

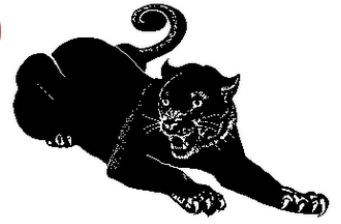


# Bells ISD

## Panther Tracks

Newsletter

Leading the Way for Student Success!



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### *From the Superintendent . . . .*

Another Terrific Year  
 As another school year comes to a close, it is extremely pleasing to reflect on the incredible success achieved by Bells I.S.D. students. As standardized test scores are being received, the focus of BISD staff is glaring.....**ACADEMIC** achievement, **ACADEMIC** progress, and **ACADEMIC** improvement! Evidence shows BISD students are achieving at a high level as we are getting accustomed to in Bells. There is such a tremendous amount of work and effort put forth by our teachers, support staff, and administrators to prepare students for their next challenge in life, whether that be promoting from kindergarten to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade, progression in reading comprehension, or BHS graduates moving on to college, the workforce, or a military commitment. The Bells community is growing, the school is growing, and our students are experiencing academic growth!

We are really proud to announce the Bells Elementary School campus has recently been named to the 2017-2018 Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll for

its high achievement and student success! This program is part of a national effort to identify higher-performing schools and districts improving student outcomes. Bells Elementary is one of only 729 campuses in Texas to be recognized! Panther Proud!!!!

It has also been a banner year for extracurricular activities. Every athletic team fielded by BHS advanced to the playoffs, the boys golf and baseball teams won district championships, girls' softball won another district championship, and the tennis team was district champions. The baseball and softball teams are still competing in the playoffs as we write, and the tennis team will soon be represented at the State Tennis Meet in College Station by three high school students. In addition, the Panther Band received the U.I.L. Sweepstakes award, and the Robotics team advanced to State competitions! AND, the U.I.L. academic teams on all campuses were district runner ups. Beta Club members qualified for National academic contest on both the high school and junior high levels. And again, as we are

accustomed, the FFA chapter had another incredible year, advancing several leadership teams to State, qualifying two judging teams for State competitions, and sold in excess of \$148,000 worth of projects in county and state livestock shows! Bells High School will also finish in the top 20 in the Lone Star Cup standings by the end of the year, with the chance of slipping into the top 10 being a real possibility by the year's end!  
 All the success mentioned does not take place without tremendous community and parent support coupled with really high quality teachers and staff. The recent bond election to update the high school had a passing rate of 71%; this is considered a very successful bond election with a high rate of support, especially with today's property values escalating at high rates. BISD administrators and staff will continue to work hard to gain 100% support and trust of the Bells community and parents as we enter the 2018-2019 school year.



**Bells Elementary School**  
**Named to Educational Results**  
**Partnership Honor Roll**

See page 8 to read more.



*Bells High School Class of 2018 Valedictorian and Salutatorian*



*Amanda Soza  
Valedictorian*



*Jayla Melvin  
Salutatorian*



Bells ISD is extremely proud to recognize the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2018. These two students have worked hard for this honor.

Miss Amanda Soza is the daughter of Jaime and Brandy Soza. Amanda has a full ride scholarship to the University of Texas at Tyler to major in biology and minor in business. Her plans are to become a neurologist and open her own clinic. Amanda participated in the Bells High School

Academic UIL team and advanced past the district competition.

Miss Jayla Melvin is the daughter of John and Janna Melvin. She will attend Oklahoma State University in the fall where she will be part of the Honors College. Jayla plans to become a pediatric occupational therapist. While at Bells High School, Jayla has been involved in softball where she received Academic All-District honors. She has been a part of the FFA Chapter Conducting

teams for four years. She received the Senior Chapter Leadership Award. Jayla was voted Most Likely to Succeed by her peers. Jayla received the Pink Impact Scholarship, Texoma Federal Credit Union Scholarship, Wilson N. Jones Medical Auxiliary Scholarship, Glaser Family Memorial Scholarship, and Jack Pritchard Memorial Scholarship.

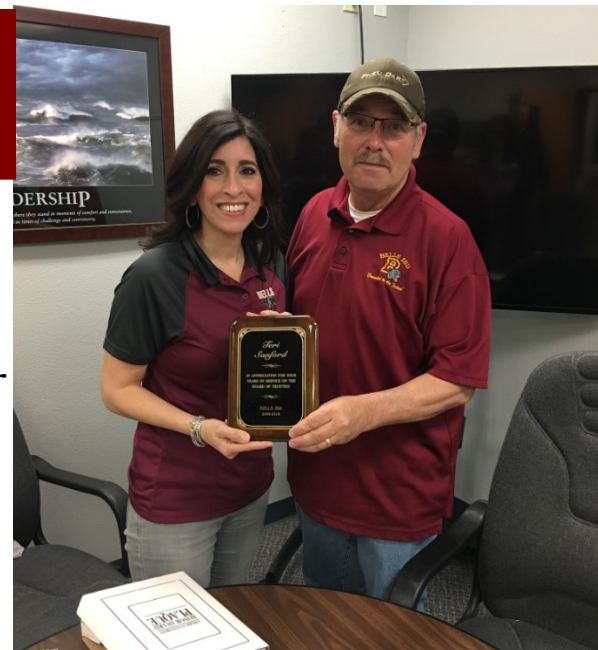
Congratulations to these two ladies on their accomplishments.



**THANK YOU**

*Mrs. Teri Sanford*

*The Board of Trustees and Bells Independent School District recognized Mrs. Teri Sanford at the April Board meeting for her nine years of service to the students of Bells Schools.*



## *Bells Teachers Receive Honors*

### *Carolyn Emory*

BHS math teacher, Carolyn Emory, was recently nominated as one of Texoma's Best in the annual voting for the best of Texomaland. After being nominated, she ended up in the top three of the area, and voting for Best of Texoma occurred during the month of April. Top winners will be announced on June 2nd, at the 2018 Best of Texoma Gala, which will be held at the Texoma Events Center. Congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Emory. Bells ISD and the Bells community definitely know you are the BEST!



Mrs. Emory has touched the lives of so many students over her 34 year career at BHS. After this school year, Mrs. Emory will retire as a full-time math teacher at BHS. Her plans are to come back and work part-time. Below is a message that Mrs. Emory shared with the Board of Trustees, and with her permission being published in this issue of *Panther Tracks*.

