



Congratulations and welcome back!

A Familiar Face



Scott Longacre

If you think you've seen Scott Longacre around, you are right! Scott has returned to us in the role of part-time Master Electrician. We are excited to have him back.



Happy Birthday

4 Silvano Saucedo
18 Erick Sanchez



Words from the Director of Facilities

With a formal dedication of the new Richland College Garland Campus scheduled for June 30, students are attending classes. Mehrdad Haroutunian and his staff as well as the Garland Chamber of Commerce have moved into offices on site.

Construction of the new service road south of the science building is expected to be 50% complete this week. Depending on weather conditions, construction of the temporary bypass and permanent road to the sports fields is to start in early June. Installation of the large underground cistern to store rainwater for the science building is underway. The stored water will be used for irrigation and to flush toilets. A smaller cistern is being placed under the new Kiowa parking lot to collect water for irrigation.

Retrofit of the old Washita buildings to form the Shops at Pecos is proceeding with initiation of painting, electrical, HVAC, and pad construction over the past 30 days.

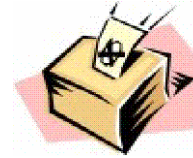
If your birthday is in May and your name wasn't listed. Please let us know in P131.



RecycleMania!

Jerry Owens and Sonny McDonald reported that Richland came in 2nd place for the Grand Champion of Texas and 43rd nationally out of 206 schools. Our first year of competition in RecycleMania enhanced our overall recycle program. During the ten weeks of competition, we recycled 66.6 tons of recyclables and decreased our waste (to the landfill) by 65.3 tons. Experiences achieved in this year's competition will promote our goals to continue to enhance our recycle program and win the Grand Champion of Texas in 2010. Some of the other Texas schools that competed were UTD, Texas A&M, Rice University, University of Houston, Northlake College, Trinity University, University of North Texas, UTA and the Grand Champion of Texas for 2009, University of St. Thomas located in Houston. Special appreciation to our custodial cleaning contractor GCA for the optimistic and productive support of our recycle program and their participation in this year's RecycleMania.

Voting Time!



Ballots for the
Employee of the Quarter
award for the 4th Quarter
2008-2009 Fiscal Year
(June – August 2009)

Last day to vote is
Wednesday, May 27, 2009

2008-2009 1ST QUARTER
Jose Resenes

2008-2009 2nd QUARTER
LeeAnne Scott

2008-2009 3rd QUARTER
Scott Dunn



On the morning of April 30th, 2009, Dennis Griffin, Horticulture Technician discovered and documented a rare occurrence that few people get to witness. The Night Blooming Cereus, or Queen of the Night flower, blooms only one night a year, and Mr. Griffin was lucky enough to experience the blooming. Thankfully, pictures were taken to preserve this rare moment before the bloom closed for another full year.