

Crowley ISD Points of Pride

Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025

1. IN MEMORY: Passing of Dallas Park

The Crowley ISD family was saddened to hear that Mr. Dallas Park, the namesake of Dallas Park Elementary, passed away on Wednesday, August 20th at the age of 91.

Mr. Park was a dedicated servant leader in Crowley ISD, **faithfully serving on the Board of Trustees for 30 years** from 1971–2001. His legacy of commitment to students and public education lives on through the school that bears his name.

We extend our deepest condolences to the Park family and all who knew and loved him.

2. EVENT: College Fair

Crowley Pride was on display at our annual College Fair last night at the Bill R. Johnson CTE Center.

More than 80 colleges and universities from coast-to-coast and all sizes were gathered right here in Crowley ISD to connect and interact with our scholars and their families.

The recruiters were very complimentary of our students and facilities, and were able to enjoy true Crowley ISD hospitality. Thank you to Dr. Duvall, Mrs. Pitts and the entire team for making this annual event a tremendous success!

3. EVENT: Prairie View A&M Marching Band Returning

After making an appearance in Crowley ISD last fall, the Prairie View A&M Marching Storm is BACK! As part of their DFW tour during the State Fair of Texas, this decorated program will perform in front of our middle and high school band and dance students at Crowley ISD Multi-Purpose Stadium.

Everyone is invited to join us LIVE on YouTube tomorrow morning at 9 AM to watch the exciting performance! I'm so proud that our students will experience the power of fine arts and college readiness from one of the best bands in the nation!

4. SHOUT OUT: Honor Unit With Distinction

Congratulations to the Panther Battalion for securing Honor Unit with Distinction!

Your unwavering leadership and outstanding performance is truly inspiring!

To be named an Honor Unit with Distinction is a prestigious JROTC award recognizing top-notch academics, leadership, and community service. This recognition wouldn't be possible without the outstanding efforts of our students and the support of Lieutenant Colonel Sawyer, Sergeant First Class Peavy and Sergeant First Class Meyer. Thank you for all you do!

5. SHOUT OUT: Chisholm Trail Education Foundation

I want to give a quick shout out to the Chisholm Trail Education Foundation for donating the new **Bookworm Vending Machine** at Baylor Elementary School!

Students are able to earn special gold coins to receive a free book as part of the foundation's "Learn to Love to Read" initiative. I can't wait to see more of these machines at school across our district!

If you are looking for a way get involved ... you can tee it up at the foundation's 20th **annual golf tournament**, hosted at Waterchase Golf Club on Wednesday, October 15th.

All proceeds raised will support Crowley ISD students. Register today as an individual or team... and sponsorship opportunities are available.

6. EVENT: U.S. Bands Event in Crowley ISD

For the third consecutive year, Crowley ISD has been selected to host the U.S. Bands Dallas Regional competition on Saturday, Oct. 4.

The top 29 bands in the area are set to perform at Crowley ISD Multi-Purpose Stadium, highlighted by the Mighty Panther Band taking the field at 12:15 p.m. and the Mighty Eagle Band slated for 2 p.m.

Tickets are available on the U.S. Bands web site. We are so excited to see our students excel and share our outstanding facility with the best the Metroplex has to offer.

7. SHOUT OUT: STEM Lab at Oakmont Elementary

It's been a special week for the students at Oakmont Elementary, as they are one of only 30 campuses statewide chosen to host a **TEA Mobile STEM Lab**.

There are only nine mobile STEM labs total and Oakmont is the only campus selected as a destination in North Texas.

The innovative lab has been parked in front of the school all week and every kindergarten through fifth grade student has been able to climb onboard to solve an engineering design challenge.

Kudos to Principal Cabrea Bundy, Dr. Silvia Valencia and Ms. Lauren Kelly for making this opportunity happen in Crowley ISD.