Before I came to teach in Bells, Texas, 34 years ago, I had traveled to 22 different countries and lived in four. My three siblings and I felt at home in the ancient ruins of Turkey, sleeping in an airport, hitchhiking on the country roads of Germany, or having dinner with foreign ambassadors. We have lived in both very primitive conditions and in very luxurious conditions and learned to relate to people whether or not we could speak their language. I knew a lot about much of the world, but what I did NOT know about was small town America. I was a fish out of water. I had never heard of FFA and did not know that

there was more than one word for a cow. (A teenager, Karri Youree, had to explain that one to me when she told me about a "heifer" show.) Before I came to Bells, I had never been to a Friday night football game, or to a PTO Fall Festival. I loved learning about the families and lives of these students, their swimming in swimming holes, and bailing hay. I learned they feed animals before getting ready for school. I learned that when you ask for directions you always have to go by where old so-and-so used to live. I learned what it is like to be part of a community, where work and fun go hand-in-hand, where it's safe to give your kids some freedom, where town spirit is strong and values are not compromised. And even though the people of this town are not MY cousins or second cousins, or cousins of my cousins, they quickly became family in my heart. Thank you, Bells, for not only helping to raise my children, but for also helping to raise me. God bless you.

*BHS teacher honors continue on page 8.*

## *Panther Band Wins Sweepstakes*



in their concert performance, and a superior rating in sight reading. The band directors and members work extremely hard year-round, and their dedication to the program has definitely paid off this year. Thank you to the



Congratulations to the Bells Panther Band for a very successful year of performance and competition. Most recently, the band made BISD history by earning Sweepstakes! This means they earned a superior rating in marching band, a superior rating

band boosters, parents, and community for supporting the Panther Band as they continue to make Bells ISD very proud!

The band is under the direction of director, Jesse Speer and assistant director, Jennifer Sewell.



## *Bells High School Golf Team Wins District*

Congratulations to the Bells High School Golf team for earning the title of District Champions. The team competed at the regional competition in Ferris, TX, in late April. The golf team has only one senior, so the future looks bright for this group.

The boys finished 1st at district, and 6th at regional's. Ben Stephens finished 9th overall at regional's. Meagan Hardin finished 3rd overall at district.



Boys team:  
Nate Stephens  
Ben Stephens  
Wyatt Stephens  
Eli Norris  
Cire Luster

Girls team:  
Meagan Hardin

Pictured left to right: Coach Logan Gunter, Ben Stephens, Nate Stephens, Cire Luster, Wyatt Stephens, Eli Norris and Meagan Hardin.

## *BHS Tennis Team Wins District*

Bells High School won the District Championship as a team on both the boys and the girls side. The following students competed at the district meet in March.

Zoe Sprayberry- 1st Place Girls Singles (Regional Qualifier)

Zac Sprayberry- 1st Place Boys Singles (Regional Qualifier)

Colby Meek- 3rd Place Boys Singles

Charli Waggoner/Danielle Doggett- 3rd Place Girls Doubles

Maddy Lewis/Ariana Gonzales- 5th Place Girls Doubles

Bryan Ponder/Wrangler Priest- 2nd Place Boys Doubles (Regional Qualifier)

Nathan Clark/Jorge Arevalo- 3rd Place Boys Doubles

Dustin Hardin/Meagan Hardin- 1st Place Mixed Doubles (Regional Qualifier)

Carson Howard/Larissa Flores- 3rd Place Mixed Doubles

The Panther athletes competed extremely well at regionals in McKinney. Four BHS "teams" went to regionals, and the results are listed below.

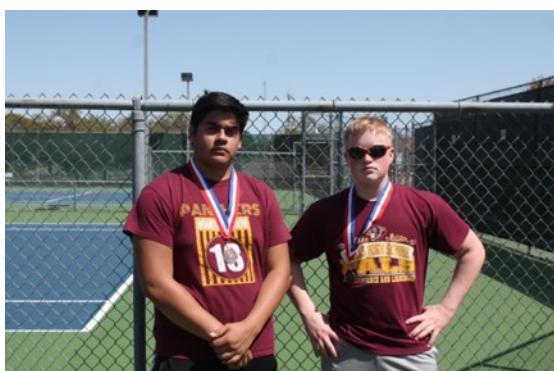
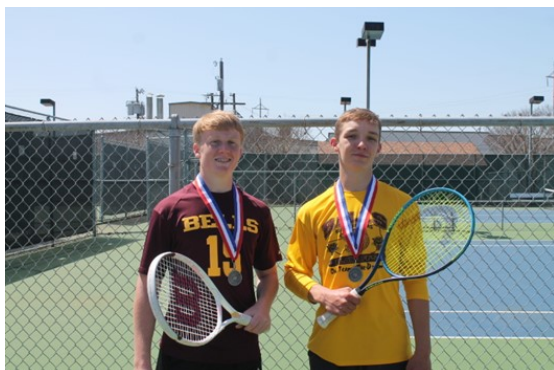
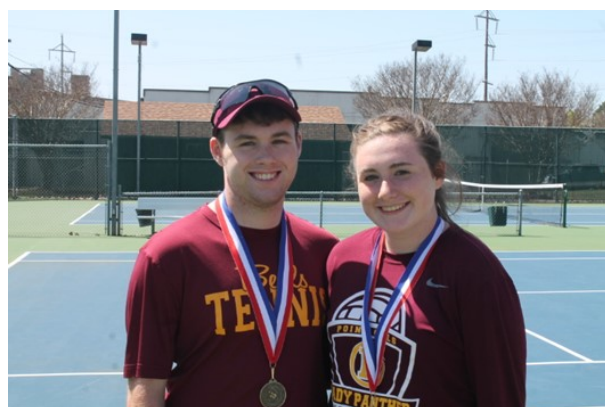
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Zac Sprayberry- Boys Singles,

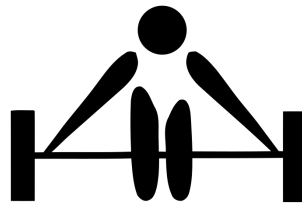
Nathan Clark/Jorge Arevalo- Boys Doubles

Meagan Hardin/Dustin Hardin- Mixed Doubles

According to tennis coach, Colton Henderson, success was abundant over the two days, Zoe got 2nd place and advanced to State. Meagan and Dustin got 2nd and advanced to State. Zac got 4th in the tournament, and Nathan and Jorge won their first match but fell short in the second round.



