

CFISD announces namesakes for future schools

The namesakes for Elementary School Nos. 48 and 49 were approved by the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Board of Trustees during its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 9.

Elementary No. 48 was named Hemmenway Elementary School after John Edward Hemmenway.



John Edward Hemmenway

Hemmenway spent 31 years in education working for CFISD prior to his retirement in May 2002. He was the first middle school choir director in the district, and served in that position for 30 years at Arnold Middle School and one year at Goodson Middle School.

He was named one of five choral directors in Texas to receive the Choral Excellence Award given by the Texas Choral Directors Association in 2005, and was selected as a Wall of Fame recipient in 1999. Under Hemmenway's direction,

district choirs received more than 100 UIL Sweepstakes awards, and his choirs were invited twice to sing at the Texas Music Educators Association Conference. Hemmenway has written and published three sight-reading books and a vocal arrangement of "Texas Our Texas," which was published in the state-adopted textbook.

Hemmenway and his wife, Marian, who works at Ault Elementary School, have two children—Jason, a 1996 Cy-Fair High School graduate living in San Francisco, and Meredith, a 2001 Cy-Fair graduate who teaches music at Black Elementary.

Hemmenway Elementary School is under construction at West Little York and Fry roads, and will open in August 2008. Elementary No. 49 was named Robinson Elementary School after Marie Williams Robinson.



Marie Williams Robinson

Robinson worked in the district for 33 years. She was a school nurse at Bane and Post elementary schools, Dean Junior High School and Jersey Village High School. She was named as the director of health services in 1973 while serving as the school nurse for Jersey Village. In 1974, she became the full-time director of health services. Robinson was actively involved in the Texas School Nurse Association and the District School Nurse Association before retiring in May 1996. Robinson and her husband, Don, have three children—Karen, Janet and Donna—who are all Cy-Fair High School graduates. Robinson Elementary School is under construction on Westfield Village Drive, and is scheduled to open in August 2008.

Graduation ceremonies to be broadcast live on Ch. 16

Those who are unable to attend the district's Class of 2007 graduation ceremonies will have the opportunity to view the event from their homes. The commencement ceremonies for each of the eight CFISD high schools will be broadcast live on CFTV Channel 16 for Cy-Fair residents who subscribe to Time Warner Cable.

More than 5,400 seniors are scheduled to walk across the stage to receive their high school diplomas at the Berry Center, located at 8877 Barker Cypress Road. Although parking for the graduation ceremonies is free, parents are encouraged to carpool due to the large attendance expected. Traffic on Friday, Saturday and Sunday is expected to be heavy in the Barker-Cypress area, so extra time should be allotted for travel and parking.

Tickets for the graduation ceremonies are required and will be issued through the graduating seniors.

For more information on graduation ceremonies, parents can contact their local high school.

CFTV- Channel 16 BROADCAST SCHEDULE

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| May 24 (Thursday) | Windfern HS | 7:00 p.m. |
| May 25 (Friday) | Cypress Springs HS | 7:30 p.m. |
| May 26 (Saturday) | Cypress Ridge HS | 9:00 a.m. |
| May 26 (Saturday) | Langham Creek HS | 12:30 p.m. |
| May 26 (Saturday) | Jersey Village HS | 4:00 p.m. |
| May 26 (Saturday) | Cypress Creek HS | 7:30 p.m. |
| May 27 (Sunday) | Cypress Falls HS | 1:00 p.m. |
| May 27 (Sunday) | Cy-Fair HS | 5:30 p.m. |

The ceremonies will not be rebroadcast on Channel 16.

Maps Available

The following maps for graduation ceremonies are available on the district's website under Important Dates:

- Overall Major Roadways Into and Out of Berry Center map
- Parent and Guest Parking map

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