

The Trojan

C U M B Y I N D E P E N D E N T S C H O O L D I S T R I C T

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Adopted 2011-2012 budget
- No Tax Increase
- Deficit Budget and fund balance
- Cost cutting measures and its effect on children's education.

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The CISD School Board held a public hearing on August 25, 2011 to discuss proposed 2011-2012 Budget and Tax Rate.

Faced with a \$207,000 cut in funding for the 2011-2012 school year, CISD's adopted budget reflects the drastic cut in funding handed down by the state legislature. The massive cut to education is unmatched in Texas legislative history.

The 2011-2012 budget and Tax Rate as adopted is as follows:

- All locally adopted \$4,261,063
- General Operating \$3,662,471

- I & S Tax Rate \$0.115
- M & O Tax Rate \$1.04

NO TAX INCREASE



Total Tax Rate remains \$1.155 per \$100 of value. In fact, the Board's decision to refund bonds last year saved taxpayers approximately \$85,000. This allowed the district to maintain its current tax rate.

Budget Deficit

Due to legislative cuts and falling property values, the 2011-2012 budget is \$138,046 in the red. Fund balance will be utilized to make up the deficit in the budget.

Belt Tightening

CISD is making cuts to deal with the lack of funding. The district has cut \$225,851 due to attrition and retirement. Coaching stipends have decreased \$7,500. The total cuts from last years budget:

\$380,949

Cuts of this magnitude are not educationally beneficial .

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N E W P R O G R A M S F O R H I G H S C H O O L S T U D E N T S

There will be three new elective programs for CISD high school students beginning this year.

Health Science and Technology will consist of both classroom and practical application. Students entering the program as sophomores can obtain

LVN certification upon completion of work and testing by the end of their senior year.

The **CISCO Networking Academy** provides students with the opportunity to obtain CISCO computer networking certification by the time they graduate. Students will be

able to obtain entry level computer networking jobs right out of high school.

Our **National Center for Construction Education and Research** will help certify our students in various areas of the construction trade upon graduation from high school.

CHS "AN INTERNATIONAL TRADITION" MEET CUMBY'S FOUR FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Lisa Plehn, 16, from Berlin, Germany, is a junior, staying with the Moore family. Her parents are Franz Plehn and Gertrud Beck-Plehn. Her siblings are Johannes, 21, and Rieke, 18. Lisa's favorite part about being here is "learning the American culture and meeting new friends." Lisa is playing volley ball and running cross country.

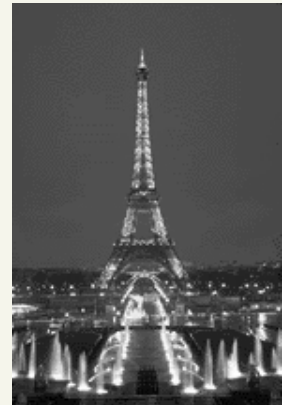
Ai Wei Li, from Shenzhen, China, is playing volleyball and her favorite class is art. She enjoys shopping, hanging

out with her friends, and surfing the internet. Her favorite musicians include Lady Gaga, Justin Bieber, and a band named "She." She likes the movies Harry Potter, The Chronicles of Narnia, and Kung Fu Panda.

Franziska Walther, 16, from Erfurt, Germany, is staying in the Wooten household. As the daughter of a computer software writer and a geography teacher/coach, and the sister of a Bio-medical engineer,

Franziska has high expectations of becoming an architect. Her favorite thing about America is the way of life.

Daniel Aguilar Martin, 15, was born in Madrid, Spain. He studied English in London and has visited the U.S. before. He plays electric guitar, loves to play soccer, and likes all types of music. Daniel is staying with the McCrarys.



Lights of Paris

What is the difference between the chicken and the pig when it comes to cooking breakfast? One is fully committed while the other is only involved.

SENIOR INSIGHTS VALARIE PARTRIDGE

Valerie Partridge is a senior student of Cumby High School and the daughter of Vineta and Micheal Partridge. She is seventeen years old and will be eighteen on October 25, 2011. Through her high school career she has participated in volleyball, basketball, softball, track, BETA for three years and will be new to the One Act Play crew

this upcoming year. Valerie has received academic all district in volleyball the previous three years. After high school she plans on attending Commerce A&M to get her bachelor's degree and major in business. In the future, she is hoping to attend Culinary School, where she plans to open her very own bakery. Last but not least, Valerie's favorite high

school memory is of beating Overton!!

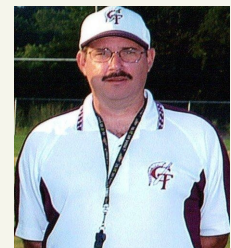
STAFF REFLECTIONS COACH GREG RAYMOND

My Dad was in the Air Force when I was born in 1960. I graduated from Hondo High in 1978. Angelo State is the college I attended. I have been coaching since 1983. I enjoy all sports and like going to the state basketball and baseball tour-

naments. Tammy is my wife and best friend. We have 5 kids and are expecting our second grandchild. My favorite things include BBQ and camping with my family.

What is one thing that is different or unusual that you are willing to share with the students of Cumby?

Coach really loves to BBQ especially steaks, can't wait to try one.



Coach Greg Raymond

NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY...

Cumby Elementary Student Council led a supply drive for our local Red Cross Center. The Red Cross is in desperate need of supplies so they can continue to keep our firefighters hydrated when they are protecting us from danger. Due to the outbreak of wildfires across our area, supplies are limited. Items gathered were water, wash cloths, power bars, cookies, and snacks. It was a success.

Cumby ISD also held its book fair September 12th–16th. The book fair was

open in the mornings, throughout the day for classes, and during lunches. Donuts for Dads was on Monday and Muffins with Moms on Wednesday. We had 33 dads in attendance and 59 moms. This week we also celebrated Grandparent’s week and had many special guests eating lunch with students and attending the book fair. The book fair gave us an opportunity to bring in parents and community members as well as an opportunity for teachers to receive books for their

classroom libraries.

Our children have been so excited about all of the activities going on, especially the book fair. They have enjoyed reading and sharing new books with their classmates and teachers. As a reminder, we ask that each night you read with your child. Just this small amount of time can make such a huge difference. We are hoping that by doing so, we can instill the life-long love of reading and learning.

FACULTY AND STAFF FACTS
DID YOU KNOW...

Mrs. Mokszycki, aka Michelle Wisdom, drives from Mesquite everyday to teach at Cumby Elementary. She has taught for 18 years, 8 of those in 3rd grade and this year in the 2nd grade. She says she commutes daily because she loves the family-like atmosphere of the town and school.

Ann Cummings, Cumby Ele-

mentary Administrative Assistant, has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and she is a “clogger”. She enjoys camping, fishing, and spending time with her family. She is in her 10th year at Cumby.

Karen Stone is starting her 15th year as a 1st grade teacher at Cumby. She also taught first grade at Campbell

for six years. She is now in her 21st year of education. She commutes daily from Como Pickton and arrives at “sunrise”.



“It takes Teamwork to make the Dream work!”
“Dreams are where we are going, work is how we get there.”

STUDENTS SPEAK...

Question: What do you call your grandparents?

Answers from 3rd and 6th graders: Memaw, Mimi, Nonnee, Grandpa, Grandma, Papa, and Gammie

Question: How is school going?

Answers from 3rd and 6th graders: Fine, Fun, Awesome, and Good

Question: Is loading buses first better than loading them last?

Answers from 3rd and 6th graders: Yes, because there is not as much of a crowd when we leave school. You can get the buses out of the way first and not get run over.

