

# CARES

## Newsletter

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**Community Action Reaching Every Student**  
A School Volunteer Program of the  
Bay City Independent School District  
Department of Community Education & Information

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#### **Bay City High School**

Kimberley Tatro

*Thank you, Mayor, for dropping by . . .*



The Mayor of Bay City, Richard Knapik, dropped in to see us at the annual CARES Fall Luncheon. Mayor Knapik was Chairman of the Community Education & Information Advisory Council during the 2003-2004 school year, a position now held by William McDowell, D.D.S. Mayor Knapik is shown here chatting with Rick Carlin, Principal of Bay City Junior High School.

The CARES Fall Luncheon is put on annually by the Community Education & Information Department of the Bay City Independent School District in appreciation for the volunteer service of the CARES Program.

The CARES Program was initiated in Bay City ISD twenty-nine years ago by then Superintendent, Dr. John Briggs, and then Director of Community Education, Mrs. Suzy Thompson. Through the end of the 2003-2004 school year, the CARES volunteers, over the years, have given a total of 206,032 man hours of volunteer service to the district. At the current minimum wage, this amounts to a \$1,081,558 in-kind contribution.

**Thank you CARES volunteers!**

## Reflections by Terry Miller

The Holidays are right around the corner . . .

. . . here's an idea I picked up from Lisa Stambaugh in *The Gift of Volunteerism*:

"In recent years, my parents and grandmother instituted a moratorium on any more unnecessary gifts. That is, they really didn't want us spending our money on decorative (but possibly not very functional) items. The feeling that a gift is obligatory weighed heavily against the concept of wasted effort and funds. What to do? This presented a dilemma to both my sister and I, who of course want to honor our senior family members at the typical occasions such as birthdays, and other holidays.


So, over the years, we have learned to give gifts by proxy, if you will. That is, we spend the time and money that might otherwise have gone towards buying or making a gift - by making a donation, buying something for someone who needs it more than they/we do, or doing volunteer work. At the appropriate occasion, a card is presented to the recipient, describing the donation, usually accompanied by corny poetry (a fun, if somewhat embarrassing, family tradition)."

This is a concept that can be applied creatively to your volunteer work with the school district or in your personal gift giving.

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### CARES Hours through October, 2004


Cherry Elementary	255.0
Holmes Elementary	335.0
Roberts Elementary	1,042.5
Bay City Middle School	122.5
McAllister Middle School	219.5
Bay City Junior High	79.0
Bay City High School	27.5
District Total	<b>2,081.0</b>



**Lighting  
the Way**

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH  
January 2005

Your school board is making a difference for students! Take time in January to say thanks for a job well done.



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**Please, help us out . . .** we would like to get some information from you that would help us decide how to best inform the public about our services. If you are willing, please take a minute, answer the following questions, and send your response to the BCISD - Community Education office.

*Your age bracket? (circle one) 13 or less; 14-17; 18-21; 22-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60 or greater.*

*Do you subscribe or routinely read one of the local newspapers?*

*Do you routinely read the classifieds?*

*Which radio stations do you most often listen to?*

*Do you ever tune into channel 10 on cable TV?*

*Do you have internet access?*

*If you have email, how often do you check it?*

*Do you pay attention to bulletin boards?*

*If so, which bulletin boards are you most likely to pay attention to?*

Send your response to Community Education, 2400 4th Street, Bay City, TX 77414 or email your response to [tmiller@bcblackcats.net](mailto:tmiller@bcblackcats.net). Thank you.