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HIGHLIGHTS

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BLENDING ACADEMY 7 TEEN HABITS



Students at Blended Academy are being taught the Seven Habits of Effective Teens. They are learning how to improve their self-image, build friendships, resist peer pressure, achieve their goals, get along with their parents, and much more. Students below worked together on a leadership bulletin board which they all signed promising to be the best leaders they can be.

GIVING THE OPPORTUNITY



Damian Vela, like many other students, attends tutorials after lunch. Mrs. Rivera and Mr. Correa offer students the opportunity to explore science on a one-to-one basis during lunch.

MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION



BASAA member, Jesus Davila, promotes the military service information wall. Teacher and BASAA Sponsor, Robert Lopez, stated, "I want all students to have the opportunity to learn about the different branches in the military. Who knows, they may see that one of those is a good fit for them, especially when they don't see themselves in college right after graduation. We need to expose our students to everything."

HEALTHY CHOICES



Blended Academy now offers a small gym under the direction of Coach Robert Lopez. Mr. Lopez coaches students on equipment use and healthy choices. Students enjoy the gym after lunch and after school. "There are times you see students waiting to use the gym because of the high interest," stated Counselor Alda Zuniga.

TRADITION CONTINUES



Blended has a tradition for their HC Parade Floats. Students do the majority of the work. They learn to put their math, communication and creative skills to work. They put in long hours. They overcome barriers and learn to work as a team. Students feel motivated when they see their principal, Mr. Rodriguez, in a different setting.

THE BIRDS OF PREY PRESENTATION



As an introduction to Ecosystems, one of their units of study in third grade, the students of Buena Vista attended the Birds of Prey presentation, by Last Chance Forever. The students learned about amazing birds of prey such as the bald eagle, owls, hawks, and many other birds. The students thoroughly enjoyed the program!

MEETING MAYOR BRUNO RALPHY LOZANO



As part of their study of Authority Leaders in the local, state and national level, the first grade students of Buena Vista had the honor of meeting Mayor Bruno Ralph Lozano. After speaking to the students about what his role in the city was, such as bringing more jobs to Del Rio, the students had the opportunity to ask him some questions. One of their questions was weather he would be running for President in the future, to which he responded that he wasn't sure yet. The students also got to learn that Mayor Lozano is an alumnus of Buena Vista.

SYNERGY RALLY



The students at Buena Vista continue to have a Synergy Rally at the end of every 6-weeks. This is part of the school's commitment to becoming a Leader In Me Lighthouse School. Last week the 5th Grade students were in charge, and they presented a fun filled program that included skits, songs and dances that reinforced the first habit, Be Proactive. In addition to the rallies, BV hosted a parent luncheon to educate the parents on Leader In Me and many of the students are now keeping binders to monitor their own progress.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



Students and staff dressed up in traditional cultural attire to learn about different cultures and celebrate diversity. With the help of their parents, students created a piñatas which were proudly displayed on campus.

BUS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



Cardwell students participated in bus evacuation drills and safety lesson during the month of September. Safety is the number one priority at Cardwell Head Start & Pre-K Program.

POSITIVE DISCIPLINE PARENT TRAINING



Parents learn from Dr. