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Recognizing Alumni...

Kristie Lewis



Kristie graduated from Pleasant Grove in 1995. Shortly thereafter, Kristie enlisted in the military, serving in the United States Air Force from September, 1996 to November, 2000. Kristie's job in the armed services was an Imagery Analyst, which consisted of analyzing and reporting on top secret/classified aerial photography. Upon separation, she completed her Bachelor's in Applied Arts and Sciences from Texas A&M University in Texarkana in 2003. While attending undergraduate school full time, Kristie worked as

a Texas Works Advisor for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in Texarkana, TX.

In the fall of 2004, Kristie returned to school to obtain her Juris Doctor of Law from Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston, TX. Kristie passed the Texas Bar exam in May 2011 and works as solo practitioner in the areas of Estate Planning, Probate and Personal Injury. She also does contract litigation support for BP Oil Company. Kristie currently resides in Houston, TX and is the daughter of the late Kathy Lewis.

PGHS UIL One Act Play wins District Championship and Advances to Area

Congratulations to the PGHS Curtain Call Productions on "Epic Proportions" advancing to the Area UIL competition in One Act Play on April 10, 2012 at Longview High School. PGHS was named the District 15AAA Champion and received a superior rating. The Medalists from District contest are:

- Megan Morphis** - Outstanding Tech
- Jarrod Myers** - All Star Cast
- Kim Spink** - All Star Cast
- Austin Reynolds** - Best Actor
- Sydney Jacobsen** - Honorable Mention



Citizens of the Month



December

Chevy Witmer, Pre-K
Hanna Snyder, 5th
Hannah Rainer, 8th
Hunter Hatfield, 9th
Robert Sheppard, Board Member



January

Makayla Spink, 2nd
Jose Reyes, 4th
Anna Yowell, 6th
Megan Hambleton, 12th
Jay Davis, Board Member



February

Jade Hodgson, 1st
Zachary Wormington, 3rd
Bryceson Laing, 7th
Kristina Cox, 11th
Billy DeLoach, Board Member



March

William Otero, Kindergarten
Amelia Bradley, 5th
Tevari Barker, 8th
Travis Alkire, 10th
Robert Sheppard, Board Member

Art Students Advance to State



Regional VASE competition was held February 25 at PGHS. Of the 37 advancing works of art, 26 belong to Pleasant Grove High School Students! The State competition is April 14th, in College Station. The following students have art pieces included in the competition:

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| Jarod Bayless | Gabi LaGrone |
| Carissa Blokker | Sara Ledesma |
| Leanne Booker | Kendall Lindsey |
| Alex Bradley | Veronica McIlveen |
| Colm Donohoe | Cindy Nguyen |
| Naomi Gorse | Claire Rikel |
| Jordan Hearn | Milly Seung |
| Ashlyn Hurst | Patrick Seung |
| Brian Huynh | Alex Smith |
| Katy Beth Irwin | Michaela Terrell |
| Macall Johnson | Megan Thigpen |
| Nathan Jones | Fei Zhao |



"The mission of Pleasant Grove Independent School District, in partnership with the community, is to educate and prepare each student with an excellent foundation upon which to build a future."

Spring into Kindergarten

Kindergarten Registration
Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.
Pleasant Grove Elementary Campus
6500 Pleasant Grove Road

Children are eligible if they are 5 years of age on or before September 1st and live in PGISD. Parents should plan to attend and bring the child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, and proof of residence. Please call the Elementary Office for questions at 903.333.0523

Third Graders Collect Items for Texarkana Animal Shelter

PG third graders collected over 185 lbs of dog and cat food for the Texarkana Animal Shelter. The students also collected blankets, pillow cases, sheets (bedding), toys and every day necessity.

