

HIGHLIGHTS

OUR DISTRICT OUR STUDENTS OUR PRIDE

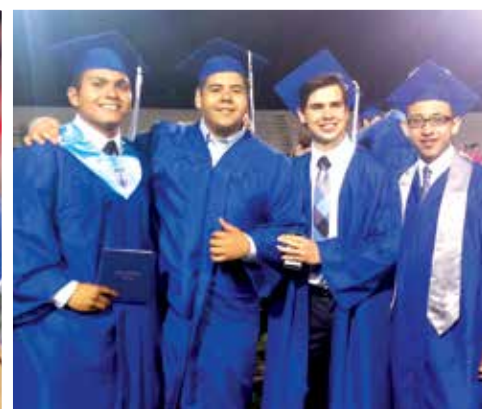


Summer

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Congratulations Class of 2016



CARDWELL SAYS GOODBYE TO MRS. LINDA GUANAJUATO-WEBB



After forty two years with the SFDRCSISD, Mrs. Linda Guanajuato-Webb says goodbye. A true inspiration, Mrs. Guanajuato-Webb has been a great advocate for the betterment of the Cardwell Head Start students and their families for the last six years. Thank you Mrs. Webb we will miss you dearly.

CARDWELL THREE YEAR OLD STUDENT RECOGNITION



Over ninety students will be returning to Cardwell to complete a second year. Teachers and students met to discuss next year and receive an incentive to remind them how happy Cardwell is to have them return for one more year of learning.

CARDWELL INSPIRING NEW TEACHERS



The DRHS Ready, Set, Teach students say goodbye to Cardwell after four months of intensive hand-on classroom training. Students enrolled in Mrs. Nancy St. Peter's CATE class inspire to pursue a career in education.

CARDWELL'S KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION TRIPS



With field trips to seven local elementary schools, Cardwell students get an opportunity to become familiar with their new school. Students met their new principal, counselor, nurse, teachers, coaches, custodians, and cafeteria staff. They toured kindergarten classrooms, library, cafeteria, computer lab, and gym. Students are excited about attending a new school next year.

NORTH HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY LIFE OF A BUTTERFLY



Mrs. Acosta's Kindergarten class studied the Life Cycle of a Butterfly up close in their classroom. During the March Fire Drill students rescued a caterpillar and nurtured it until it became a beautiful butterfly named Bella. Bella was then released into the wild on Earth Day.

NORTH HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY CASA DE LA CULTURA



Ian Limon visited Casa de la Cutura with his second grade class.

NORTH HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY STAAR PEP RALLY



The STAAR Pep Rally included an MC, packed bleachers and a teacher dance off.

NORTH HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SPRING COURT



The Spring Court enjoyed front row seats for the STAAR Pep Rally.

NORTH HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY CAREER DAY



Students enjoyed Career Day. Several community businesses volunteered their time to come and talk to students about their jobs. Thank you to the many folks who shared their work day with us.

GARFIELD READY TO SAY GOODBYE



Ready to say Goodbye!! Garfield's 5th graders wanted to take a memory picture of their 5th grade class to remember all the great years they had in Garfield along with their fabulous 5th grade teachers. The 5th Graders will go through their "graduation" ceremony and hope to not shed too many tears saying goodbye to their elementary childhood. The 5th graders want to send a huge "Thank you!" to their 5th grade teachers for helping them end their elementary career on a positive note.

GARFIELD'S GOT TALENT



Garfield's Got Talent!! Garfield choir students, under the direction of Kasey Ristow their music teacher, put on a performance of a lifetime showing off their talent during a Rockabilly Musical performance! They wowed their Garfield family and friends as they rocked through the music!

GARFIELD'S GIFTED & TALENTED



Garfield's Gifted & Talented students had their final GT Exhibit and play at the GT Show at Garfield Wednesday May 25th. Mrs. A. led the students in helping facilitate the Grand Finale play performance. The students displayed their projects for the public to view. Most projects were interactive so as to involve the viewers. It was a Grand night!!

GARFIELD FINE ARTS NIGHT



Garfield had their second annual Fine Arts Night starting out with a silent auction. Every student had their artwork displayed in the halls to show off their artistic talent. The night ended with a wonderful performance by the Choir, Singing Mustangs and Recorder group. The Fine Arts Nights is organized by both Vanessa Martinez, Garfield's Art teacher and Kasy Ristow their music teacher.

