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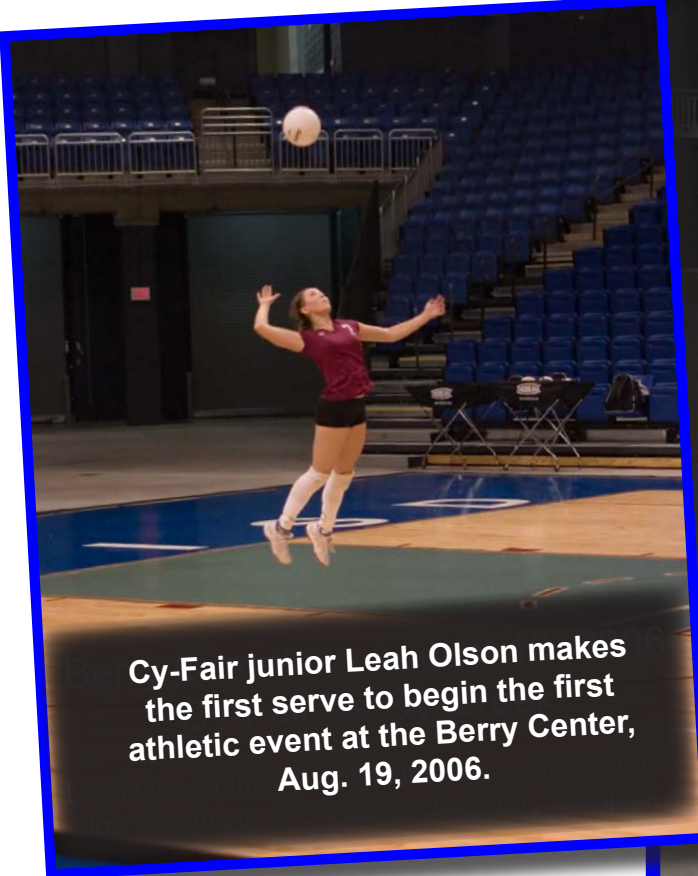
Achievements throughout the year

As the school year comes to a close in Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District, a tradition of excellence continues with added milestones from the 2006-2007 school year.

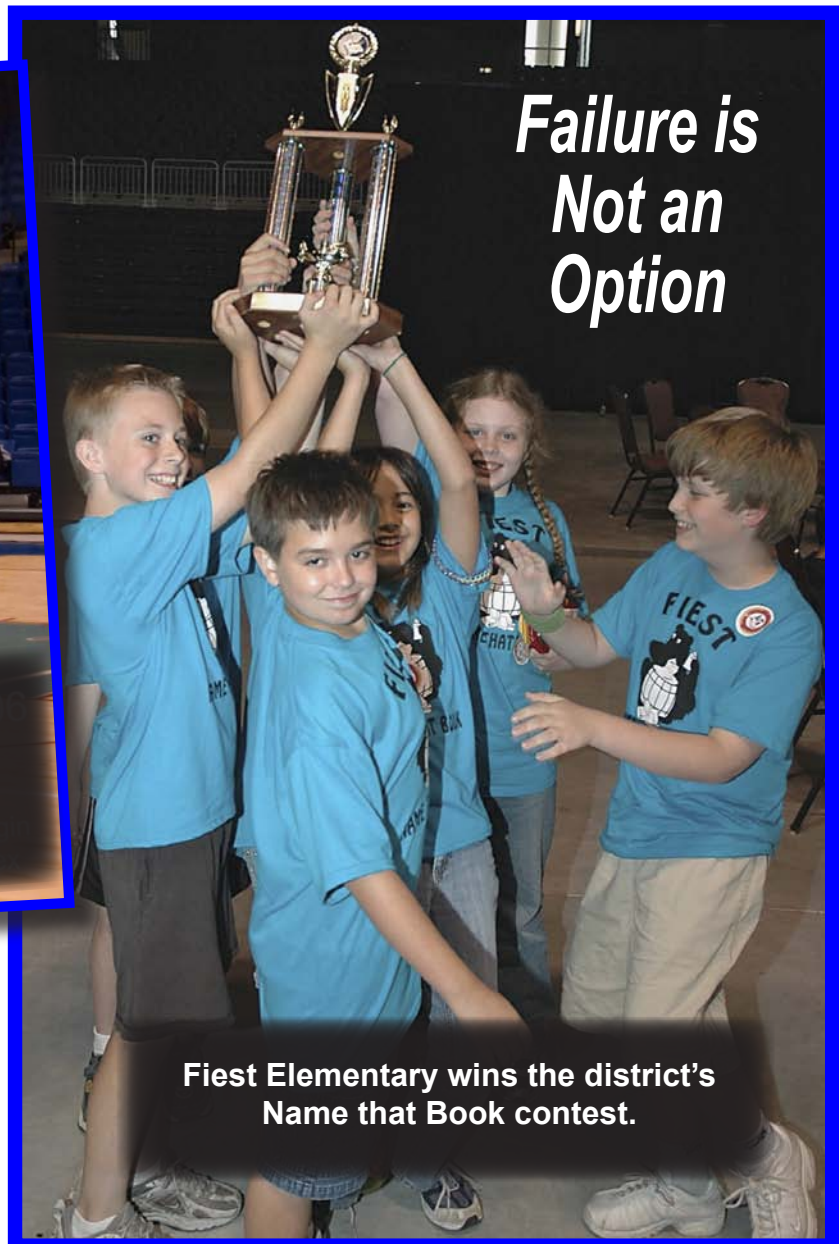
Adopting the NASA slogan "Failure is Not an Option," for this school year, CFISD started off by opening the doors to four new schools and one special-program facility. New staff welcomed the first students to walk the halls of Andre', Black and Postma elementary schools as well as Cypress Woods High School and the new Carlton Center.

"Opening Black Elementary has been an amazing experience for everyone involved," said Lillian Chastain, principal. "I have an outstanding, talented staff who has worked diligently and tirelessly throughout last summer and the school year. Our wonderful volunteers have also provided much-needed support in every dimension from furniture placement to tutoring of students. But the emphasis has to be on the kids. We have merged students from three elementary schools, and they have done an awesome job of becoming loyal and enthusiastic Black Bearkats. In the end, I am so proud of how well everything has come together and blended into a very successful school year for our kids, our staff, our parents and our community."

The doors were also opened to the Berry Center with first-time activities including the first convocation held for district staff, which was able to accommodate all teachers in two sessions on one day. In the past, there was no district facility that could host a convocation for



Cy-Fair junior Leah Olson makes the first serve to begin the first athletic event at the Berry Center, Aug. 19, 2006.



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Fiest Elementary wins the district's Name that Book contest.

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The Berry Center has also hosted numerous professional development workshops for teachers and administrators throughout the year, along with events such as district UIL and student competitions, exhibitions, concerts, general meetings, banquets, proms and science and math camps.

Additionally, the first athletic event to inaugurate the center court of the arena in the Berry Center was a volleyball game between Cy-
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*For an update
on the
2007 Bond Study
go to the district's
website at
www.cfisd.net.*

Elections moved from May to November

As a result of the passage of House Bill 1 during the 79th Legislative Session, the Board of Trustees decided to hold a joint school district election with the Harris County general elections on Nov. 6, 2007.

The school district elections have been held in May in previous years, but HB1 requires school districts to hold joint elections on common election dates in May or November. The Board voted in December 2006 to move the school district election to November to provide easier accessibility for voters. Therefore, no CFISD trustee election was held on Saturday, May 12, 2007.