"I am so proud of our third graders. As part of our social studies unit, we have focused on what it means to be a good citizen and part of that is being involved in our community. I really feel that they are now more aware of others needs and want to get more involved and continue with their heart of giving." - **Kemily Estes**, third grade teacher



Drill Team Competes in State Competition



The Showstoppers traveled to Galveston to compete in the American Drill Team State Competition. They performed beautifully and made PG so proud! They were up against five very good teams all from 4A and 5A schools and worked very hard to get the many awards they won.

Individual Awards

Kristina Cox - 3rd runner-up Solo
Elizabeth Stark - 2nd runner-up Solo
Best in Class Ensemble

Team Awards

Sweepstakes and Gussie Nell Davis Awards
Judges' Awards for Kick, Military and Novelty
Best Overall Presentation, Technique, Precision, Choreography
Best in Class - Medium Team
Academic Champions - Medium Team
6th place overall out of all 19 high school teams

Graduate Spotlight



Will Barry

Texas A&M middle distance senior Will Barry was honored on the eve of the NCAA Indoor Championships with the Elite 89 award. This award is presented to the individual who has achieved the highest academic standard among his or her peers at this championship event.

Barry, a native of Texarkana, Texas (Pleasant Grove HS), is a member of the Aggie distance medley relay competing at the NCAA Indoor Championships. Barry ran the first leg (1,200 meters) of the relay when A&M claimed a meet record victory at the Big 12 Championships. Academically, Barry holds a 4.0 grade point average in Civil Engineering through 143 semester hours. Recently, Barry has been accepted to graduate school in Civil Engineering at Stanford, Texas A&M and Texas.

This season Barry improved his career best in the mile to 4:03.10 in winning the Texas A&M Invitational. That time is

the second fastest in school history, trailing only the school record of 4:01.49 set this season by teammate Henry Lelei. The previous school record, which had stood since 2000, was a 4:04.16 set by Mike Hummel. A time of 2:27.62 in the 1,000 also ranks Barry 11th on the A&M all-time indoor list. The distance medley relay Barry ran on during the Big 12 meet clocked 9:40.75, the fourth fastest time on the Aggie all-time list.

The Elite 89 is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's championships. All GPAs are based on a straight grading scale to ensure consistency among institutions, and all ties are broken through the number of credits completed. Eligible student-athletes are sophomores or above who have participated in their sport for at least two years with their school.

High School & Middle School Yearbooks Crown Finalists

Columbia Scholastic Press Association released its list of Crown Finalists over the holidays, and the Edge is on the list for the third consecutive year. Kaitlin Schmidt was the editor of the 2011 edition. Gold and Silver Crowns will be awarded at the CSPA Spring Convention in New York City.

The middle school yearbook was also on the list for the second straight year. The Middle School yearbook was the only middle school book in Texas on the list.

Charla Harris named 2012 Gold Key Recipient



Charla Harris has been selected as a Gold Key Recipient for 2012. This honor has been given since 1929 by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association of Columbia University to educators and others working on behalf of the student press of the nation. She

was honored for her accomplishments at an Awards Luncheon in the Rotunda of Low Memorial Library on the Morningside Heights campus of Columbia on March 16, 2012.

Pleasant Grove High School Student Selected as Texas All-State Musician

Meghan Morphis, a member of the Pleasant Grove High School Band, performed with the Texas All-State Band in San Antonio, Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center as part of the 2012 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/Convention. She was chosen for this honor through a competitive process held this year across the state at District, Region and Area levels. Meghan is a trumpet player at PGHS under the direction of Arnie Lawson who is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association, an 11,000+ member organization headquartered in Austin. This is Meghan's first time to

perform as a member of a TMEA All-State organization.

High School students selected to perform in the All-State concerts have competed through several levels of auditions beginning in the fall of 2011 to arrive at the state level. All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive. These All-State students participate in three days of rehearsals directed by nationally-recognized conductors during the TMEA Clinic/Convention. Their performances for thousands of attendees bring this extraordinary event to a close.



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2012
COMMUNITY 1 MILE FUN RUN/WALK

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