## 2018 Powerlifting



The following boys completed the 2018 powerlifting season ranking in the top 20 in the region:

- Angel Medina - 18th
- Regional Qualifier Trevor Coglon - 3rd
- Jacob Taylor - Regional Champion

Also competing for the boy's team were:

- Kason Huschke
- Shane Marquez
- Logan Saxon

The girl's team had an impressive season

as well, with every member finishing the season in the top 20 of the region.

They are:

- Callie Lamb - 17th
- Harvest Call - 16th
- Shyenne Daniel - 16th
- Victoria Azevedo - 13th, Regional Alternate

Regional Qualifier  
Baileigh Massey - 12th

Regional Medalist  
Lindsey Markcum - 4th

Powerlifters are coached by Coach Gary Alford.



## Panthers Have Another Great Track Season

Head boys track coach, Clay Rolan, reported that 10 boys qualified for Area competition, and 3 boys qualified for Regionals. Congratulations to these athletes!

### Area

- Marcus Ball- 4x100 Relay
- Spencer Barnes- Pole Vault
- Trevor Coglon- 4x100 Relay
- Brandon Garcia - Pole Vault, 4x100 Relay
- Kason Huschke- Pole Vault
- Cire Luster - 4x100 Relay, 4x400 Relay
- Gavin Neasbitt - 4x100 Relay
- Wrangler Priest- 4x400 Relay, 300 hurdles, 110 hurdles
- Christian Smith - Shot put, Discus

Nate Stephens - 4x100, 4x400.

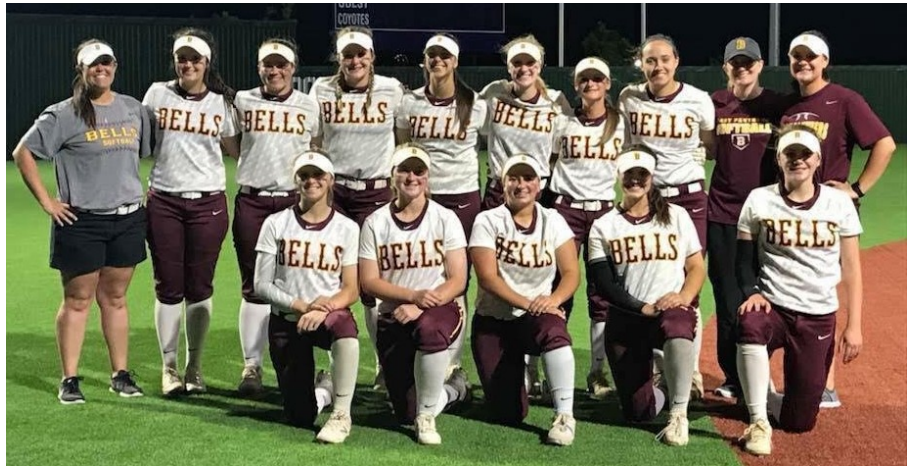
### Regionals

Wrangler Priest - 300 Hurdles, Christian Smith- Shot Put, Discus, Kason Huschke - Pole Vault



## Softball and Baseball Still Going Strong

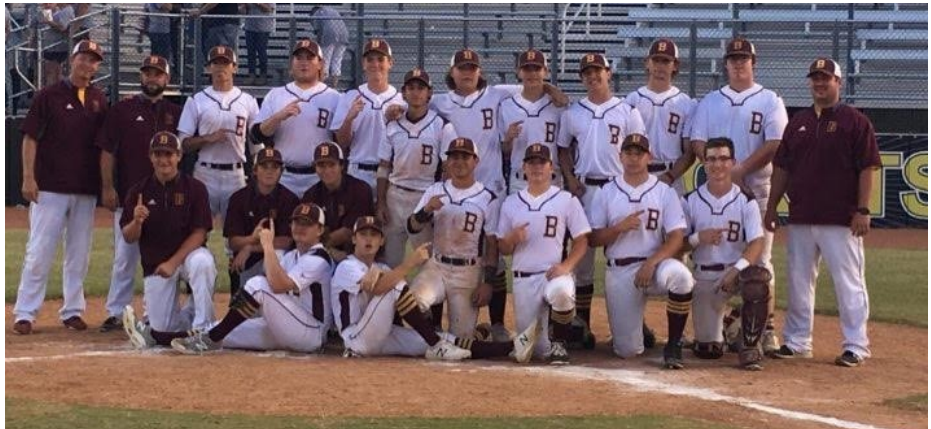
The Bells Lady Panthers softball team are no strangers to the lime-light! The reigning STATE CHAMPIONS are battling through this playoff season fighting for their spot at the State tournament for the second year in a row. Each week, the team has faced a tough opponent and ended victorious. This Thursday begins the Regional Finals round and last stop before State. The team will face Crawford in a best of three series this Thursday, May 24th, at 7:00 p.m., in Weatherford.



### *Bells Lady Panthers*

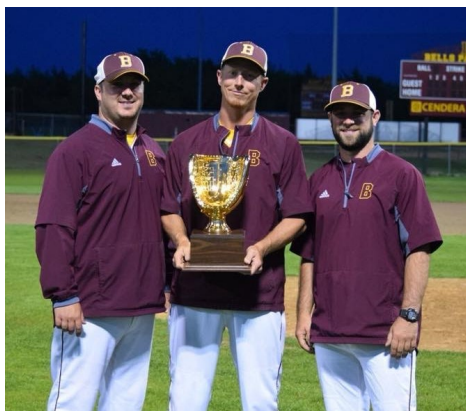
Pictured Above: Bottom Row—Cheznie Hale, Mia Moore, Victoria Azevedo, Gabby Smith, and Cheyenne Floyd. Standing—Coach Kristina Stephens, Jalen Hartline, Jaycee Little, Chesney Blount, Bella Smith, Emma Cobb, Hali Williams, Ashley Sloan, Coach Karlee Hall, and Coach Lisa Johnson.

As for Bells Panther Baseball.....it has been several years since the team advanced into the playoffs, and no other Bells team has ever advanced to the Regional Semi-Final round. Congratulations to the 2018 Panthers and their coaches for their success this year, and best of luck to them as they face Valley Mills this week in Weatherford. Their game will begin at 6:30 p.m., at Weatherford College.



