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CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Alamo Elementary honors coach who died of cancer

The February passing of a popular Alamo Elementary School physical education teacher inspired his colleagues to create a lasting memorial commemorating the service and inspiration he provided for his students, friends, and fellow teachers.

By all accounts, Coach Jon Brunson contributed greatly to the lives of his students and Alamo school community. In his role as a physical education teacher, he modeled a positive and pleasant attitude in all his interactions with students and staff. He knew the children well and was caring and patient.

Coach Brunson, 43, had been ill with cancer for several months before he passed away peacefully in February in the company of his family.

In a moving ceremony Tuesday, May 31, members of the Alamo Elementary School community, and members of Coach Brunson family including his 4-year-old daughter, Blake, honored Coach Brunson with songs, a plaque that will hang in the school, a mural on the gym wall, and many fond memories of man who loved working with students every day.

Coach Brunson taught in Alvin briefly before coming to Goose Creek CISD as an elementary physical education teacher at Pumphrey in 1990. Coach Brunson would leave teaching to go to work at Exxon for a year, but returned to the calling that he loved, teaching elementary students. He taught at Pumphrey until it closed and then at Alamo, where he continued to be a beloved member of the Alamo faculty and family.

"The lesson that I learned from Jon Brunson is just how powerful a positive attitude can be," said Dr. Ron Wyatt, Alamo principal. "Coach was always smiling, even when he was in pain. He made sure that you never knew that there was something wrong; he never gave less than his absolute best and did it with a smile. Coach taught me that no matter what is going on in life, the best way to approach it is to smile and face it head on."



Molly Brunson and her daughter Blake hold a plaque honoring her late husband, Coach Jon Brunson, who died in February. The plaque was unveiled during a ceremony honoring Coach Brunson at Alamo Elementary School on May 31. The school hopes to rename its gymnasium after Coach Brunson in the future. [Photo Gallery](#)

Dr. Wyatt said the school is planning to rename its gymnasium in Brunson's honor, pending school board approval.

"Jon would be humbled by this great tribute," said Coach Brunson's wife Molly. "We are his legacy — his family and you kids."

To close out the program, Coach James Black led the students in a Coach Brunson-inspired cheer: "What Are You?" he shouted. "Champions!" the students responded.

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