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## MESSAGE FROM THE **SUPERINTENDENT**

### FULL STEAM AHEAD

Hello Indian community! We are now just over one month into 2023. Our second semester is in full-swing, and with a little under four months until the end of the 2022-2023 school year, there's so much to look forward to. The Spring semester is packed to the brim with exciting events, holidays, breaks, testing, and so much more. Our passionate staff and students will be hard at work, and I can't wait to see them flourish as we move through the semester!

January brought lots of wonderful events for our Indians to enjoy. Our elementary and middle school campuses held their Spelling Bee competitions, which you'll be able to read more about in this issue. Our third-graders across the district have been ROCKING their Read to the Final Four competition, with some campuses advancing further and further in the bracket-style rankings. These students are helping to put Cleveland ISD "on the map", and I cannot overstate how proud I am to watch them all shine.

We also just wrapped up a district-wide Attendance Challenge. The students at each campus with the highest attendance throughout the month of January won a chance to come to Central Office and have a special catered lunch with myself and other district administration. This is a fantastic incentive to get our kids excited about coming to school, and I'm looking forward to eating with our top dedicated students next week and getting to know them better! They are setting a great example for others to follow.

January also marked School Board Recognition Month, and Cleveland ISD was so happy to acknowledge and thank each one of our incredible board members for all that they do. An immense amount of hard work goes into the role of a School Board member, and it's entirely volunteer-based. Board members are not paid for what they do, so it takes a special person to give so much of their time and energy towards the betterment of the district. From the bottom of our hearts, I'd like to thank our Board members for their unyielding support and dedicated towards this district.

I look forward to what February 2023 will bring to Cleveland ISD.

As always, thank you for playing your part in making Cleveland ISD the best district in Texas.

Sincerely,

Stephen W. McCanless  
Superintendent of Schools



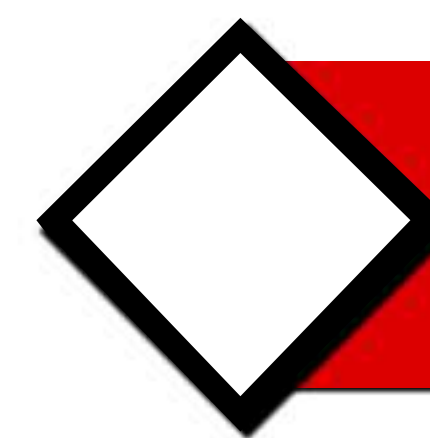
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## HIGHLIGHTS

◆ **RIISING UP THE RANKS** - Back in October of last year, you may remember that Cleveland ISD was one of eleven districts chosen to participate in the Read to the Final Four competition. This program, put together by the NCAA and Houston Local Organizing Committee, allows third graders to participate in a year-long reading initiative and competition to see which district can read the most. Top readers will be recognized during Men's Final Four week in March 2023 and the winning district will receive a cash prize. The kids also get a chance to go to a NCAA game at NRG Stadium!

The competition rages on, and we couldn't be more proud of our amazing third-graders! Cottonwood, Pine Burr, Santa Fe, and Eastside Elementaries have all advanced to the THRILLING 32, the next phase of the bracket-style rankings that place all four of those campuses in the TOP 8% of the 391 schools that started! WOW!!! We can't wait to see where our third-graders across the district can go from here. Onto the Sweet 16!

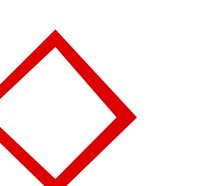
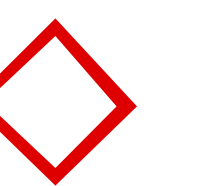
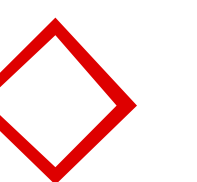


## IMPORTANT DATES

**FRI-MON FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>-20<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**  
President's Day Holiday. District Closed.

**FRIDAY MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**  
End of Third Quarter.

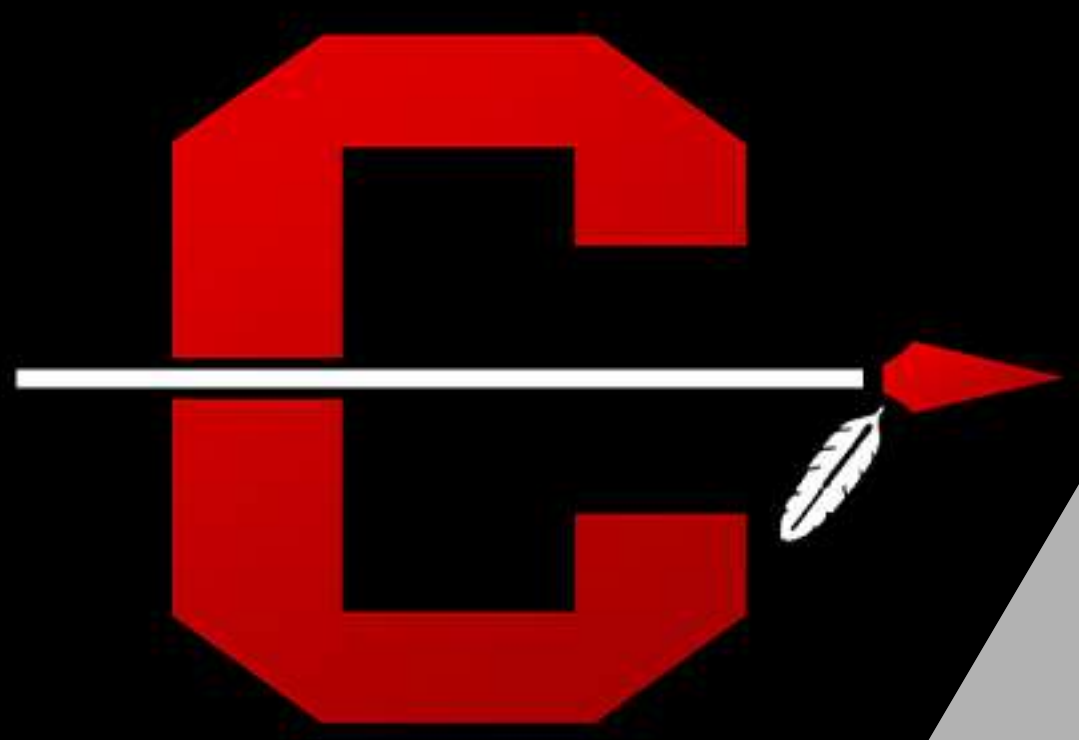
**MON-FRI MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>-17<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**  
Spring Break.



## OUTREACH

◆ **POSITIVELY BUZZING** - Can you spell C-H-A-M-P-I-O-N? This week marked the end of our campus spelling bee competitions, and what a thrilling time it was for all students that participated! Each elementary and middle school campus held a riveting, engaging competition that saw students racing through the rounds to claim the title of Top Speller. With the words getting progressively harder with each passing round, the participants began to dwindle until a single winner remained.

Congratulations to Fabian Herrera (Cottonwood), Valeria Cordova (Eastside), Juan Centeno (SFMS), Britlyn Bryant (Northside), Sophia Cordova-Diaz (CMS), Victoria Medina (Southside), Scarlett Trejo (Pine Burr), and Darlyn Gomez (Santa Fe)! These students now advance to the Regional Competition. If they win that, they move to the State level, and if they win THAT, you may see them on TV when the National Spelling Bee competition is aired! How exciting! Best of luck Cleveland ISD spellers!



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## GALLERY

