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# Bulldog News

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## Spot Light on Ex-Students



**Andy Hale** is a 1994 graduate of Spur High School. Andy attended Texas A&M University and graduated in 1998 with a BS in Agricultural Economics. While attending A&M, Andy worked as a research assistant in the Office of International Agriculture Programs. He received his Master's Degree from A&M in 2000.

Andy lived in Washington, D.C. for several years where he worked in the Trade Show Office for USDA/FAS, was an assistant project administrator for Chemonics International, an administrator for international marketing and membership, Food Marketing Institute, and director of business development and sales, NewMedia Solutions, Arlington, VA. He moved to Kabul, Afghanistan in 2003 and worked as a monitoring and evaluation specialist for Rebuilding Agricultural Markets in Afghanistan Project (RAMP).

In 2005, Andy moved to Tucson, AZ to begin working on his PhD in Arid Lands Resources with a Global Change minor at the University of Arizona. He worked as a

research assistant for Sustainability of semi-Arid Hydrology and Riparian Areas (SAHRA) where he developed comprehensive economic agriculture sector models and used them to assess agricultural policy impacts on regional water demand. He also developed and analyzed integrated policy solutions for achieving and balancing regional food and water security. He lived in Iraq in 2008 and worked as an irrigation advisor for team Borlaug, Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture. He assessed the agriculture and irrigation sectors of southern provinces, and provided recommendations to the U.S. government and government of Iraq stakeholders on revitalization of agriculture in Iraq. Early in 2011, Andy worked as a senior agricultural economist for the Borlaug Institute in Liberia, Southern Sudan and Iraq. He assessed agricultural markets and production profitability through cost of production and labor cost analysis. He worked in collaboration with the Buffett Foundation, the World Food Program, and USAID. Andy received his PhD in Arid Lands Resources from the University of Arizona in May of 2011. He is currently in the process of moving to Bangkok, Thailand where he will work for USAID managing a long-term project on a carbon emissions reductions program for all of Southeast Asia.

Andy is the son of Billy and Sallye Hale.



**Band Booster Club Sponsored  
Spaghetti Supper**

**5:30 PM**

**Up to 4th grade \$4 a plate**

**5th grade up \$6 a plate**

**&**

**Christmas Concert 7:00 PM**

# Find the Crayon Box By Ricky Martinez

A book written by Randy Pausch shared a story called "Get in touch with your crayon box".

*People who know me sometimes complain that I see things in black or white.*

*In fact, one of my friends would tell people: "Go to Randy if you want black-and-white advice. But if you want gray advice, he's not the guy." Ok. I stand guilty as charged, especially when I was younger.*

*I used to say that my crayon box had only two colors in it: black and white.*

*As I've gotten older, though, I've learned to appreciate that a good crayon box might have more than two colors.*

*Crayons remind me of childhood dreams. Grab a crayon, close your eyes and rub the crayon with your fingers-feel the texture, the*

*paper, the wax. Smell the crayon. Doesn't it take you back to your childhood?*

*I've often carried a crayon in my shirt pocket. When I need to go back in time, to remember my dreams, I put the crayon under my nose and I smell. Breathe it in. You'll see.*

Let us work together to fertilize, nourish and strengthen the dreams of our students. Encourage them by sharing that no dream is too big or small. Support our students and your kids by letting them understand dreams can be achieved.....even the word impossible say's I'm possible.

Together-We make a difference every day.



Perfect attendance and Honor Roll is a combined drawing, four main prizes for Middle School and four main for High School.

We would like to Thank Dairy Queen for providing a gift for all the students with perfect attendance and honor roll on the secondary campus.

Please sign and have your child return his/her report card to their English Teacher.



Spur Elementary has started the PAWS Pride Program. It consists of two parts. The first part is our daily PAWS recognition. Students can earn PAWS throughout the day for their behavior, showing good citizenship and manners. Each morning during announcements those students who received a PAW for their actions are rewarded with our prized PAW to hang on our PAW Wall in the elementary hallway. The second part of the program is designed to promote academic excellence, improve citizenship between the staff and the students, and to promote a successful school. The purpose of the program is to increase student attendance, reduce tardiness, improve students overall academic performance, create a positive school environment, encourage, and provide rewards for excellence. The goals of the program are to reduce absences, to improve student grades, to assure success on the STARR test and to promote Spur ISD. The students have criteria for recognition per six weeks. The first criteria is students in grades 1st-5th must have all report card grades 75 or above, second, they can have no unexcused absences, third, no office referrals, and the last criteria is that they can have no more than one excused tardy. Students that have met these recognition criteria per six weeks will receive an award at the Spur Elementary Paws Pride Rally. Our second PAWS Pride Rally is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22 starting at 8:00 A.M. in the cafeteria. You are invited to come and celebrate your student's success.

## Remember the Date

- November 18** JV & Varsity Basketball Vs. Aspermont
- November 21** Jr. High Basketball Vs. Guthrie
- November 22** 2nd 6 weeks PAWS Pride Rally 8:00 AM  
JV & Varsity Basketball @ Highland
- November 23-25** Thanksgiving Break
- November 28** Jr. High Basketball Vs. Jayton
- November 29** JV & Varsity Basketball at Whitharrell
- December 1, 2, 3** Roby Tournament Varsity  
Jayton JV Tournament
- December 1** United Blood Services 2:00 to 5:00 PM
- December 6** JV & Varsity Basketball Vs. Crosbyton
- December 8, 9, 10** Guthrie Tournament
- December 12** Jr. High @ Paducah
- December 13** Varsity Girls @ Patton Springs
- December 15** Spaghetti Supper 5:30 PM  
Christmas Concert 7:00 PM
- December 16** Varsity Girls Vs. Motley County @ Spur
- December 20** Varsity Basketball @ Guthrie