### *Bells Panthers*

Pictured Above: Sitting—Matthew Connor and Kason Huschke. Bottom Row—Landon Nelson, Hayden Trainor, Konder Morris, Eli Strickland, Dylan Hall, Ben Branam, and Lane Brown. Standing—Coach Josh Weger, Coach Jordan Carter, Tyler Hawthorne, Jacob Taylor, Trystan Mallory, Stephen Hinds, Rhett May, Tanner Carter, Hunter Hazel, Hunter Hawthorne, Chance Morse, and Coach Bryce Hogue.



## *Upcoming Playoff Schedule*

Game 1: Thursday, May 24th at Weatherford College  
Softball at 7:00 p.m. and Baseball at 6:30 p.m.

Game 2: Saturday, May 26th at Weatherford College  
Softball and Baseball begin at 5:00 p.m.

Game 3: Follows game 2 (if needed)

Softball vs. Crawford

Baseball vs. Valley Mills

## *Congratulations to BHS Math Teacher, Donna Brown*

Mrs. Donna Brown was recently named KTEN’s Texoma Chevy Dealers Teacher of the Month. She donates hours and hours of her own time to Beta Club, UIL, keeping score-books, and working extra hours helping students. She is an amazing teacher and very deserving of this honor. Mrs. Brown was honored at the end of year banquet held in early May at the Choctaw Casino and Resort. Congratulations Mrs. Brown!



## *Bells Elementary School Receives National Recognition*

### **Texas School Recognized for High Achievement in Student Success by a National Campaign of Business and Education Leaders**

BELLS, TEXAS, May 17, 2018 – BELLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL today announced that it has been named to the 2017 - 2018 Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll for its high achievement and student success. The program, sponsored by the Institute for Productivity in Education (IPE), is part of a national effort to identify higher-performing schools and districts that are improving student outcomes. BELLS ELEMENTARY is one of 729 public campuses in Texas to be recognized.

The 2017 - 2018 Honor Roll is developed by Educational Results Partnership (ERP), a nonprofit organization that applies data science to help improve student outcomes and career readiness. ERP maintains the nation’s largest database on student achievement and utilizes this data to identify higher-performing schools and districts. Schools that receive the ERP Honor Roll distinction have demonstrated consistent high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time, and a reduction in achievement gaps among student populations. For high schools, the ERP Honor Roll recognition also includes measures of college readiness.

BES Principal, Yalonda Ivers stated, “We are very honored to receive this recognition. Every person on our campus, from the cafeteria and custodial staff to teachers, instructional aides and administrators focuses on student well-being. By building strong relationships and focusing on engaging instruction, we see our students growing and learning every day. All of us at Bells Elementary are overjoyed at this accomplishment.”

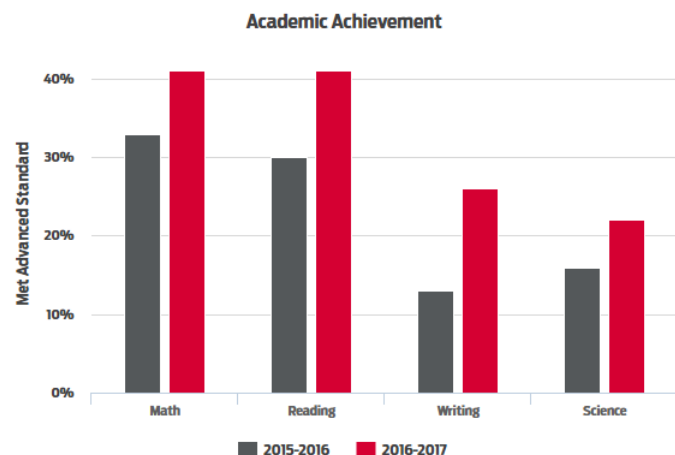
“We are truly proud and honored to be recognized as an ERP Honor Roll School by educational and business leaders in Texas,” said Joe Moore, Superintendent of Bells I.S.D. “Our teachers and administrators are committed to reaching higher levels of academic achievement and continuously improving our practices. We are pleased to see people recognize the fact the teachers’ and campus administrators’ hard work and dedication is translating to positive outcomes for ALL our students.”

“Educational success must be data-informed,” said Greg Jones, ERP board chairman. “These Honor Roll schools and districts are improving student achievement and we have the data to prove it. It’s critical that the business community support and promote educational success

as today’s students are tomorrow’s workforce.”

“At ERP we are committed to closing achievement gaps and removing educational obstacles for historically disadvantaged students,” said James Lanich, Ph.D., ERP president and CEO. “These bright spot schools and districts are implementing programs and practices that are improving educational equity and accelerating student success. We need to shine a spotlight on their work and encourage others to replicate it.”

In Texas, the ERP Honor Roll program is supported by numerous businesses and organizations, including the Texas Business Leadership Council, American Automobile Association (AAA) Texas, Macy’s, Wells Fargo, Chevron Corporation and Enterprise Holdings Foundation.



Kori Wilson, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at PJH, was recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) for her creative writing skills in the American History Contest. Although her essay did not place, it was an amazing piece of writing from the perspective of a soldier. Kori's English teacher is Mrs. April Bellows.

Pictured Right: Vicki McCormack (Regent, Preston Trail Chapter of NSDAR), April Bellows (English Teacher), Kori Wilson (7<sup>th</sup> grade student), Carolyn Dexhiemer (Preston Trail Chapter of NSDAR)



**August 16th will be the first day of school for the 2018-2019 school year. To access the school calendar and stay updated about upcoming events, go to the district website at [bellsisd.net](http://bellsisd.net). Each campus also has a Facebook page.**

## ***Pritchard JH Holds Cheerleader Tryouts***

7th Grade



Brooklyn McKinney, Kinley Weger, Kate Waldrip, Chloe Russum, Kaiden Mullinix, Alyssa Hensley, Jacie Kyle, Hannah Hayes, and Arin Henshaw

8<sup>th</sup> Grade:



Brigette Saxon, Madison Ball, Brooklyn Blodgett, Autumn Lane, Blair Baker, Lily Helgren, Sarah Cooper, Megan Severson, and Ashlyn Fox

## *BHS Senior Jayla Melvin Heads to Washington, D.C.*

Salutatorian for the 2018 graduating class, Jayla Melvin, has been selected by GCEC to represent the local Co-Op during the 2018 Government in Action Youth Tour that will take place next month in Washington, D.C.!