GARFIELD GAMES IN NATURE



Garfield 4th grade had an End of the Year event hosting a "Games in Nature" event. After having just finished taking their STAAR Math and Reading exams they wanted to use their STAAR skills in real life by using their reading and math skills playing challenging games while using their science knowledge to appreciate the wonderful world of Mother Nature by observing their surroundings while using their environment for pleasure. This experience will help prep them for their 5th grade science STAAR exam.

BUENA VISTA LONGHORN CHOIR



The Buena Vista Longhorn Choir had the prestigious opportunity to perform with the San Antonio Symphony in San Antonio, Texas on Friday, May 27, 2016 at the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts. The students performed several of the pieces heard at the District Choir Performance and others they had been working on. The choir has been very active in the community as well. They showcased their talents at local businesses around our beautiful town on Thursday, May 19, 2016. Congratulations goes out to the Buena Vista Longhorn Choir on their many accomplishments this school year and to their sponsor, Mrs. Angela Leonor.

BUENA VISTA ELEMENTARY HONOR STUDENT COUNCIL



The Buena Vista Elementary Student council has once again earned the title of Honor Student Council. After a years' worth of hard work and dedication, the students were treated to a field trip to Sea World on Friday, May 13, 2016. The students enjoyed a day of fun in sun, fast rides, and spectacular shows. Congratulations goes out to the students and their sponsors for attaining HONOR student council once again!

5TH ANNUAL DISTRICT RELAYS AND TRACK MEET



Buena Vista students showed team spirit at the district's 5th Annual Relay and Track meet held on Thursday, May 19, 2016. The students ran their hearts out and cheered their fellow teammates on as they raced in several of the track meet events held that day. Buena Vista students earned the First place trophy for small school participation. A big thank you goes out to our school coaches, Coach Ealy, Coach Wardlaw and Coach Jenkins, for preparing and helping make this event a successful one!

BUENA VISTA TALENT SHOW



They say every minute a star is born and Buena Vista Elementary definitely did their part to show case their young stars with a spectacular talent show. The aspiring stars ages 5-11 stepped into the spotlight on Wednesday, May 25, 2016. The talent show featured children who sang, danced, and performed. The top three acts were as follows: 1st place: Abram Ortiz, 2nd place: Kimberly Turner, and 3rd place: The Warriors. It was truly a night to remember! Special thanks goes out to our guest judges: Michelle Reyna, Carrie De La Rosa, and Raquel Martin Yanez for helping that night! A special thank you also goes out to our staff members, Mrs. A. Leonor, Mrs. O. Gonzalez, Mrs. O. Calderon, and Miss. L. Limon for putting this show together!



On behalf of the San Felipe Del Rio CISD, and in recognition for your years of service, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge THANK YOU for your hard work and commitment to a career that requires endless amounts of dedication. May the blessings and joy you have brought so many, along with the satisfaction of a job well done, fill your new journey with happiness. You have made a lasting impact by inspiring with passion and guiding through example. Your professional expertise and friendship will be greatly missed. Wishing you success and happiness in all that you do! It is well deserved! Norma Arellano Reymundo Avalos Maria D. Avila Alfredo Becerra Landon Boston Linda Cardenas Abelardo Casillas Marian Casillas Raul Celedon Velma Cortinas CONGRATULATIONS! ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT!!

Carlos H. Rios, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools



Acosta, Tula

Arredondo, Rosalinda

Contreras, Dolores

De La Paz, Juanita

Fitzmorris, John

Fuentes, Enriqueta



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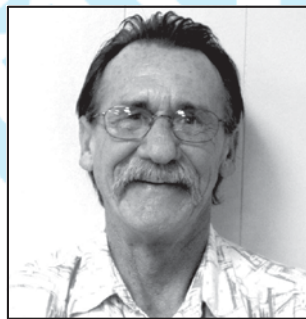
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Poole, Gene



Ramos, Pablo



Rocamontes, Rodolfo



Salinas, Jackie



Salinas, Miguel



St. Peter, Nancy



Tamez, Sandra



Taylor, Marylee



West, Rebecca

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON OUR WILDLIFE HABITAT AT LAMAR ELEMENTARY



Students and parents came out to help with Lamar's Wildlife Habitat on Saturday, April 23rd. The second phase on construction included building a retaining wall for the turtle enclosures, organizing and building the plant holders, planting trees into their designated plant holders, and prepping the flower beds. We would like to thank all the local organizations that have donated time, supplies, and services to helping our Wildlife Habitat grow. We would also like to thank Mrs. Belinda Hernandez, Ms. B. Cruz, Mrs. P. Villarreal and the SFDRICSD Education Foundation for their grant to make our habitat possible.

