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Business School Presents a Runway Fantasy



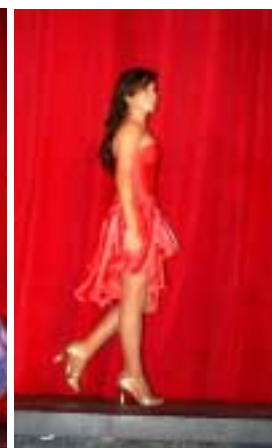
The way we communicate
with others and with
ourselves ultimately
determines the quality of
our lives.
~ Anthony Robbins

Once each year regular students get to live out the fantasy of walking on the big runway.

Even though Brook is a far cry from New York or Milan, as the lights dimmed in the auditorium there was an air of professional modeling. Last month the 2nd Annual Business



SLC "Dress for Success" Fashion Show took place. Approximately thirty students from various SLCs hit the runway with clothes from local stores as well as some of their own.



Students strutted and styled their way through thirty minutes of smashing success. Thanks to all those who participated. Special

thanks to Mrs. Kim Rush for her coordination of the show. We look forward to many more years of Business SLC "Dress for Success" fashion hits.





Walking the Talk at Brook

When the question, "What would make our school better?" is asked invariably the answer is better communication.

This year the leadership team decided to take that answer to heart. Clear Brook has instituted the "Breakfast with the Principal" forums. Parents are invited to share in

a breakfast buffet while discussing Smaller Learning Communities. Feedback from these events has been overwhelmingly positive.

In addition to the parent forums Brook is also conducting student and teacher Roundtables. At the Roundtables students and teachers are encouraged to share suggestions, concerns, and comments. Each time a forum is conducted there are written evaluations provided by the participants.

Many of the ideas generated from these documents are being used to plan im-

provements at Brook.

One suggestion made at a parent forum was to have a Career Fair to make sure students knew about the many career opportunities for them outside of the Smaller Learning Community they had chosen. Planning is already underway to bring this idea to fruition.

If you are interested in participating in any of our forums please email the Campus Leader for Smaller Learning Communities, Ms. Finley, at: sfinley@ccisd.net



Career Awareness Seminar Series

Dr. Bill King, an anesthesiologist, and several other professional men from our community have been coming to Clear Brook every Thursday during advisory period to speak to young people about their career options. The series, coordinated by Dr. King, is designed to encourage students to pursue all possibilities when considering their careers.

Dr. King and most of the speakers are affiliated with the Zeta Tau

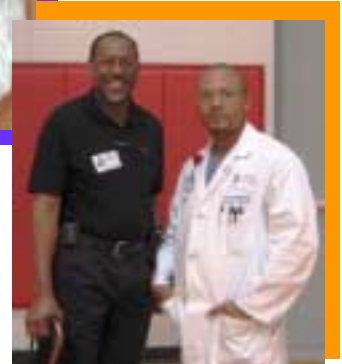
Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Presentations have been given by engineers, business owners, and doctors. Our speakers cover topics from all the Smaller



standing. Students who are interested in attending the series can get tickets each Thursday from their advisory teacher.

Dr. Scruggs is one of many guest speakers that Dr. King has brought to Brook

Learning Communities. Evaluations of the speakers have been out-





Mrs. "J" Grabs Honor from H.E.B.

Business SLC Team Leader, Mrs. Kathy

Jernigan, was honored with a visit by H.E.B. officials on Wednesday, March 28th, with a bouquet of flowers and a check for \$1000.00. She earned a matching check for Clear Brook High School. Winning at the area level over a field of 7,000 teachers moves her into competition at the state level where the award is \$25,000, with matching funds for her school. What a wonderful award for a deserving and dedicated teacher. We, at Clear Brook, all wish you

well on the next level of the competition. We are lucky to have such an exceptional teacher at our school. Way to go Mrs. "J"!!!



Mrs. Jernigan receives check and poses with class and H.E.Buddy

March Madness Brook Version

Clear Brook definitely got into the swing of March Madness by conducting their annual three-on-three basketball tournament. The teams played a Round-Robin format. The Competition League winners were Ford-Bimage Team with members: Tony Bimage, Josh Ford, Kelli Griffin, and Allyn Stiles. The Recreation League winners were Team Barghav with members: John Mardis, Kevin Huang, Elvis Philip, and John Nguyen. The winners received a Championship Certificate and will receive Championship T-shirts. The fantastic tournament garnered \$250.00 for the Willie Kyle Medical SLC Scholarship Fund.

In keeping with spirit of athletic trainer, Willie Kyle, Brook conducts annual 3-on-3 tournament.

The scholarship money goes to a deserving senior in honor of Willie Kyle. Many of you probably have never

heard of Willie Kyle. He spent many years as an athletic trainer in our district. The last one here at Brook, Mr.

Kyle was well-respected throughout the area as an outstanding trainer.

He taught numerous student trainers, many of whom went on to get scholarships to be trainers for college sports.

Willie was a generous man who was always willing to help any student or faculty member recoup from their injuries. But he was also tough, as those who spent time on his stationary bike can tell you. Willie Kyle retired in 2006 but his legacy lives on here at Clear Brook. Let's keep the spirit of Willie Kyle in mind for next year's competition.

