

March Superintendent Report

- ACC and Smithville ISD are in the final process of creating a teacher residency program in which individuals who are seeking certification will be employed as paraprofessionals while they work under an SISD Host Mentor and will complete their certification in one school year with two semesters of student teaching. Teacher residents will be in the classroom Monday thru Thursday and will attend ACC on Fridays. Information regarding the teacher residency program and mentor program will go out as soon as the MOU is finalized.
- April 12, Educators Sean Cain and Dr. Mike Laird will be working with the administrative team to work on curriculum mapping and backwards design of assessments for the 23-24 school year. This is the first stage of curriculum work for next year, as their team will be coming to work with teachers and administrators in June. Both Mr. Cain and Dr. Laird are renowned in the field of education and school improvement and works with districts around the state and country.
- The Smithville ISD Child Nutrition program was selected by No Kid Hungry to participate in a media event where staff were interviewed and students were filmed participating in a cooking demonstration. The No Kid Hungry program selected only three districts in TX for their grant program, and SISD Child Nutrition received one of those for \$30,000. The purpose of the grant is to support critical work to end childhood hunger. The Grant money will be used to help in procuring fresh produce and fresh meats as well as saving money for the purchase of these items. This grant will also support nutrition and food safety education to our students as well as our staff in the 22-23 school year.
- Other than LD Debate, our UIL teams competed at district last week and we had 6 teams that received either 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. They will advance to regional competition, a total of 26 students.
- One Act Play concluded their season with their public performances of Cinderella Waltz this weekend.
- Our Girls Soccer Team advanced to bi-district playoffs and competed against Lorena last Friday night.
- Shoes that Fit - This program, sponsored by Rack Room Shoes, provides funds to purchase shoes for students who are in need. The nurses were able to provide shoes to ~20 students who they pre-identified as having a need, and each nurse's office has extra pairs on hand for future needs.

- The Tiger Insider is at your seats.
- Please refer to the Smithville ISD website for the latest news and resources.