TEXAS GAME WARDENS GIVE LESSONS ON SURROUNDING HABITATS



Fifth grade students at Lamar Elementary had the opportunity to visit the San Felipe Creek and learn about invasive species thanks to Texas Game Wardens Isaac Ruiz and Miguel Banda. Students rotated through several stations that included fishing and Turbo in addition to also learning about habitats. A special thank you to all the Texas Game Wardens that attended the activity and made the learning experience a great success for our students.

READY FOR SUMMER SHOE DRIVE



Members of the Leadership Del Rio Alumni group recently held a shoe drive for local school children to help get them ready with new shoes for the summer days. Members of the leadership group were on hand to deliver the shoes. A big thanks to (and pictured left to right) Tina Smiley of the National Park Service, Beverly Rosas of Texas Community Bank, Blancita Montemayor of Amistad Bank, Lisa Garcia of Lake Amistad Realty, and Maryvel Flores, Lamar Principal.

SECOND GRADE SPRING CONCERT



Second Grade students at Lamar Elementary held a Spring Concert for parents on Wednesday, April 27th. Students sang and dance to several songs. A big thanks to teachers for organizing the event.

DR. LONNIE GREEN ELEMENTARY KINDER PERFECT ATTENDANCE



Congratulations kindergarteners who have had perfect attendance for the 2015-2016 school year. Hats off to each student who attended all 177 days of school on their first year attending Dr. Lonnie Green Elementary. Starting off your first year right, you are off to a great start. Keep up the good work and dedication. Dream big!



DR. LONNIE GREEN ELEMENTARY CHARLOTTE'S WEB



Students of Dr. Lonnie Green began reading "Charlotte's Web" at the beginning of the 5th six weeks. Once they finished the book, they started off by playing "Where's Wilbur?" which was in different places on campus. They celebrated the ending of the book by having a "Pig Party" during their specials. They enjoyed face paintings, popcorn, "chase the pig", dancing and get through the hula hoop.

5TH ANNUAL SFDR-CISD ELEMENTARY RELAYS 2016



Students of Dr. Lonnie Green participated in all relays of all grades from Kinder-5th grade. Students anxiously waited for their run on the track. They ran with such great energy and attitudes while representing their school. Boys and girls had such excitement on their faces and determination as they prepared for the race.

DR. LONNIE GREEN PEP RALLY FOR RAMS VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM



Dr. Lonnie Green held a pep rally for our Rams Varsity baseball team May 6, 2016. Staff and students welcomed the team starting off in the hall way at the entrance of the school. Students cheered as the team entered the cafeteria. Each player was presented with a baseball poster with their name and a little goodie bag. Staff and students wished them luck on their first playoff game as they took on the La Joya High School Coyote's in Laredo, TX. GO RAMS GO!!

RUBEN CHAVIRA ELEMENTARY PEN PAL PROJECT



Ruben Chavira Elementary 4th grade teacher, Miss Mia Smith, and Del Rio Middle School 8th grade teacher, Mrs. Natalie Foster, partnered their classes this year in a pen pal project that fostered a love of writing in a natural setting. Each 4th grader had an eighth grade pen pal to communicate with about topics such as extracurricular activities and hobbies. Students forgot about the fact that they were practicing writing skills as they wrote their letters. In May, the students were delighted to have the opportunity to meet each other with a fun filled afternoon at RCE. A skit performed by the 8th grade students, partner activities and ice cream sundaes were a wonderful way to become more acquainted with their new friends.

RCE AN INSPIRATION



Benjamin Franklin said, "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." Fortunately for Ruben Chavira Elementary first grade students, Mrs. Kelly Lujan, a veteran teacher of 29 years, brings this quote to life. Through constant praise, hands on activities, problem solving opportunities and real world interaction she is able to help each student unlock their greatest potential. As she works with her students, it is her late brother's challenging educational experience that inspires her to find the most innovative ways to reach each child's needs. RCE is fortunate to call her their own and voted her as their Teacher of the Year. In her typical style, Mrs. Lujan did not stop there. She continued on to claim the district title of Elementary Teacher of the Year.

RCE FUN DAY



In end of the year tradition, RCE celebrated teamwork and friendly competition with an outdoor Fun Day. Classes participated in Tug of War, scooter races and water games. Focusing on fun, students displayed their enthusiasm for winning!