Jayla's trip, which is completely paid for by GCEC, will start off with a short stay and tour of Austin and the State Capitol before heading to Washington D.C. While in Austin, she will get to visit Texas State Cemetery, Ziker Botanical Garden and the Capitol, where participants will have a picnic on the grounds. They will also visit the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum.

Once in Washington, participants in this exciting trip will be in the

nation's capital for a firsthand glimpse of their "history book coming to life." They will visit Arlington National Cemetery, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Mount Vernon, George Washington's Colonial Mansion, the White House, Smithsonian Institution, National Mall, Franklin Roosevelt and Thomas Jefferson memorials, Capitol Hill, National Cathedral, and the Pentagon City Mall.

Highlights of the trip will be a performance at Kennedy Center, a Potomac River Boat Cruise, and night tour of the U.S. Capitol. They will visit all of the famous memorials in Washington.

The group will learn about electric cooperatives and their benefits in communities. Participants have the opportunity to perform in the 2018 Youth Tour Talent Show at the Farewell Dinner! The first-place prize is \$150.

Bells ISD is very proud of Jayla Melvin and wishes her the best on this trip of a lifetime.

GOVERNMENT-IN-ACTION  
**YOUTH TOUR** June 6-15

**2018**



### *5th Graders Book Skype with Canadian Author Wendy MacKnight.*

On Thursday, May 17th, students in Mr. David Marsh's fifth grade reading classes had the opportunity to Skype with Wendy MacKnight, the former Anglophone Deputy Minister of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for the Government of New Brunswick, Canada. Mrs. MacKnight wrote her first novel at the age of nine. In 2017, her novel, *It's a Mystery, Pig Face!* was published. Several BES students have read and enjoyed this novel and are anxiously awaiting the release of her next novel, *The Frame-Up*. Mrs. MacKnight will visit Bells Elementary this fall when she makes a trip to Texas.



## *Bells FFA Banquet 2018*



The Bells High School FFA Chapter recently held its annual chapter banquet. Many students were recognized this year for their accomplishments in the classroom, at leadership contests, judging contests, and stock shows. This school year, six teams from the Bells FFA Chapter qualified for State. The Senior Chapter Conducting team placed 3rd in the State out of 236 teams. Members of that team were Danielle Doggett, Drew Taylor, Jayla Melvin, Nathan Clark, Avery Layton, Jayci Burns, Kennedy Derzapf, Alexis Grove, Bella Smith, and Courtney Davidson. The Greenhand Chapter Conducting team placed 5th in the state out of 233 teams. This team consisted of Gabby Smith, Landri Hicks, Mia Moore, Jaiden Toquigny, Alexa Foy, Cheznie Hale, Meagan Hewitt, Carson Gafford, Carson Howard, Haiden Trainor, and Hank Weaver. The Public Relations team made up of Rylee Hicks, Haley Snavelly, Maddy Lewis, and Vanessa Flores placed in the top 20 out of 333 teams. Landri Hicks placed 5th in the state in the Greenhand Creed competition out of 641 other students. This spring, two teams

advanced to State in livestock judging. Rylee Hicks, Cash Little, Kerynn Sizemore, Bradon Garcia, and Landri Hicks were part of the Livestock Evaluation team that placed 15th out of 613 teams. The Dairy Judging team was made up of Kennedy Derzapf, Jayci Burns, Courtney Davidson, and Kyla Mosely, and it was 10th out of 347 teams.

In addition to the successes of the LDE and CDE teams, the FFA participants received a grand total of \$110,543.00 at this year's shows. The Bells FFA Chapter would like to thank the community and Supporters of Bells Youth for playing a major role in the program's successes!

### FFA Mission

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.*

## *Bells High School Seniors Excel This School Year*

At the recent Senior Banquet, Mr. Weger and Ms. Branam shared some remarkable facts about the BHS Graduating Class. Congratulations and best wishes to these students. Some of their accomplishments are listed below.

- 54 of the 60 graduates took the ACT or SAT
- 44 of the 60 students have made plans to continue their education after high school
- 546 college hours were earned this school year
- Earned \$841,370.00 in college scholarships
- Contributed to the FFA success over the last 4 years, continuing to make this program a premier one in the State.
- Sent multiple students to the regional UIL and National BETA competitions
- Represented BHS well through Tyler Van Duser's service as the STATE BETA PRESIDENT
- Won the Sweepstakes award in Band by scoring Superior in every UIL competition this year.
- Advanced to the play-offs in every team sport (boys and girls) for two years in a row.



AND

Several of these graduates play either baseball or softball, and Bells High School is ONE OF THREE schools in the State of Texas that still has both baseball and softball teams in the play-offs! GO PANTHERS AND LADY PANTHERS!

## *Congratulations Senior Class of 2018*

# Bells Elementary Joins Grayson County 4-H to Host Robotics Competition

Approximately 100 people came to BES on Saturday, May 19th, to either participate, coach, or watch the Grayson County 4-H competition

## Red Thunder—Second Place

Austin Draper  
Will Heatley  
Waylon Mutchler  
Tyler Kitchens

## Legends of Tomorrow—Third Place

Marjayce Cooper  
Raelynn Hensley  
Ty Stern  
Avery Taraba

## Robo Rabbits—Fourth Place

Tyson Stanglin  
Hayden Taylor  
Natilee Wooten  
Abigail Marsh

## Teeth Brush

Rendon Campbell  
J.W. Tindall  
Madison Melton  
Kalob Loftice  
Josh Cordell



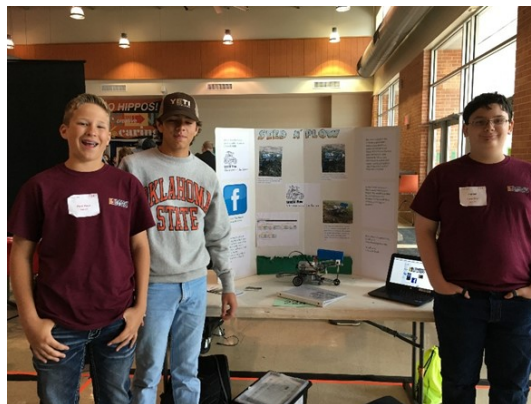
## *BHS Robotics Team Competes at State*

TCEA state competition in Hutto, TX on April 7th.

