

PRINCIPAL'S MINUTE FEBRUARY 16, 2009

Good morning Cougars,

I hope you had a good weekend. This morning, I would like to share some great news with the Cypress Creek community. Cypress Creek High School recently shared the news that we had eight semi-finalists (the highest number of any high school in CFISD) in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship program (qualifying test taken in 2007). Well, those eight semi-finalists are now finalists and join an elite group of only 15,000 students nationwide out of the original 1.5 million who competed in the program by taking the PSAT in 2007. Congratulations to the following Cougars for this outstanding honor:

Renee Bruner
Jacy Estep
Amanda Gillihan
Josephine Harvey
Alex Hebert
Chad Maydwell
Tapsh Sarker
Byron Stauffer

Additionally, one of these finalists, Rene Bruner, has recently been selected as a candidate for the prestigious United States Scholars Program. Annually up to 141 students are chosen from among outstanding graduating seniors from across the country who have demonstrated exceptional scholarship and talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts. In honoring these scholars, the President of the United States symbolically honors all graduating high school seniors of high potential. Congratulations to Rene and good luck to her as she is in contention for this honor.

This weekend, our girls' and boys' swim teams both finished 6th at the Regional Meet. Jonathan Edwards and Kathryn Eckhart both qualified for the state meet in two weeks.

Jonathan Edwards won both his events and was named swimmer of the meet. He set a new regional record in the 200 Individual Medley and broke the pool record in the 100 backstroke.

Kathryn Eckhart finished 2nd in both her events, 50 Freestyle, and 100 Back. She broke both Cy-Creek school records in those events.

Boys' 400 Freestyle Relay also qualified for the state meet finishing 3rd at the Regional Meet. Peter O'Brien, Keith Murphy, Elliott Joern and, Jonathan Edwards.

Congratulations and good luck to all of these swimmers as they represent Cypress Creek at the State swim meet in Austin.

And finally, I would like to announce that Cypress Creek's Superintendent Leadership Group will be sponsoring a leadership lock-in here on Friday, February 27. All clubs and organizations leaders are invited to attend. There will be many activities planned and the featured speaker will be Jim McInvale (you may know him as "Mattress Mac", owner of Gallery Furniture). Mr. McInvale is a dynamic speaker, and we look forward to a great event. You may find out more about this event for club and organization leadership from Mrs. Pesek (Portable building 29) or your club sponsor. We will be announcing how you go about signing up. This concludes the Principal's Minute, have a great SMART week.