

## Superintendent's Point of View

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By John Chapman

I hope you all had a great Labor Day weekend, and I have to admit that it was nice having the Monday off to catch up on some much needed home improvements. I am still trying to hear out of my right ear. As my son shot numerous times at every unfortunate dove that happened to be within his range, my right ear is still ringing. However, come to think of it...maybe this hard of hearing thing might not be so bad after all.

Comfort ISD has a new website. A special thanks to Jerry Lively and Mark Davis, Comfort's own technological gurus, for spending so much time putting together the new website. It is much improved from the old one and more user-friendly. All the school information is found in a new format which is easier to navigate. Important news is found scrolling on the left hand side of the home page while current information and events are found on the right side. All past and present Superintendent Point of Views are located under Comfort ISD. The new CISD web address is [www.comfort.txed.net](http://www.comfort.txed.net).

If you'll indulge me I would like to ask how many of you wake up in the morning thanking the good Lord for the blessing of living in the United States and furthermore, in Comfort, Texas? In the eyes of CISD...we are blessed. As you walk the halls in the district, you find teachers teaching, students paying attention and learning taking place. We have teachers that want to be here, that want to teach and most of all, want to do what is right for children. Comfort ISD is not perfect, nor will it ever be, but I can guarantee that we, all district staff, will make every effort to do the right thing. I was asked this week why I made a certain decision about an incident that took place. I realize that every decision I make affects something or someone. The administration does not make spur of the moment decisions. We look at the whole picture knowing that virtually any decision made will not make the entire population happy. However, when you have the student's at heart in every decision, things usually end positively. If they don't, you get up, brush yourself off and learn from it. I believe in being a team player, hearing all sides of the story. I try to pray for guidance and then get ready to deal with the consequences. The administration follows Board policies, the Student Code of Conduct and the Student Handbooks. I will make mistakes, but I will admit to them and then make the appropriate changes to fix the problem. On my office wall hangs a picture near and dear to my heart. It is a landscape with the Prayer of Jabez written on it. The prayer comes from 1 Chronicles 4:10. I read this every morning and ask for guidance to make the right choices. Again, I humbly thank you for allowing me a moment of personal indulgence.

I inadvertently left off a huge thank you in my Opening of Schools Ceremony article in August. I want to thank Wells Fargo of Comfort for donating the Opening of School Ceremony breakfast. During the last two years, Wells Fargo has donated the breakfast that feeds the entire CISD staff. They have been and continue to be a great supporter of the school district, and we greatly appreciate their efforts.