



Commissioner Grady Prestage's
PRECINCT 2 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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**Health Fairs See
Record-Breaking Attendance!**

**Area Schools See
New Leadership!**



The 2016 Community Operation Back-to-School Health Fairs had record-breaking attendance last week. In honor of National Health Center Week, AccessHealth hosted fairs on August 13th in Missouri City, on August 6th and in Richmond.

Free immunizations were provided to 78 children, and 356 free health screenings were provided, including dental, vision, scoliosis, and speech and hearing screenings. AccessHealth and event sponsors distributed 1,600 free backpacks filled with school supplies to participating families, and free haircuts were provided to children at both events.

Fort Bend County Commissioner Grady Prestage of Precinct 2 provided in-kind support, and Community Relations Manager Brenda Patton served as Co-Chair of the planning committee along with Sharonda DeBose of AccessHealth.



These events were made possible with the help of local businesses and organizations including Fort Bend



Fort Bend ISD recently named four new leaders at campuses in Precinct 2 for the coming school year. The new high school principals, Thomas Graham, Deidra Lyons-Lewis and Alfred Holland will serve at Willowridge High School, Elkins High School and Marshall High School, respectively. The fourth, Constance Hawkins will serve as the Assistant Principal for the EDGE Program at Briargate Elementary School.

Principal Thomas Graham received a Master's degree in Education and Supervision from the University of Houston, and a Bachelor's degree in Education from Tennessee State University. Graham, joined Fort Bend ISD in 2007 as an Assistant Principal at Elkins High School. The former FBISD Principal of the Year also worked as an Associate Principal at Travis High School before being named principal at Crockett Middle School, where he served for the past five years. Prior to joining the District, Graham served as an Assistant Principal and teacher in Alief ISD.



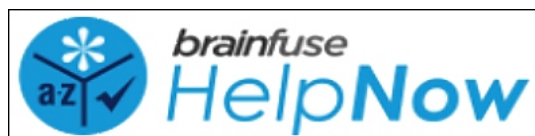
County, City of Missouri City, Houston Methodist Sugar Land, Community Health Choice, All Star Storage, St. John's United Methodist Church, CenterPoint Energy, MD Anderson Cancer Center, NRG, Senator Rodney Ellis, Schramme Construction Company, Frost Bank, Legacy Ford, Missouri City Exchange Club, State Representative Ron Reynolds and Fort Bend County Constable Ruben Davis.

"We are so grateful for the sponsors and volunteers that make this possible year after year," said AccessHealth Development Officer Cindy Reaves. "We love seeing the community come together to ensure local children get a healthy start in life. One of the best ways to do this is helping them get ready for school. It's a one-stop-shop for families, and we couldn't do it without our community partners."

AccessHealth is a private, not-for-profit community health center that serves Fort Bend County and the surrounding areas. For more information about the 2016 Community Operation Back-to-School Health Fairs or AccessHealth services, contact Cindy Reaves at [\(281\) 633-3169](tel:2816333169).

Fort Bend County Libraries Provide Students with Online Help!

Fort Bend County Libraries' Brainfuse HelpNow (Homework Tutoring) program enables the library system to provide online homework assistance in a broad range of subjects in both English and Spanish for students in grades K through 12, free of charge.



This tutoring program is an Internet-based service that provides library

Principal Deidra Lyons-Lewis

received a Master's degree in Counseling from the University of Saint Thomas, and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Grambling State University. Also a former FBISD



Principal of the Year, Lyons-Lewis most recently served as Principal at Hodges Bend Middle School. She has also held positions as Associate Principal at Willowridge High School; Associate Principal, Assistant Principal, Guidance Counselor and Special Education teacher at Kempner High School; and as Director of Staffing and Secondary Staffing Coordinator for FBISD's Human Resources Department.

Principal Alfred Holland

holds a Master's degree in Administration and Supervision and a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Southern University. Holland is returning to Marshall High School after serving as Principal at Bowie Middle School and previously at Jordan Elementary School. During his earlier years at Marshall, he served as an Assistant Principal and as the Associate Principal. Holland is also a former Hunters Glen Elementary School Campus Teacher of the Year.



patrons with live, on-demand homework help, seven days a week, from 3:00 to 11:00 pm. Certified tutors are experienced in Math, Science, Social Studies, and English/Language Arts. If live, real-time assistance is not needed, students may also submit questions any time of the day or night, and emailed responses will arrive within 24 hours.

