

ROAR



Morris and Cummins inducted into Apple Corps

For the last twelve years, LISD has honored those employees who exemplified a positive attitude in their workplace and a desire to excel in their department or on their campus. Two members were inducted into the prestigious LISD Apple Corps.

Bria Morris is in her sixteenth year as a Kindergarten teacher. She taught eleven years at Timber Creek and four years at Cedar Grove Elementary where she is a grade level chair. She was honored with the Teacher of Year award by the Livingston-Polk County Chamber of Commerce. She is a 1997 graduate of Livingston High School and was an education major at Stephen F. Austin State University with a specialization in Reading and received a minor in Finance. She loves teaching little kids and instilling a love of learning in a safe and encouraging environment. The biggest challenge she faces is the desire to take all of her students home with her. Her advice to someone coming into the field of education is that they must love kids. It's the most important part of the job. Bria has been married to David Morris for fourteen years and they have two boys, Gage who is a 6th-grader at Livingston Junior High and Jace is a 5th-grader at Livingston Intermediate. Both boys play baseball for Texas Slam and Gage will be traveling to play in Cooperstown, NY this summer. Bria's mother is Kathy Lowe, who works in administration.

Dr. Lynn Cummins is Director of Student Services where he enjoys doing a little bit of everything. He is a Student Supervisor at Livingston High School and a campus test coordinator. He also updates and validates transcripts with EOC, SAT and ACT scores and spends a good bit of time working one on one with the students. This is his ninth year to work for the district. He was previously an assistant principal at both Livingston Junior High and High School campuses. He has experience in many positions including 12th grade government teacher, Assistant principal at Beaumont Central, Middle School and Junior High



APPLE CORPS INDUCTION -- Bria Morris and Dr. Lynn Cummins receive the prestigious honor of being inducted into the Livingston ISD Apple Corps during the December meeting of the Board of Trustees. School Board Vice-President Ben R. Ogletree, III (pictured left) and Dr. Brent Hawkins, superintendent (pictured right) present the Apple Corps certificates and pins to Morris and Cummins.

Principal at Hull Daisetta. He was the Director of Administrative Services at Clear Creek and Superintendent at Coldspring ISD. Dr. Cummins wife is Linda who is the program supervisor for TDCJ and their son, Josh is a homicide investigator for the Liberty County Sheriff's Department. They have 2 grandchildren Aiden and Aaron.

This is what their colleagues had to say about them. **Principal Kyle Rice:** Bria has been an excellent teacher and leader on both campuses where she has worked for me. She has always lead by example and loves every student as if they were her own. She is respected by all of her peers and has trained and educated many student-teachers. Not only telling them, but showing them what it takes to put in the time and effort to be prepared in the classroom. Each year before school starts, I think she is the

most requested teacher in the state of Texas. I have to tell parents that she can only have 22 students. She definitely exemplifies what it means to be a professional educator.

Kathy Lowe: From the time Bria was old enough to talk about what she was going to be when she grew up she always wanted to be a Kindergarten teacher. She has a great love for children. She loves to see progress within her class and she always keeps track of her students even after they leave her classroom. She is a great teacher but even more than that she is a very special daughter who loves and cares for people with all her heart.

Mary Smart: How wonderful to see a young lady you have known since she was a young girl at Livingston Elementary School receive this recognition by Livingston ISD. Bria Lowe Morris was an outstanding student and talented

athlete among her classmates, she was well liked by teachers and students because of her caring and loving personality. I had the joy of watching her grow up, graduate from LHS and SFA and return home to Livingston. She is continuing to strive for excellence as she did as a student and instills those values in her kindergarten students. Congratulations, Bria...much love to you from Coach and Mary Smart! **Principal Brandon Boyd:** LISD is very blessed to have Dr. Cummins serve our school and community, His knowledge and willingness to go above and beyond is only surpassed by his devotion to the students and staff of LISD. **Carol Coker:** I just want to offer my congratulations to Dr. Cummings. It has been several years since I worked with you at the high school, but you were always someone to look up to. Thank you for being so dedicated.

Lion Country CALENDAR

Monday, December 19, 2016
LISD Christmas Holidays
Tuesday, December 20, 2016
LISD Christmas Holidays
Wednesday, December 21, 2016
LISD Christmas Holidays
Thursday, December 22, 2016
LISD Christmas Holidays
Friday, December 23, 2016
LISD Christmas Holidays

LISD Christmas Break

December 19 - 30

Professional Development Days
(Teacher work days - student holiday)

Jan. 2nd & 3rd

Students Return to campus on
Wednesday
January 4, 2017

Nelva Cain: Congratulations! I'm so glad that Dr Cummins received the honor of Apple Core. He has such a caring heart for students and staff. He always is ready to help anyway that he can.

Sadie Wyatt: It could not of happened to a better person. Such a nice, peaceful, calm respectable man. We need more like him in this day and time. God bless you, and may God be with you.

For their service and commitment to the students and faculty of LISD, we welcome Bria Morris and Dr. Lynn Cummins into the LISD Apple Corps.

SHSU Go Bus visits Livingston High School



SHSU GO BUS -- The Sam Houston State University GO BUS traveled to Livingston High School to help members of the Class of 2017 complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The bus is a 42 foot trailer equipped with 20 laptop computers, internet, and a team of professionals. Completion of the FAFSA is a requirement for many post secondary school applications. Approximately 50 senior students with their parents took advantage of the provided assistance. Numerous questions were answered and, parents left the GO BUS feeling more confident about financial aid opportunities for their student.



MOMENTUM AND COLLISIONS -- Livingston High School students in Mr. Kerss' Integrated Physics and Chemistry Classes have been studying momentum and collisions. Last week, they had an interactive lesson using bubbles. The collisions between the bubbles illustrated an example of elastic collisions. Elastic collisions occur when objects bounce off of each other. Through the interaction, students got to feel momentum transfer from one bubble to another as well as experience elastic collisions first hand.

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