

Crowley ISD Points of Pride

Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026

1. Custodian of the Year

We are incredibly proud to announce that the lead custodian at Dallas Park Elementary, **Ms. Nohemi Zepeda**, has been named Crowley ISD Custodian of the Year by our partners at ABM!

From early mornings to late evenings, she works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure Dallas Park is clean, safe and welcoming for our students, staff and families. Her positive attitude, strong work ethic and commitment to her campus does not go unnoticed. Please join us in congratulating her on this well-deserved recognition!

2. Basketball Playoffs

This week is filled with more playoff basketball and our teams are traveling all over the state to play.

On the boys side, both teams have advanced to the Area round. Tonight at 7 p.m., the **#2 North Crowley Panthers** take on El Paso Eastlake High at Sul Ross University in Alpine, Texas, while the **Crowley Eagles** also head west to battle San Angelo Central in Abilene tomorrow night.

But the big game we have our eyes set on is the **second-ranked North Crowley Lady Panthers** against Flower Mound tomorrow night for the regional finals. Tip-off is set for 6:30 p.m. inside the Arlington ISD Athletics Center and we're looking for our community to show up and be loud! The girls state championship game is next Saturday, and our Lady Panthers are only two wins away from a trip to San Antonio.

3. All Pro Dad

I want to take a moment to shine a light on a great program we have at every school in Crowley ISD... and that's **All Pro Dad**. This national non-profit is devoted to building up fathers and father figures through meaningful conversations and activities that strengthens their relationship with their children.

Our campuses host monthly breakfasts and we've seen great participation at schools like Bess Race, Jackie Carden, Poynter Elementary and Crowley Collegiate Academy.

If you are interested in attending an All Pro Dad event, reach out to your child's campus and get involved today!

4. Battle of the Books

Crowley ISD took over the Grand Room at Tarleton State University's Fort Worth campus this week for the annual Battle of the Books competition. Between the elementary and middle school competitions, we had over **60 teams and nearly 300 students** in action to celebrate their love for reading. We're so proud of the preparation and heart these students brought to the competition and I can't wait to meet the winners at a school board meeting in March!

5. AI in Crowley ISD

During this week's edition of Mondays with Dr. McFarland, we had a great conversation with parents around the subject of artificial intelligence and how it is being used in Crowley ISD.

From this discussion, Crowley ISD has decided to rollout a **new parent series** in March on Zoom with more AI learning opportunities for families. This four-week series will be at 6 p.m. on March 4, March 11, March 25 and April 1 with the goal of helping families understand AI, keep their children safe, and confidently use AI as a learning support at home.

These sessions will be great for anyone looking to learn more about AI and how you can use it in your every day life.

6. Living Legend

I'd like to take a moment to recognize our superintendent, **Dr. Michael McFarland**, for receiving the Living Legend Award from the Texas Alliance of Black School Educators (TABSE) at the annual conference last weekend.

Dr. McFarland's leadership has changed lives, opened doors and intentionally set others up to thrive and we're proud to have his wisdom and guidance here in Crowley ISD.