BLENDED ACADEMY LEADERSHIP DEL RIO



Members from Leadership Del Rio visited Blended Academy on three occasions to present values based character building lessons to the students. At the conclusion of the series, students were invited to write an essay discussing what they each learned from the discussions. Five essays will be selected by the Leadership Del Rio members with a \$100 scholarship to be awarded to each author. Special thanks to Ms. Briana Muraira, Principal at Fermin Calderon Elementary, Ms. Elaine Soto, Val Verde Regional Medical Center, Marco Fuentes, ALCOA, and Ms. Enereida Fuentez, Amistad Bank for giving their time and for sharing their stories.

BLENDED ACADEMY 2016 TEACHER APPRECIATION BANQUET



Blended Academy enjoyed a wonderful afternoon with colleagues across the district at the 2016 Teacher Appreciation Banquet. The campus was proudly represented by Mrs. Cindy Johnson-Hunkin as the campus' first Teacher of the Year.

DR. FERMIN CALDERON'S FAIR



On May 26th, Dr. Fermin Calderon G.T. students exhibited their research projects to the public. Projects included designs of different holidays, golf courses, architecture, and tessellations. Students also wrote biographies and created power points on enigmas and endangered species.

DR. FERMIN CALDERON'S FINE ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA



Dr. Fermin Calderon's first "Fine Arts Extravaganza" organized by Miss. Erica Hernandez was held on Wednesday, May 25. Every student had the opportunity to display one art piece. Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary staff demonstrated their creativity by creating a self-portrait, which were displayed during the event. Dr. Fermin Calderon's Choir performed under the direction of Mrs. Andrea Reed. They were followed by special guest Audio Trip.

Students and their families were able to participate by coloring a life size mural which will remain on display the rest of the school year. The highlight of the evening was the photo booth where families were able to create lifelong memories!

DR. FERMIN CALDERON'S LITERACY NIGHT

DR. Fermin Calderon Elementary hosted its annual Literacy Night on Tuesday, April 19th. Hundreds of parents, grandparents, students and siblings arrived at the school for this fun event. Third grade students led a "Leader in Me" skit which was followed by "Leader in Me" songs performed by select Kinder students. After the performance, parents were invited to choose from over a dozen workshops on literacy. While the parents attended sessions to help them guide their children in reading, students listened to a variety of community leaders read a book as part of our Celebrity Reader program. The fun filled evening was ended with a spaghetti dinner.

DEL RIO MIDDLE SCHOOL UIL END OF YEAR PARTY

Del Rio Middle School UIL students enjoyed an evening of fun at their end-of-year party at the Buena Vista pool. Our UIL students worked hard to earn their medals and trophies and were rewarded with an evening full of swimming, food, friends, and fun.

DEL RIO MIDDLE SCHOOL MARIACHI DE LA JUVENTUD

The Del Rio Middle School Mariachi De La Juventud played at Val Verde Regional Hospital on Cinco de Mayo. The mariachi also played at several retirement homes.

DEL RIO MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE

ELA Teachers from Del Rio Middle School hosted a Food Drive in May to help local families in need. Students participated by donating non-perishable food items to the Val Verde County Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. Bill Cauthorn, a Food Pantry representative, met with teachers and students to collect the donations.

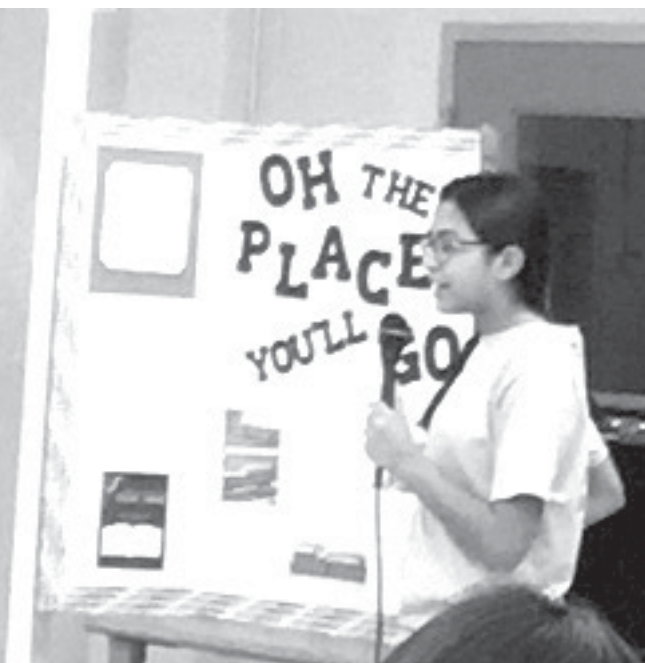
DEL RIO MIDDLE COACHES CELEBRATE

Del Rio Middle School female coaches celebrate a successful 2015-2016 athletic school year honoring all sports including cross country, volleyball, tennis, basketball, track and cheer.