TCEA LEGO State Competition was held at Hutto High School on April 7, 2018. Bells High School took four teams to the competition, two in Inventions, and two in Arena Competition.

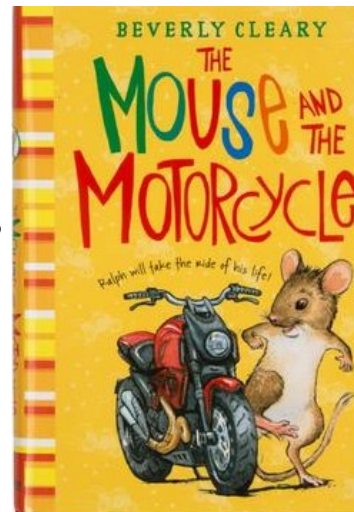
The Invention team Plowboys consisted of Derek Chartier, Carson Howard, and Ben Stephens, all freshman. Clean Sweep members were Chisum Priest and Tanner Carter, both freshman, and Blake Peters, sophomore. Both teams worked hard for their standing. This was their first time to compete in a robotics competition, and they did very well against 33 other teams.

The Arena teams were second year students and competed against 56 other teams. The RGB team members were Garrett Faison, Dustin Hardin, and Drew Shaw all juniors, and Austin Martin, sophomore. Robert Berghian, sophomore, Tanner Thomas, junior, and Justin Ames, senior, made up Team Colonizer



## Texas Reads One

Bells Elementary School students, faculty, staff, and families recently participated in Texas Reads One Book 2018. As part of the national Read to Them organization, Texas Reads One promotes family literacy by encouraging families to spend several minutes a day reading together. The event at Bells kicked off on April 16<sup>th</sup>, when all elementary students, faculty, and administration joined together in the gym to listen to Dallas Cowboys head coach, Jason Garrett, read the first chapter of this year's book, *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*. Special guests from the local Harley Davidson store added to the excitement by riding motorcycles around the gym. All BES students received a book, a bookmark and a reading schedule for nightly reading. In class, the students completed various projects and had discussions associated with the reading and math curriculum.



Each day students were encouraged to use a word of the day that was selected from the prior evening's reading. By doing so, they earned stickers which they proudly wore around campus. Many students earned multiple stickers each day.

Each morning began with a short three question quiz and the opportunity to earn a quick treat.



BES concluded the initiative with a Texas Reads One celebration on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Students, employees, parents and guests gathered in the gym and cafeteria to listen to the the final chapter of the book read by Mr. Rob Novak. At the conclusion, students enjoyed refreshments and then went outside to watch a bicycle parade put on by third, fourth, and fifth graders.

In addition to this family literacy event, Bells Elementary students also participated in a "Scurry and Scrounge Challenge". Students used it as a time to collect travel sized hygiene products, paper goods, cleaning supplies and diapers to donate to the Grayson County Shelter. Each product represented points, and to motivate students to achieve the campus goal of 6,500 points,

BES principal, Yalonda Ivers, promised to allow students to transform her into a giant bowl of nachos. The third grade class won the class competition by bringing the most items, so all students watched while third graders covered Mrs. Ivers in nacho cheese and chips.



This is the second year Bells Elementary has participated in Texas Reads One, and not only did students enjoy reading the book, they learned the joy that comes from helping others in need.



## *Daddy Daughter Dance*

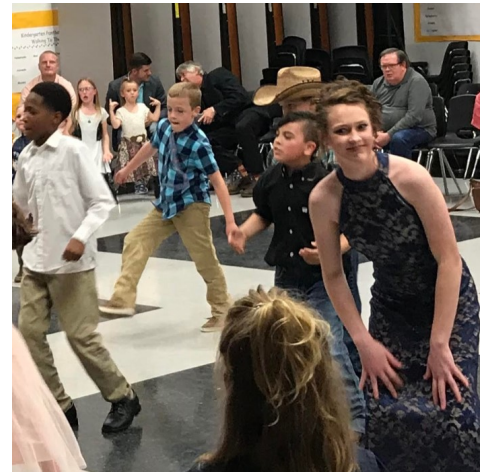
The BHS Cheerleaders hosted the annual Daddy-Daughter/Mother-Son dance at Bells Elementary on Saturday, April 21st. Lots of fun was had by all who attended.



### BHS Cheerleaders 2018-2019

**Varsity:** Alexyss Williams—Captain, Kennedy Derzapf—Co-Captain, Laney Rice—Co-Captain, Jayci Burns, Sheyenne Daniel, Macauley Lamb, Emma Cobb, Lara Potts, Zoe Sprayberry, Marlee Martin, Rhianna Lampkin, Rhaelee Allen

**Junior Varsity:** Summer Lane, Joe Keitz, Lexi Sanders, Sophia Allen, Lilly Baxter, Meaghan Norris, Spencer Roberts, Marissa Rutherford, Brenna Williams



## *Bells Elementary GT Students Host Parents for End-of-Year Program*

On April 30, 2018, Mrs. Angela Novak and her BES G/T students held the annual end-of-year program. Mrs. Novak started the program with the video of 2017-18 G/T students in action. After that, students presented their projects to parents; the program was entirely student-led. In keeping tradition, Mrs. Novak recognized all 5th graders in the program for their hard work and years of participation in gifted and talented. Parents then had the opportunity to get up close and view the projects and take pictures. There were forty-one parents in attendance, and thirty-eight students presented projects. It was an exciting morning with much to celebrate!!

Pictured at right are three fourth grade students with their project on “Horizontal Structures and Gravity—Bridges”, which was a S.T.E.M. project. The students are Isabella Williams, Rhett Traweek, and Jessalyn Edwards.



Pictured right: The 7th grade advanced math lab students in Mrs. Deb Beavers class made tiny houses to review measurement. They created the floor plans and 3D furniture.

*“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”*

*Mahatma Gandhi*



## The BES 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Select Choir

BES has witnessed a change in music teachers this year. Mrs. Sheryl Ciaccio left the challenges of a kindergarten classroom to take on the challenges of teaching music and technology to all grade levels. Mrs. Ciaccio has very much enjoyed the change and has loved getting to teach every student who attends BES!

