



## *From the Superintendent . . .*

### How to do better on TESTS.

Tests are a part of life; they don't just happen at school. Here are some things to do before test day to be successful.



**Don't cram:** When you put off studying until the night before the test, you're setting yourself up for failure. (And you're also likely to go into the test feeling tired from lack of sleep.) Review in several short study sessions. You'll feel less pressure . . . and you'll remember more.

**Study with a buddy:** Try reviewing for a test with one or more friends. Ask each other questions and share your thoughts on what the teacher is likely to ask.

**Make flash cards:** Flash cards are a great way to review everything from vocabulary words to math facts. Carry them with you for quick reviews.



**Create a practice test:** As you are studying try to think of questions you would ask.

**Make a study sheet:** In many subjects, there are a few key facts you need to remember for a test – formulas in math or science, dates in history, irregular verbs in a foreign language. Write them on a single sheet of paper and look at it just before you walk into the test. You might write some of those key facts on the test paper as soon as it's handed out.

**Dress for success:** You don't need to wear the fanciest clothes. But what you wear can affect your performance on a test. Sometimes, testing rooms are too hot . . . or too cold. Dressing in layers is a good idea. And be sure to wear comfortable clothes.

**Eat Breakfast:** Even if you usually skip breakfast, have something to eat on test day. A piece of fruit or toast will give your body and brain energy.



**Take the supplies you need:** Don't wait until the morning of the test to see if you can find the correct pencil. Set out everything you'll need for the test the night before.

— Jerry Johnson



## From the Superintendent continued. . .

### When you're in the testing room.



**Skim the test quickly.** You don't want to turn to the last page of the test with five minutes left in class only to discover you have two essay questions to write. Knowing what is ahead will help you budget your time.

**Read the directions carefully.** You may want to underline important directions so you don't overlook them.

**Don't be afraid to skip a question.** Skip it and move on. Come back if you have time.

**Look for "clue words".** On a multiple choice or a true/false test, some words usually indicate an answer is wrong. Words like always, none, all and everybody usually mean you can eliminate that choice.

**Check your work.** Often, it's a careless mistake (adding instead of multiplying, for example) that leads to a wrong answer.

If you're using a separate answer sheet, make sure you are filling in answers to the right questions.



# ? PARENT QUIZ ?

## How Organized is Your Teen?

Does your teen's room look like a federal disaster area? Are they constantly looking for lost books and papers? Here's a quiz to find out just how organized your teen is. Answer "yes" or "no" to each question.

yes  
or  
no?

- 1) My teen regularly has to interrupt study time because they can't find the materials they need.  YES  NO
- 2) They have earned a lower grade because they handed in an assignment late.  YES  NO
- 3) At night, they often have to call friends to find out the homework assignment in a class.  YES  NO
- 4) They have a stack of papers on their desk that they haven't looked at for more than a week.  YES  NO
- 5) They often put off projects or papers until they become emergencies or panic situations.  YES  NO

If you have more "yes" answers than "no" they need some work on organization.

# Technology Corner

**Welcome to the October edition of the Technology Corner!**

The response to the new parent portal has been overwhelming. We would like to thank you for using this valuable tool to help your child succeed at CISD! We encourage each one of you to sign up if you have not done so already. CISD has a new picture section on our website. You can go to [www.coahomaisd.com](http://www.coahomaisd.com) to see updated pictures of things happening at CISD. In addition to this, we have live video of the construction site at the High School Campus on our website. If you would like to see what is happening in real-time, feel free to look around!