DEL RIO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT TREASURES

Ms. Scholz's 7th grade ELA classes partnered up with Student Treasures Publishing Company and published their own hard back book. Each student wrote and illustrated an autobiographical poem. Pictured is Ms. Scholz's 5th and 6th period ELA class, holding a copy of their published book of poetry. The cover illustration was drawn by Jonathon Lira.

SFMMS GT FAIR



San Felipe Memorial Middle School GT Fair was held on May 23, 2016. The theme for this year was - SFMMS GT Students "Making A Difference" - THE MAD IDEA! Students presented their community service projects. All boards were on display for parents and community members to view.

SFMMS STUCO COMMITTEE



San Felipe Memorial Middle School StuCo Committee 2015-2016 held its end of the year dinner party at Mr. Gatti's.

SFMMS AUTISM AWARENESS DAY



San Felipe Memorial Middle School class lights it up BLUE for Autism Awareness Day!

DRHS DECISION DAY



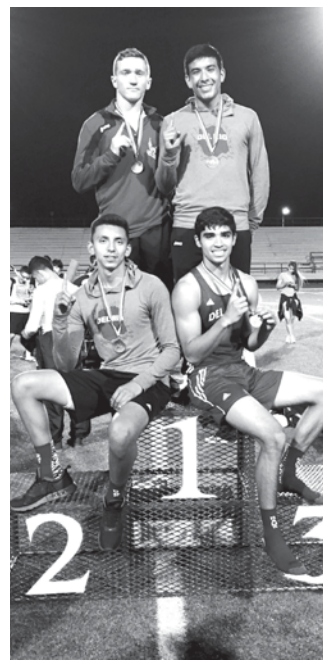
Student council sponsored Decision Day at DRHS on May 19th. On this day, seniors wore the shirt of the college/university that they are planning to attend in the fall. Decision day is meant to celebrate the success of the DRHS staff and students.

SFMMS AUTISM AWARENESS DAY



The Del Rio Middle School Symphonic Band performing at UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest in Eagle Pass on April 7, 2016. The band received first division ratings from all the judges and was awarded the UIL Sweepstakes Trophy.

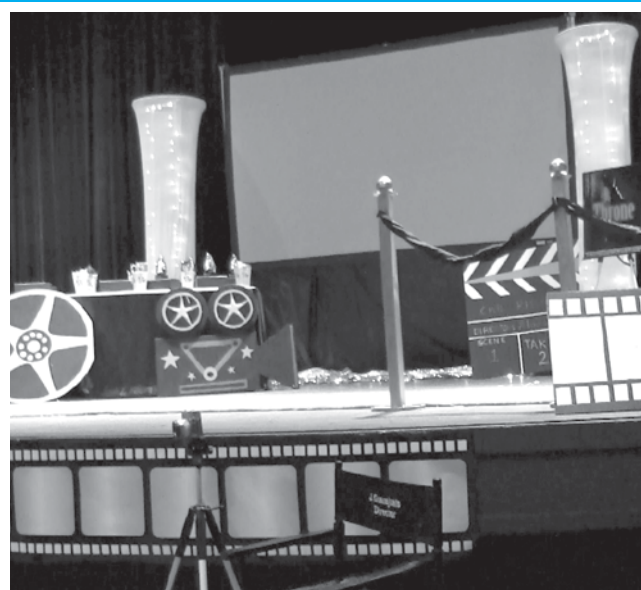
2016 RAMS-QUEENS TRACK & FIELD



2016 season will go down as one of the best seasons in Queens Track & Field history! Our Queens did not finish worse than 2nd in any of their regular season track meets. The results are as follows: 2016 Regular Season: Laredo ISD – 1st, Panther Relays (Castroville) – 1st, Uvalde Coyote Relays – 1st, Laredo Border Olympics – 2nd, Del Rio Queen City Relays – 1st, Eagle Pass Relays – 2nd, San Angelo – 1st.....29 – 6A DISTRICT CHAMPIONS. Topping things off with a convincing 29-6A District Championship victory here on their home turf, Walter Leverman Stadium! This would be the 3rd District Championship in a row for the Queens. # 3-Peat! The history making season continued into the post season. The team placed 2nd at the Area track meet only 4 points behind the winner. The Queens would take 5th Place at the illustrious Region IV Track & Field meet at San Antonio, Texas, their best finish in school history! The Queens would not stop there! Senior Jordan Dennis and Junior Amiah Parson would qualify for the prestigious UIL STATE TRACK & FIELD MEET at the University of Texas at Austin's Mike Myers Stadium. Congratulations to all the young ladies that participated in 2016 track & field season, Junior Varsity & Varsity! This wonderful and memorable season would have not been possible without your hard work and dedication to the program, in the classroom and track & field!