She has carried on the long standing tradition of selecting a 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade competition choir that was begun many years ago by Mr. Rob Novak. Mrs. Ciaccio plans to build on that foundation and looks forward to beginning the select choir earlier in the school year next year so that students have the opportunity for increased performances.

This year, the students performed for their peers during lunch on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. They began that morning by sharing their contest pieces with the those attending our annual volunteer brunch. The choir traveled to Sandy Lake, an amusement park located in the metroplex, on Monday, May 21st. The purpose of this journey was to participate in the 2018 Musicfest that is hosted by Sandy Lake.



The selections they sang were: *Cantare (I will Sing)*, *Cantaras (You will Sing)* and *Sing! Cantare*, *Cantaras* includes sections where the students sing in Spanish.

Students performed very well and the choir earned the rating of a II. A rating of I is considered superior and II rating is excellent! We are very proud of the excellent work this group of students has done under the direction of Mrs. Ciaccio.



## *Panther Yearbook Recognized by Jostens*

### **Bells High School Named Jostens 2018 National Yearbook Program of Excellence**



*The BHS Yearbook program recognized for dynamic and engaging yearbook.*

**(Bells, TX)** – May 15, 2018 – [Jostens](#), the leading producer of yearbooks and student-created content, today announced that Bells High School’s yearbook program has been named a 2018 Jostens’ National Yearbook Program of Excellence. The National Yearbook Program of Excellence recognizes engaging yearbooks that reflect a broad representation of the student body while helping students develop 21<sup>st</sup> century skills such as communication, collaboration, and information and communication technologies (ICT) literacy.

The BHS award winning yearbook program is led by Emma Bass and Ashton Tocquigny, under the direction of Monica Faber, yearbook adviser.

Mrs. Faber shared that this is the third year in a row that the BHS Yearbook has received this award. The group is one of 21 schools in the State of Texas and one of 407 in the U.S. to receive this honor. Mrs. Faber has been told that receiving the award multiple times is rare.

Jostens’ National Yearbook Program of Excellence Awards are presented twice a year, in spring and in fall for yearbooks delivered during the school year. The Award was presented to the BHS yearbook program for achieving the defined criteria in each of three following categories: creating an inclusive yearbook, generating school engagement, and successfully managing the yearbook creation process.

“Jostens is proud to recognize those individuals who have acted as wonderful stewards by creating an exceptional yearbook for their school and community,” said Chuck Mooty, Jostens president and CEO. “Yearbooks are a critical part of telling a school’s story, and Jostens is dedicated to supporting yearbook staff members with state-of-the-art tools and resources that help celebrate moments that matter.”

#### *BHS Yearbook Staff for 2017-2018*

*Bottom left: Kenley Hayes, Saebra Blackburn, Stevie James, Makayla Capps*

*2nd Row: Lara Potts, Ashton Tocquigny (Assistant Editor), Madison Lewis*

*Top row: Emma Bass, Editor*



## *Third Nine Weeks Honor Roll*

### *Superintendent's Honor Roll*

#### 3rd Grade

Addyson Kimberling, Asher Williams

#### 4th Grade

Easton Branam, Amelia Carter, Josh Cordell, Jessalyn Edwards, Raelynn Hensley, Gram Jager, Natalie Lamb, Luke McGehee, Waylon Mutchler, Joshua Rogers, Avery Taraba, Ty Stern, Dyllan Washburn, Rylan Wilson

#### 5th Grade

Nicolette Benyounes, Colt Crane, Bailey Floyd, Suzanne Flyger, Easton Helgren, Anthony Leonard, Ethan Lewis, Laykin Little, Abigail Marsh, R.J. Montgomery, Gracie Moore, Katie Spears, Peyton Washburn, Miranda Whiting

#### 6th Grade

Jacie Kyle, Faith Pinnick, Titan Tillman, Hailey Trainor, Holden Trainor, Katherine Waldrip, and Kinley Weger

#### 7th Grade

Kylee Beach, Ansley Campbell, Preston Carter, Sarah Cooper, Jonathan Cox, Autumn Lane, Aiden Neal, Cooper Smith, and Kori Wilson

#### 8th Grade

Grace Marsh, Jaden Nelson, Kerigan Wegley, Braeden West, and Brenna Williams

#### Class of 2021

Carl Besario, Derek Chartier, Alexandra Foy, Carson Gafford, Cheznie Hale, Maegan Hewitt, Landri Hicks, Carson Howard, Hunter Howard, Johan Medina, Carson Miller, Mia Moore, Kyla Moseley, Landon Nelson, Gabriella Smith, Madeleine St Amour, Benson Stephens, Jaiden Tocquigny

#### Class of 2020

Haley Arledge, Robert Berghian, Benham Branam, Courtney Davidson, Chyenne Floyd, Garrett Kyle, Summer Lane, Madison Lewis, Austin Martin, Mackenzie Robinson, Isabella Smith, Zoe Sprayberry, Jillian Square, Matthew Wilson

#### Class of 2019

Owen Beck, Carson Branham, Krisilan Brown, Matthew Conner, Maggie Cordell, Kennedy Derzapf, Brandon Garcia, Alexis Grove, Dustin Hardin, Macauley Lamb, Avery Layton, Eli Norris, Joshua Shaw, Kerynn Sizemore, Charli Waggoner

#### Class of 2018

Jorge Arevalo, Garrett Baker, Emma Bass, Nicholas Baxley, Savannah Brown, Jake Bulanek, Nathan Clark, Jason Dowlen, Larissa Flores, Kinley Gafford, Dylan Hall, Meagan Hardin, Rylee Hicks, Blake Lerond, Baileigh Massey, Samuel McCreary, Jayla Melvin, Chance Morse, Dezeray Poe, Jaden Powell, Piper Simons, Amanda Soza, Zachary Sprayberry, Samantha Stanley, Andrew Taylor, Jacob Taylor, Tyler Van Duser

**Congratulations students  
on your hard work!**



## Principal's Honor Roll

### 3rd Grade

Gracie Ballew, Kylie Blankenship, Hadley Brossman, Henlie Crites, Phoebe Cunliffe, Donaven Dominguez, Fred Flyger, Jaycee Gabel, Garth Glidewell, Sydnie Hale, Railee Hinds, Logan Little, Sam Norris, Lily Pinnick, Blake Reeves, Cheyanne Tharpe, Ava Thompson, Branton Ulum, Jace Weger, Kinlee Williams, Carter Wooten

