



Superintendent Named Among 21 Leaders for 21st Century

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Doug Otto is among the "21 Leaders for the 21st Century," announced at a March 26 reception hosted by the award's sponsor "Inside Collin County Business" newspaper. The honorees represent community volunteers, elected officials, civic leaders, educators and more.



Dr. Otto (center) is pictured at the 21-21 reception with family members (l-r) parents-in-law Bob and Jean Bergdoll, wife Bobbi and recently-wed son Ryan with wife Cate.

Dr. Otto has led PISD since 1995, overseeing its rapid growth in enrollment and a challenging school finance system. His numerous honors include induction in the Illinois State University College of Education Hall of Fame and being recognized by the Plano ISD Board of Trustees as namesake of the future Douglas W. Otto Middle School.

Employee Child Care Center Set to Open August, 2008

Plano ISD's Employee Child Care Center is anticipated to open ahead of schedule, on August 18, 2008, in Plano at 3901 Pebble Creek Court. Stacie Kaeuper, Plano ISD Student & Family Services, will serve as director, preparing the center with "Texas-themed" decor to welcome the first 92 children of district employees who will attend. Visit the district website at www.pisd.edu for more information and to join the center's waiting list.

Employees Donate Record-Breaking \$116,000 to Education Foundation Through 'Heart to Heart' Drive



Announcing results of the employee campaign at the March 12 principals' meeting were (l-r) Plano ISD Education Foundation President-elect Ralph Stow, Foundation President Mary Jo Dean, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Doug Otto and Deputy Superintendent and Campaign Chairman Jeff Bailey.

"With 100 percent of our schools and departments participating, I am thrilled to report that Plano ISD staff members donated a record-breaking \$115,936 to the Plano ISD Education Foundation Employee Contribution Campaign this year," announced Deputy Superintendent Jeff Bailey at the March 12 meeting of Plano ISD principals. "These PISD employee donations represent an 18% percent increase over last year's total, with 58 schools and departments surpassing their unit fundraising goals."

Of greatest significance is the increase of 534 new donors to the

campaign this year, with 3,351 employees contributing. The support of Plano ISD employees allows the Plano ISD Education Foundation to fund important programs addressing critical needs of our schools, students and staff. Plano ISD Education Foundation President Mary Jo Dean said, "This gift will enable the Foundation to easily reach its fundraising goal of \$1.1 million this year, with all proceeds benefiting Plano schools."

Retired Plano ISD principals Sharon Gunn-Town and Sandra Wysong served as campaign project managers, rallying campus and department coordinators for the Valentine's Day kickoff. Deputy Superintendent Bailey proudly announces the following top performing schools and departments and those that met or exceeded their fundraising goals.

Top Contributors' Percentage Over Goal

Elementary Schools - Hunt (175%), Andrews (130%) and Bethany (112%)
Middle Schools - Schimelpfenig (77% over goal), Carpenter (41%), and Frankford (29%)
High Schools - Jasper (219%) Shepton (47%)
Departments - Superintendent's Office (709%), Communications (247%), Student & Family Services Division (216%)

Schools/Departments Meeting or Surpassing Goal

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| Academic Services, | Christie Elementary | Hightower Elementary | Schimelpfenig MS |
| Assessment | Communications | Huffman Elementary | Shepard Elementary |
| Instructional Technology | Daffron Elementary | Hughston Elementary | Shepton High School |
| Technology Operations | Davis Elementary | Human Resources, Sockwell | Skaggs Elementary |
| Aldridge Elementary | Dooley Elementary | Hunt Elementary | Special Programs K-8 |
| Andrews Elementary | Auxilliary Services: | Jackson Elementary | Special Programs 9-12 |
| Armstrong MS | FANS, Distribution, | Jasper High School | Stinson Elementary |
| Barksdale Elementary | Transportation, | McCall Elementary | Student&Family Services, |
| Beaty ECS | Purchasing, Facilities | Meadows Elementary | Family Literacy, PPE, |
| Bethany Elementary | Forman Elementary | Memorial Elementary | School Age Parent |
| Beverly Elementary | Frankford MS | Mitchell Elementary | Program |
| Bowman MS | Gulledge Elementary | Murphy MS | Superintendent/Deputy |
| Brinker Elementary | Haggard MS | Pearson ECS | Superintendent Office |
| Business Services, | Harrington Elementary | Rice Middle School | Vines High School |
| Finance, PASAR | Haun Elementary | Rose Haggard Elementary | Weatherford Elementary |
| Carlisle Elementary | Head Start | Saigling Elementary | Wells Elementary |
| Carpenter MS | Hendrick MS | Schell Elementary | Wyatt Elementary |
| Centennial Elementary | | | |