2016 Rams Track & Field: For the season the Boys finished 3rd place in the Varsity District Meet and the JV Boys finished 3rd at the District Track Meet. We were excited to have had our Annual Del Rio Queen City Relays and to host our District Track meet Finals here in Del Rio on April 9th. The last time we hosted a District Track Meet was in 2001. We look forward to hosting more District Track Meets here in Del Rio in the future seasons. We had several of our athletes who qualified past District to the Area Meet that was held in McAllen. Jonathan Jimenez, Greg Torres, Carlos Flores, Max Smith, David Saldivar, Justin Lewis, Mark Cuellar, Brian Beto, Luis Garcia, Javier Fernandez. The following athletes qualified to the Region IV Track Meet in San Antonio. Carlos Flores, Greg Torres, Max Smith, Justin Lewis, David Saldivar, and Mark Cuellar.

DEL RIO HIGH SCHOOL RAM FILM AWARDS



The DRHS Ram Film Awards became a two-day event, held on May 19 and May 20, 2016. The Awards kicked off on Thursday night at the Paul Poag Theatre with hosts Media Tech Club President, Marco Galvan and Vice President, Nicholas Lozano. Selected films were nominated and judged by noted community members. On Friday, May 20, the Little Theatre at the Del Rio High School held a screening of 50 selected short films, student audience members voted for the Student Choice Award. The winners for this year's Ram Film Awards are as follows: Best Original Screenplay: Noah Jones ("Megalomania"), Best Opening Credits: Gloria Pena ("Pitch Perfect Parody"), Best Public Service Announcement: Cassandra Correa ("Domestic Violence Month"), Best Student Interaction Segment: Gloria Pena ("Minute to Win It"), Best News Segment: Willard Jenkins ("Digital Technology"), Best Film Short (30sec-2min): Alan Zavala & Carlo Valenzuela ("Civil Rights, 1960") Best Music Video: Nicholas Lozano ("Sound of Your Heart"), Best Cinematography: Jesse Flores, Best Editing: Nicholas Lozano, Best Performance: Luis Carrillo Best Short Film (2-7min): Willard Jenkins ("Strange Addictions: Dabbing"), Student Choice Award: Nicholas Lozano ("The Feeling of Grass").

DEL RIO FRESHMAN SAPPHIRES PEP & DANCE



The Del Rio Freshman Sapphires Pep & Dance competed in Galveston, TX, April 30th and Received Best in Category in all three of their routines. They also received a Judges Award, Sweepstakes and Circle of Champions Awards (runner up Grand Champion) They brought back a total of 6 awards from their three routines.

DEL RIO FRESHMAN STUDENT TO BE PUBLISHED IN CCS 2016 POETRY ANTHOLOGY



Creative Communication is devoted to the promotion of writing, teaching and appreciation of student writing. The top entries nationwide are published in a hardcover anthology. 24 students from Mrs. Alice Lopez' ELA II classes were recognized and accepted for publication in the Creative Communication Spring 2016 Poetry Anthology. The following freshman students will be published:

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| 1. Aaron Cash | 6. Kiandra Gamez | 11. Audrey Layfield | 16. Gabriela Navarro |
| 2. Britney Diaz | 7. Lara Garanzuay | 12. Andrea Lincon | 17. Matthew Ortiz |
| 3. Iyilia Falcon | 8. Daniel Gonzalez | 13. Anthony Maldonado | 18. Mariana Rendon |
| 4. Asaf Figueiras | 9. Ariana Hinojosa | 14. Kaitlyn Maldonado | 19. Briza Rubio |
| 5. Dulcinea Flores | 10. Alexandra Klay | 15. Alexis Mireles | 20. Donny Sehr |
| | | | 21. Jack Sorrell |
| | | | 22. Shane Torello |
| | | | 23. Dorian Vallejo |
| | | | 24. Alejandro Zaragoza |