

# CHRISTOVAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Principal's Report Christoval Elementary School January 15, 2014

1. The second round of benchmark testing will take place February 3-7. Mrs. Scott has created a benchmark schedule that mirrors the actual testing days in April.
2. We will begin tutorials on January 20th. Tutorials will again be Monday - Thursday for grades 3-5. Last year we did math and reading every other day during Cougar Hour Block (RtI/UIIL time) and writing and 5<sup>th</sup> grade science on Friday. We plan to do the same this year. Grade level teachers are currently coordinating schedules and students.
3. The movie *Rethinking Dyslexia* was shown to all the teachers on our January 6<sup>th</sup> work day. It was great to see how our teachers really do help our students who have dyslexia. Mrs. Novak coordinated with Mrs. Cochran so we were able to have a copy of the movie to show. Thank you ladies.
4. The IPADS are here and the students and teachers are thoroughly enjoying them. Each teacher has an IPAD to enhance whole group lessons and professional growth. Sixty student IPADS and cases, along with charging stations are in circulation. The students love them and can't wait until it is their day to use them. The teachers have created a sharing and rotating system for classroom use. We were able to purchase them with the REAP grant money, not district funds.
5. Our PTO made it possible for our students to have the annual Movie Day again. PTO paid \$1998.75 for our students to see Disney's *Frozen* and enjoy popcorn and a soda at Tinseltown. Thank you PTO! After the movie we went to Kirby Park for lunch and play time.
6. Jeans Semester Fundraiser- The elementary faculty and staff can pay to wear jeans every day this semester. The money raised will help the PTO's fundraiser for new playground equipment! A special thank you to Mrs. Kattner for creating and coordinating this idea.
7. This year's Elementary UIL team was Runner Up at the district meet in Irion County on December 11 and 12. Our dedicated student competitors and their dedicated coaches did such a great job that we were on 28.5 points away from taking 1<sup>st</sup> place. Way to go!!

### Upcoming Dates

UIL Awards Ceremony – Tuesday, February 25 (more info. to follow)  
San Angelo Symphony Field Trip (Grades 3-5) - Friday, February 28.