Plano ISD Education Foundation Initiatives

Grants to Educators
Emergency Assistance to Employees in Crisis
Recruitment and Retention of Quality Teachers
Student Scholarships to Collin County Adventure Camp
Secondary Science and Math Improvement Initiatives
Superintendent Priority Fund
New Teacher Orientation and Convocation Sponsorships
Academic Calendar Magnets

Read more online: www.pisd.edu/about.us/foundation

School Board Candidate Forum April 14

The Plano ISD Key Communicators and Plano ISD Council of PTAs will host a school board candidate forum at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14, at the Plano ISD Administration Center, 2700 West 15th Street, First Floor Board Room. The school board election will be held on Saturday, May 10, with early voting beginning on April 28. View the school board election website (www.pisd.edu/about.us/board.of.trustees/board.election) for more information and an updated list of candidate forums.

Place 4

Position 1 - *Brad Shanklin
Position 2 - Robert Canright

Place 5

Position 1 - *Lloyd "Skip" Jenkins
Position 2 - Michael Mariano
Position 3 - David Hall

(*incumbent)

13th Annual PTA Program & Vendor Fair April 5

All PTA members, school principals, student group sponsors and community organization leaders (sports, scouts, churches) are encouraged to attend the Plano ISD Council of PTAs 13th Annual Program & Vendor Fair to be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, at Jasper High School, 6800 Archgate Drive, Plano 75024.



The fair will feature:

100 vendors in two large gymnasiums.

fundraising, program and service representatives.

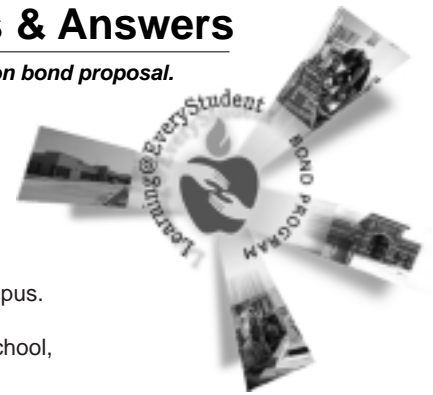
hands-on demonstrations, product information and giveaways.

answers to fundraising and program needs for 2008-09.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dana Bilbray at (972) 516-1557 or e-mail waysandmeans@planopta.org

May 10 Bond Election ~ Questions & Answers

An ongoing series to inform employees about Plano ISD's \$490 million bond proposal.



What new schools are included in the bond election?

\$168.7 million has been included in the 2008 bond proposal to construct the following facilities.

- Schell Elementary School (pre-funded).
- Employee child care (pre-funded; anticipated opening August 2008)
- Land acquisitions for future school sites (pre-funded).
- Conversion of Barron Early Childhood School to an elementary campus.
- Construction of a new early childhood school.
- Construction of a new elementary school, middle school and high school, all located in the eastern portion of the school district.

What major school renovations will be funded through this bond proposal?

The schools listed below are scheduled for renovation, at a total cost of \$121.2 million. In Plano ISD, major renovation includes replacing or upgrading the following systems: HVAC, electrical, plumbing, energy management, fire sprinkler and alarms and upgrading to current education standards and city codes.

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| Bethany Elementary | Brinker Elementary |
| Daffron Elementary | Hedgcoxe Elementary |
| Jackson Elementary | Memorial Elementary |
| Mendenhall Elementary | Mitchell Elementary |
| Razor Elementary | Weatherford Elementary |

What are "systems and compliance" capital improvements?

The \$36.2 million included in the 2008 bond program will address building facility needs at 47 locations that are not included in the 20-year major renovations. In some cases, work is combined for economy of scale or in response to immediate repair. Examples include replacing roofs, carpet and air-conditioning equipment, updating fire alarm or energy management systems and site improvements for parking or fire lanes.

Will some schools receive significant additions or expansions?

The bond proposal includes \$62.2 million to add to or expand the following facilities to maintain equity among schools.

