

Election to determine direction of education board

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DALLAS (AP) — The general election yesterday helped determine how much control social conservatives have on the Texas Board of Education as voters select representatives for all 15 spots.

The entire panel was up for election because of redistricting.

The board, set to adopt new science textbooks next year, has drawn attention in years past for ideological battles, with social conservatives trying to draw doubts about the theory of evolution

and elevate conservative figures in history lessons. There are four Democrats and 11 Republicans on the board, with six of those Republicans considered part of the social conservative bloc.

Eight incumbents tried to retain their spots on the board in the general election. Three faced major party opposition to retain their posts: social conservative Republican David Bradley, whose District 7 spot represents far Southeast Texas; moderate Republican Thomas Ratliff, whose District 9 spot represents East

Texas and Pat Hardy, a Republican who has been a swing vote whose District 11 spot represents parts of North Texas' Tarrant and Dallas counties.

Republican Sue Melton faces no major party opposition for the District 14 spot representing part of North Texas after defeating social conservative incumbent Gail Lowe in the primary.

There were six board races in which a Democrat and Republican are facing off that do not include an incumbent.

The Texas Board of Educa-

tion's responsibilities including establishing the state's public school curriculum, approving textbooks and managing the state's permanent school fund. Because all seats were up for election this year, newly elected members will draw numbers at the first meeting and eight will get four-year terms and seven will get two-year terms. After that, they'll have four-year terms.

An intense fight over how evolution is taught in science curriculum put a national spotlight on the board in 2009. The board ulti-

mately decided that Texas schools would no longer have to teach the "strengths and weaknesses" of evolution. Teachers would still be encouraged to consider "all sides" of scientific theories.

The board did see a shift more toward the center after the defeat in 2010 of social conservative Republican Don McLeroy, the former board chairman who believed the Earth was only 6,000 years old and that the Christian influences of the founding fathers are important to studying American history.



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VETERANS DAY

From the mid-1950s through 1975, nearly 3 million Americans served in the Vietnam War. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. permanently displays the names of the 58,195 men and women who gave their _____ in service to our country.

Sometimes called “The Wall,” the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is a very _____ monument. It is a place for friends, family members and people from around the country and the world to _____ to remember the sacrifice of those who died.

Many visitors use paper and a _____ or chalk to make rubbings of some of the names as a keepsake and reminder of their _____ to the memorial.

Standards Link: Civics: Students know how Veterans Day reflects the shared values, principles and beliefs of Americans.

Replace these words missing from the article.

GATHER VISIT LIVES THINKING PENCIL POWERFUL



The Memorial was designed by a Yale University student named Maya Ying Lin.

See ‘The Wall’

Can't travel to Washington, D.C. to see the wall? There is a traveling replica of The Wall that visits cities across America throughout the year. You can see the schedule at www.vvmf.org to find out where it can be seen.

The replica is 80% the size of the actual Vietnam Veterans Memorial, but it includes every one of the names.

Families can make rubbings of the names or spend time _____ about those who served in Vietnam and other wars.



Circle the two identical Huey helicopters.

Unexpected

When Maya Ying Lin's design for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was first selected, some people were upset by the unusual monument.

But over time, The Wall has become one of the most powerful and beloved tributes in America, visited by over three million people each year.

People were used to seeing statues of men on horseback and other powerful tributes to military heroes. Maya Ying Lin's design was unlike any other monument and not at all what people expected.

How to Create a Rubbing

Many people make rubbings at The Wall.

Place a piece of paper over an object.

Scribble back and forth gently with a pencil.

You can make rubbings of plaques, leaves and more. Create a whole book of the rubbings you create as a keepsake.

Let's Talk

Ask a parent about a time they changed their opinion about something.

Extra! Extra! Memory Page

Create a page so that in the future you can remember your life today. Look through the newspaper and select pictures and words that describe you and your life today. Use these to decorate a page all about you!

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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Honoring Veterans

Here are just some of the ways you can honor military veterans on Veterans Day, courtesy of www.va.gov/kids

- ★ Draw a picture about Veterans Day and send it to your newspaper. Maybe it will be published!
- ★ Make a card to thank veterans. You can send your card to a local VA Medical Center.
- ★ Ask your teacher to invite veterans to your classroom. You can learn a lot from your guests!
- ★ Have your school make a poster with the names (and pictures) of relatives and friends who are veterans.
- ★ Write an acrostic poem using the words “THANK YOU.” Begin each line with a word that starts with the letter shown and give it to a friend or family member who is a veteran.

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H _____

A _____

N _____

K _____

Y _____

O _____

U _____

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Know how different media techniques communicate ideas.

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Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word NAMES in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you pick three stars that add up to exactly 100?

48 82 2 25 10 69 66

76 98 18 16 39 19 94

23 11 90 17 52 99 3

HINT: There is more than one answer.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums to 100.

The Online Scoop

Wearing a red poppy on November 11 is a way to honor veterans. Go to www.kidscoop.com/kids to find instructions to make a poppy.

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Heroes

Look through the newspaper and clip pictures and articles about heroes, past and present. Make a “Heroes” poster. Tell the reason why each person is considered a hero.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand how participation in civic responsibilities helps preserve democracy.

Double Double Word Search

MEMORIAL VETERANS KEPSAKE VIETNAM COUNTRY DISPLAY SERVED NAMES WORLD CHALK PAPER HUEY MAYA YING LIN

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

S	P	E	C	W	O	R	L	D	E
A	Y	A	M	D	I	P	A	I	K
Y	V	E	T	E	R	A	N	S	A
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C	E	N	U	R	T	E	M	L	P
H	T	I	G	E	E	R	E	A	E
A	N	L	R	S	Y	A	S	Y	E
L	A	I	R	O	M	E	M	N	K
K	M	Y	R	T	N	U	O	C	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Have you thanked a veteran today?

On the 11th month, the 11th day, at the 11th hour, take a moment to stop for two minutes and remember those who served.

Write On! What is a Hero?

Write a poem or short story describing what you think defines a hero. Include examples using people you know or have read about.