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Ready, Get Set, Go . . . Nearly 600 participants are lined up for the popular 5K event of the SEF Arts Festival Run. Fortunately for the runners near the back of the pack, thanks to electronic chips secured to their shoelaces, their time doesn't begin until they actually cross the starting line of the race. In the picture below is Westminster's Cody Hughes in bib #508 on the far right - 1st Place Overall Male winner with a time of only 15:37.5 minutes, which translates to a 5:01-minute mile.



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Runners as far as the eye can see...



SHS Billy Bob gets things started with official pace car duty along with Stachia Jones and Jessica Christianson.

See related article inside.



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Circle of Success '09

On the evening of Thursday, March 12, 2009 in the Wright Center at Austin College the ninth annual Circle of Success honored nine students along with the teachers they nominated as having profoundly influenced them. This year found one junior and eight seniors receiving accolades for their remarkable character, leadership and service. The evening was enhanced by the String Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Fred Freeman and by master of ceremonies Sam Keeler.

Nine years ago, the Circle of Success began with a simple idea - to recognize the best of Sherman ISD, our exceptional students and educators, and support innovative campus projects. With the help of a very committed community, the Sherman Education Foundation is pleased to have honored over 100 outstanding students and educators since the Circle began.



Honored Students and Educators for 2009



L-R: Ms. Kelly McLaughlin, Ms. Cyndi Petray, Ms. Sue Thompson, Ms. Suzy Robinson, Ms. Jan Wilson, Ms. Symantha Murray, Coach Roger Byrd, Mr. Anthony Escobedo, Ms. Priscilla Estes, Ross Little, Spencer Murray, Tyler Noblett, Joshua Simpson, Noe Anguiano, Sara Hansard, Katherine Ailshire, Stephen Doss, Kelsi Stephens

2009 Campus Projects

Douglass Early Childhood Learning Center -Go-Talk Technology
 Crutchfield - iPods for LEP Learning, ESL Developmental Reading Assessment
 Fairview - ADHD Learning Accessories, Nature's Classroom Supplies, Non-Fiction Library Books
 Jefferson - Action-Based Learning Lab
 Neblett - Dallas World Aquarium Field Trip for SLC, Meyerson, Nasher Sculpture Center, and Dallas Museum of Art Experience
 Sory - Bilingual Literacy Library Expansion, Go-Talk Technology, Literacy Library Leveled Readers
 Wakefield - Green Team Tour of the Dallas Arboretum, NEO2 Mobile Lab
 Washington - Bilingual Literacy Library Expansion, Classroom Number Lines
 Imagination Station, Reading A-Z Online Subscription
 Dillingham - Blaze Audio Software, Colonial Days Blacksmith
 CSI Science Lab Kits, Electric Kiln for Art Department
 Piner - Project Learning Tree
 SHS - 8-Part Brain Models, Professional Musician Clinic/Concert
 Special Education Department - Expanding Expressions Kit
 DAEP - Quicktionary Scanning Translator Pen Set
 Boot Camp - Library Expansion, Quicktionary Scanning Translator Pen Set
 Juvenile Detention Center - Quicktionary Scanning Translator Pen Set
 Piner, Dillingham & All Elementary Campuses - Summer Enrichment Program
 All Campuses - Dyslexia Playaway Audiobooks

Circle of Success has funded 216 campus projects totaling more than \$780,000 during these nine years. For 2009, over \$45,000 will be used to fund this year's projects at each of the Sherman campuses.

How Do Circle Projects Get Approved?

SISD educators complete a Grant Request Proposal (found at <http://www.shermanisd.net/SEF/grant-forms.htm>) and submit it to the SEF office housed at the SISD office by the deadline of Jan. 15, 2009. Approved projects are able to be funded because of the generosity of the sponsors of the Circle of Success. Innovative projects which provide an enriching educational experience for our students are the projects that are seriously considered for funding. If you are an educator with Sherman ISD, SEF would love to receive a project request from you. Keep the SEF Vision Statement in mind as you develop your project request.

Vision Statement

The primary focus of the Sherman Education Foundation is to provide creative educational programs, educational aids, faculty and staff development opportunities, curricular enhancements, and other innovative solutions to meet identified educational needs of Sherman students which are beyond the basic educational program of the Sherman ISD.



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What do the Sherman Education Foundation, a beautiful morning in September, the Sherman Arts Festival and athletes have in common? Simple! All three of these important ingredients are required for the SEF Arts Festival Run.

After a solid week of rainy days, Saturday morning, September 19th dawned clear and dry, two factors that make most any outdoor event a success. Add to that the numerous volunteers on hand, many of them arriving by 6:00 a.m. to help get the 5K, 15K, and Mini-K underway as smoothly as possible. And, thank goodness for all the volunteers because the SEF Arts Festival Run experienced more participants than ever before in its four-year history.

Run Chair Robin Phillips stated that almost 600 runners participated in the 5K and 15K. She said that the Mini-K had nearly 200 runners and walkers, for a total of over 700 participants this year. Sherman ISD faculty, staff, and students represented over 200 of the participants in the combined events and a great many of the runners and walkers came from the Grayson County area, but also from Durant, Dallas/Ft. Worth, and even as far away as Amarillo and Houston.

Once all the runners had crossed all the finish-lines, it was apparent that the SEF Arts Festival Run was another success thanks to the generous sponsors, volunteers, and participants. Over \$18,000 was raised in sponsorships, allowing SEF the opportunity to do it again next year!

Shell Papaila, SEF President expressed her appreciation to the SEF board and to Chair Robin Phillips. "With Robin's experience as a participant in many run events, including 11 marathons, she brings a vast amount of knowledge to the SEF Arts Festival Run. She knows how it should be done and she's proven her capabilities once again!"