### 4th Grade

Shane Allen, Avery Arledge, Jason Breeze, Emma Brinlee, Bailey Brown, Rylin Brown, Rendon Campbell, Chad Derrick, Addalynn Elk, Dylan Elliott, Braylee Gallier, Madison Gibson, Lexi Guzman, Easton Hartline, Will Heatley, Lauren Helgren, Dash Hewitt, Kenadi Hitsman, Marcus Holcomb, Anna Kinkade, Alison Lamb, Abby Little, Kalob Loftice, Haley Love, Karalyne Mask, Jesse Mercado, Rachel McCarthy, Tyler Mendez, Reese Middleton, Laney Moore, Addyson Oliver, Esmeralda Pina, Archer Simons, Mia Sizemore, Emily Smith, Madelyn Taliaferro, Alissa Thompson, Anna Tillman, Rhett Traweek, Cayden Usrey, Isabella Williams, Landon Wilson, Natilee Wooten

### 5th Grade

Brandon Brewster, Jackson Brokaw, Ava Brown, Hannah Cooper, Jaidan Cory, Austin Draper, Tucker Crites, Brady flores, Ethan Floyd, Allie Hale, Macy Hicks, Emery Howard, Tyler Kitchens, Caleb Kumler, Mackenzie Melton, Madison Melton, Laila Newkirk, Elly May Priest, Kenzie Severson, Laura Simmons, Tyson Stanglin, Zayne Tardiff, Hayden Taylor, J.W. Tindall, Brian Usrey, Ava Vaughan

### 6th Grade

Hayden Allen, Hayden Blount, Kaison Branham, Shelton Burden, Kendal Clark, Drake Daniels, Bailee Dorris, Tristan Gardner, Alyssa Hensley, Adrienne Johnson, Gavin Kyle, Sierra Lamance, Blayze Massey, Malloree Meek, Rachel Metcalf, Joseph Monroe, Kaiden Mullinix, Cole Richardson, Viviana Roadman, Riley Rolan, Chloe Russum, Lily Schiavone, Emily Thompson, and Landon Yarbrough

### 7th Grade

Jacob Aaron, Kiley Arledge, Blair Baker, Brock Baker, Robbie Ballew, Brooklyn Blodgett, Brady Bounds, William Brewster, Payton Cole, Davis Durham, Ashlyn Fox, Teryn Halliburton, Makena Hartline, Lily Helgren, Dawson Hensley, Spencer Hinds, Darren Holcomb, Mollie

Hooten, Jenri Lopez Trejo, Alectra Mask, Jeffery McKinney, Dakota Robinson, Sherlyn Sanchez, Brigette Saxon, Megan Severson, Coton Stone, Zachry Sutherland, Brayden Taylor, Grady Waldrip, Lily West, and Emily Wilson

### 8th Grade

Tucker Aaron, Kaycee Arnold, Bo Baker, Lillie Baxter, Elijah Beck, Hannah Bondarenko, Haley Dixon, Quinton Douglas, Luke Garner, Gabriel Gibson, Shellby Harwell, Mandie Kyle, Landan Morse, Justine Norris, Meaghan Norris, Kaden Pyle, Spencer Roberts, Blake Rolan, Marissa Rutherford, Zackary Sheehey, Gracie Simpson, Lisa Sutherland, and Eli Taylor

### Class of 2021

Kayton Arnold, Saebra Blackburn, Armando Carrillo, Eduardo Carrillo, Tanner Carter, Nathan Conner, Ethan Cooper, Sasha Lewis, Trystan Mallory, Cole Moore, Aaron Morris, Presley Napier, Zayden Owens, Chisum Priest, Zane Russum, Logan Saxon, Lainie Snavelly, Hayden Trainor, Thomas Weaver, Lauren Yelton-Brown

### Class of 2020

Victoria Azevedo, Kaitlyn Burgess, Cade Doggett, Vanessa Flores, Tenley Fowler, Bradon Garcia, Dylan Gard, Ariana Gonzales, Hanna Gonzalez, Josselyn Grove, Racheal Jones, Maci Keener, Rhyan Krueger, Jaycee Little, Braden Oliver, Austin Pierce, Wrangler Priest, Angel Sanchez, Drake Spears, Addison Wegley

### Class of 2019

Chesney Blount, Steven Crawford, Jillian Defries, Brittany Doring, Garrett Faison, Alyssa Garner, Sebastian Lopez, Cire Luster, Lindsey Markcum, Cassandra Mulkey, Lauren Nichols, Taylor O'Bier, Bryan Ponder, Lara Potts, Laney Rice, Daisy Robles, Caitey Sawyer, Christian Smith, Haley Snavelly, Tanner Thomas, Hayden Tucker, Alexyss Williams

### Class of 2018

Mikaela Doggett, Stephen Hinds, Kalei Markcum, Phillip McGehee, Colby Meek, John Miller, Wade Rolan, Ashley Sloan, Newman Sparks, Ashton Tocquigny, Logan Vance



*Honor Roll*

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## *2018 Volunteer Brunch at Bells Elementary*

This year volunteers at BES gave over 580 hours of their time! On Friday, May 21st BES held the annual Volunteer Brunch to honor and recognize those who so generously give of their time so that administrators, teachers, and staff may do many of the extra things that make BES an amazing place. From making copies, laminating items, cutting out items, mentoring students, planning PTO events to going to camp JOLT and sponsoring an after school robotics club, BES volunteers are the best. They range in age from high school students to grandmothers. These volunteers truly understand and epitomize Winston Churchill's sentiments, " We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Special recognition was given to Jessica Coglone for taking personal vacation time to serve as a nurse on site at Camp Jolt, Sheryl Ciaccio for her work with choir and robotics, Jenae Mattingly for serving as PTO President, and Mr. Brent Taraba, the 2017-18 volunteer of the year for his willingness and vision to begin BES robotics.



**Mr. Brent Taraba**  
**BES Volunteer of the Year**  
**2017-2018**



Mrs. Pam Neal's US History students recently visited The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in downtown Dallas.

## *Bells High School Graduation*

*Saturday, May 26th*

*10:00 a.m.*

*Bells High School Gymnasium*



**We're on the web!**  
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