- Plano East Senior High - science, kitchen & dining, administrative offices
- Vines High School - fine arts and science addition
- Plano West Senior High - kitchen and dining
- Haggard Middle School - fine arts addition
- Plano Senior High School - fine arts addition
- Forman Elementary School - classroom addition
- Guinn Center - classrooms, kitchen and serving line

Where can I find more information about the bond election?

Website - www.pisd.edu/2008bond

Hotline - (469) 752-8010

E-mail - askpisd@pisd.edu

eNews - elist.pisd.edu (Subscribe to receive updates from Superintendent Doug Otto and our schools.)

Speakers - To schedule, call Nancy Long in the Communications Office at (469) 752-8147.

Plano ISD Family Day with RoughRiders Sunday, May 4

Wouldn't it be nice to spend the afternoon with your family enjoying "America's favorite past time" in a lovely stadium just up the road?... You can!

Sign up now to catch the action and enjoy Plano ISD Family Day with the RoughRiders on Sunday, May 4, at Dr Pepper Ballpark, as Plano PTAs celebrate the winners of Plano ISD's "Texas PTA Reflections Art Contest" and raise funds for scholarships to be awarded to Plano ISD graduating seniors who are members of their local PTSAs.

The ticket order form can be downloaded from the Council of PTAs website: www.planopta.org. Order your tickets by April 7, and join Plano PTAs at this family-friendly event.



Dateline

April 14-18

National Library Week
Thursday, April 17
PISD Service & Retirement Event, Southfork Ranch

April 21-25

Admin. Professionals, Student Leadership and School Volunteer Week
Wednesday, April 23
Admin. Professionals Day

Friday, May 2

Elementary Early Release
May 4-10

Teacher Appreciation Week
Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week

Tuesday, May 6

National Teacher Day
Thursday, May 8

PISD Teacher of the Year Gala, Plano Centre

May 18-24

Educational Bosses' Week

Notable Notes...

Best wishes to the following newlyweds:

❑ **Kara Corbin**, Miller Elementary special education teacher, became the bride of **Robert Gould** on March 15 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Congratulations to these proud parents and grandparents:

❑ Jackson Elementary School's **Karen Gournay**, third grade teacher, and her husband **Christian** welcomed son **Benjamin Ryan** (7lbs 6ozs) on February 5; and Counselor **Laura Fix** and her husband **Mike** welcomed daughter **Madison Elizabeth** (9lbs 1oz) on January 22; **Sara Dane**, Brinker Elementary third grade teacher, and her husband **Matt** announced the birth of daughter **Ella Jean** (7lbs) on February 6.

❑ **Mike Propes**, Plano East math teacher, and his wife **Marsha** welcomed their first granddaughter **Madeleine Leigh** (10lbs 13ozs) on February 12. Proud parents are **Kelly and Steve Josti**; Memorial Elementary PACE Teacher **Lillian Stankunas** became the proud grandmother of twins **Ford Clayton** (6lbs 2ozs) and **Jake Joseph** (3lbs 12ozs), born on February 18 to proud parents **Alison and Clay Hansard**; and Razor Elementary's **Karen McKinney**, PACE teacher, and her husband **Matt** became the proud parents of **Alison Inez** (7lbs 11ozs) born on February 19.

Sympathy is extended to these employees:

❑ **Gwen Hooten**, Miller Elementary special education teacher, whose father **J.A. Taylor Hopkins, Jr.**, of Lafayette, Louisiana, died on March 3; **Sheri Barton**, Stinson Elementary secretary, who lost her sister **Linda Barton** recently; Special Programs' **Rebecca Lara**, k-8 counselor, whose grandmother **Maria de la Luz** died on February 19, and **Gina Ramirez**, k-12 office manager, whose uncle **Jesus Gonzales** died on March 4.

❑ **Linda Medlen**, Aldridge ESL teacher, whose mother **Joyce Reid** passed away on March 9; **Laura Hartronft**, Gullede ESL teacher, whose grandson **Patrick Cawphon** died on March 16; **Elaine Arnold**, assistant to west cluster area superintendent, whose father **Robert Wilson** of Orange City, Florida, died on March 17; and **John Jaeger**, facility planning/construction coordinator, whose wife **Ann** died on April 2.

Thought for the Week:

"By learning you will teach; by teaching you will understand."

-Latin Proverb

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