region meetings. Check the event calendar on the OSSBA website for more details! Please note registration may not be open for all events, including region meetings.

Remember, it's easy to check board member credits on OSSBA's member portal! Just log in and click on the credits tab.

With a nice midyear adjustment and our local dollars now starting to come in the district is settling in to a comfortable position financially. We are still monitoring our revenues and expenses to make sure our

cash flow is equitable. Local dollars received this month for our General Fund was \$483,334.39.

OSSBA Region 14 Board Meeting

Save the date: February 27th 5:30-8:30 pm at the McAlester Kiamichi Technology Center. This is a great way to get much need continuing education points for all board members. Legislative updates are normally presented at these meetings as well.

We will meet at the Administration Building in Idabel at 3:00 pm and travel together to McAlester for the OSSBA Region 14 Spring Meeting.

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