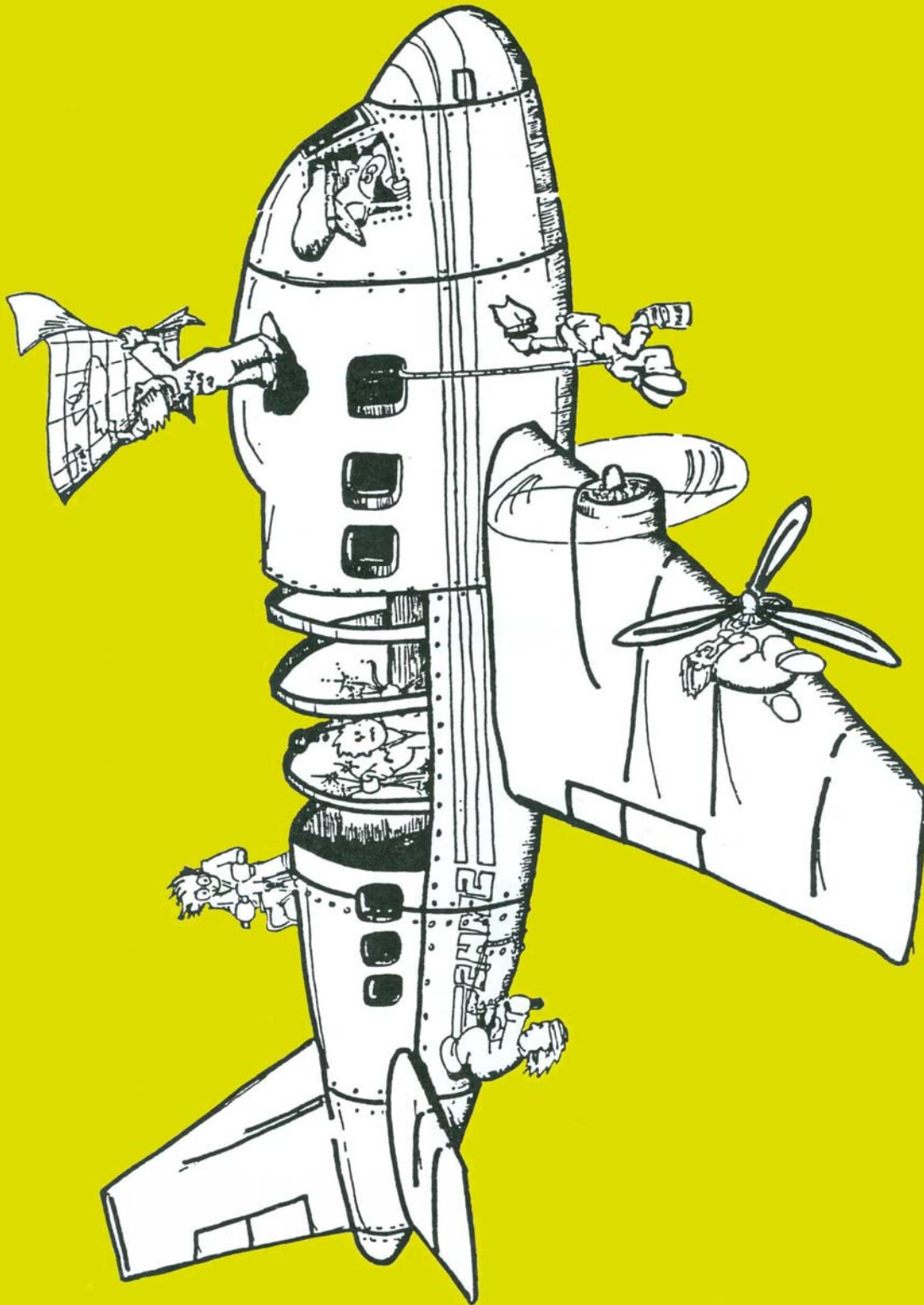


**Odis Franklin  
Technology Director**



**“Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle.”**

**- Abraham Lincoln**



# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

You may wonder what the picture on the previous page of an airplane represents. Basically it is pointing out that they are trying to repair and improve the plane while it is in flight which we all know is impossible. However, in contrast if you envision the plan; as a school you begin to understand how our construction process is moving along. We simply cannot shut the school down while our construction is moving along. At times the construction may seem to be moving very slowly and at other times it will appear to move rapidly. There are numerous reasons for this, but one of the main reasons is that being a public school building we have certain rules and regulations that we must follow that in other buildings you do not have to follow.

The construction is moving along on schedule and should be completely finished by August of 2009. We hope that you are as excited as we are as we see the improvements to Coahoma ISD become visible. At this time work is progressing on our sewer lines, the band hall, auditorium, some parking areas, the new High School wing and the new field house. We as a school district once again thank you for allowing us to do these improvements for our students.



**THE ROAD TO SUCCESS IS ALWAYS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.**

**- ANONYMOUS**

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# November

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October 12th, 26 and November 21 - Early Release

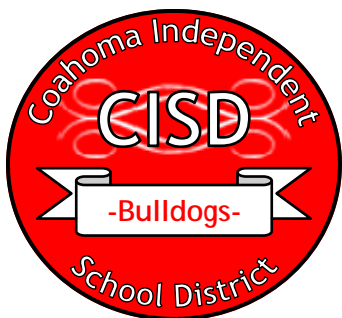
November 16 - Last day of 2nd 6 Weeks

November 22 & 23 - Holidays



Be sure and look for the November 20th edition of the Bulldog NEWS!

*“Parenting children during the ‘tween years is like building a bridge that enables young people to cross from childhood into adulthood.” - William Sears*



### Coahoma ISD Mission Statement

The mission of the Coahoma Independent School District staff is to prepare lifelong learners with positive self-images who are capable of experiencing success.