Math tutors assist with basic skills, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and calculus, while science tutors are versed in biology, chemistry, physics, and earth-science subjects. Social studies tutors cover American history, world history, and political science. English/language arts instructors provide help with writing, reading comprehension, grammar, and vocabulary skills, as well as help in English literature. Tutors are also able to assist with Advanced Placement (AP) subjects and introductory college courses.



The program includes a 24-hour writing lab, which allows students to submit papers online to trained writing instructors at any time; students receive feedback within 24 hours. Writing experts evaluate the submitted paper and provide constructive comments with the aim of helping students become better writers.

In addition to homework help, the homework tutoring program offers a Skills Building section in which students may receive additional exercises to help them master the concepts being taught

Assistant Principal Constance Hawkins obtained her Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in Early Childhood from the University of Houston, is an ESL-certified educator, and holds a Master's degree in Instructional Leadership Development. Hawkins joins Fort Bend ISD as a former educator of Pearland Independent School District. She has more than 10 years of experience in education, having served as a third-grade reading and math teacher, kindergarten teacher and team leader.



Men for Change Award FBISD students \$18,000 in scholarships!



Men for Change (MFC) recently honored 15 Fort Bend ISD graduating seniors with scholarships totaling \$18,000 during the organization's 2016 Scholarship Awards Banquet, held at Quail Valley City Center. The FBISD honorees were among more than 20 seniors in Fort Bend County honored with MFC scholarships this year.

MFC is a title 501© (3) organization dedicated to promoting Education, Community, Brotherhood and Family. Founded in 1994, the organization has performed various community service

in their homework lessons. Skills-building lessons involve one-to-one sessions with live instructors. These tutors utilize a library of field-tested, state-aligned lessons, including age-appropriate content, reading passages, simulated test questions, and worksheets to help students master key academic areas.

Students may access this resource from any computer – whether at home, school, or at the library – by going to the library’s website, www.fortbend.lib.tx.us. Click on the “Homework Tutoring” link on the main webpage or the “Live Homework Tutoring” link in the Youth Pages section, type in the barcode number from the FBCL library card, and then enter the Homework Help area or the Skills Building area. There is no time limit to the sessions.

The first time patrons utilize the service from home, they may receive a prompt requesting that they install ActiveX software from the Brainfuse website. Patrons may choose to complete an optional registration form. Completing this registration allows the user to submit papers for feedback, to receive emailed responses, or to review old sessions. While an email address is needed if the user wishes to submit questions or receive feedback, it is not necessary to have an email address to take advantage of the live homework help during the scheduled hours that the service is available.

All tutors are required to have a four-year college degree and to undergo extensive background and reference checks. They are also subject to a rigorous selection-and-training process, multiple screening interviews, and skills-testing. Ongoing monitoring of online sessions ensures security and instructional quality.

activities like awarding scholarships to deserving high school students and providing support to families in need through benevolent contributions. This marks the 22nd year MFC has given Scholarships to Fort Bend area High School seniors. The organization has provided over \$180,000 in scholarships to area students.



Included among this year’s \$2,500 scholarship recipients are: Dulles High School – Clark Parham and Hightower High School – Myles Bartholomew.

Among the \$1,000 scholarship recipients are: Dulles High School – Brooke Briers, Elkins High School – Edward Armijo, Aaron Hudson and Allen Watson, Hightower High School – Montrell Bell and La’Tayra Watts, Marshall High School – Alexandra Brown, Tamia Johnson, Dwyane McKenzie and Megan Williams, and Willowridge High School – Gerlynn Dumas, Taylor Frazier and Lapria Oppenhammer.

The scholarship banquet had a full program, complete with guest speaker Cozette Church, former Principal at Marshall High School. MFC Director of Education, James Poore III provided the opening prayer and served as Master of Ceremony. MFC Secretary Rodney Toussaint provided the dinner prayer while MFC Vice President Willie Willis extended a welcome to all honorees and guests.

For More information on **Men For**

For more information, call the Fort Bend County library system's Public Information Office at [281-633-4734](tel:281-633-4734).

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