

Character Education

Kaylee Herman, a fourth grader at Emile Elementary, spoke about the importance of self-reliance, the character trait of the month. Kaylee encouraged the audience with her words, “We can be self-reliant any place, any time, at any age”, but cautioned that it doesn’t mean a person does it all on their own. From our family, friends, our school, the library, and more, we have a “whole network of resources” at our disposal to help us.



Special Recognition

It was a great month of student and staff recognition! **Executive Director of Communications & Community Relations Dr. Kristi Lee** was this month’s Spotlight speaker. She shared the news of the numerous awards the department received from the Texas School Public Relations Association. **Fine Arts Director Chico Portillo** recognized choir teachers Stephanie Rodriguez and Katherine McGrew from BHS and CCHS. Teachers introduced their students who qualified for state in choir and piano. Students will compete in UIL State Solo & Ensemble Competition in June.



Student Council members from BHS and CCHS recently represented Bastrop ISD at the TASB Winter Governance conference in Galveston last month. Students shared with the Board what it was like to present before an audience of superintendents and school board members and to answer questions related to their Student Council successes. Teacher **Brian Meyer** of CCHS was their sponsor and co-presenter. You can find their board meeting presentation [here](#) and pictures of their presentation at the TASB conference [here](#). (At left are Alex Mitchell, Rachel Ramirez, and Taylor Goertz.)

[Award winners from the 2019 Austin Regional Science Festival](#) were recognized for their achievements. **Aryan Patel** of BIS (not pictured) was this year’s Superintendent’s Award Winner. **Bethany Friend** (Lost Pines), **Olivia Prokop** (Bluebonnet), and **Jadyn Holmes** (Emile) each received special recognition from Dell for their projects. District Science Specialist Martha Griffin shared the overall results of all of our students who competed in Austin. We are so proud of their hard work and success!



Campus principals from our elementary and intermediate campuses shared the [outstanding results of our recent district-wide UIL contest](#). Students competed in numerous events such as spelling, ready writing, creative writing, number sense, music memory, science, calculator, dictionary skills, and more. It was an outstanding event, and we appreciate the hard work of our UIL coaches and students who practiced and studied for their events. Congratulations! (Pictures of principals and their students on next page)

District Staff Presentations

Chief Financial Officer **Sandra Callahan** presented a [budget update](#) including Senate Bill 3 & 4 and House Bill 3 related to school finance issues.

Board Action

In addition to approving the consent agenda, the board approved administrator contracts presented by the superintendent.

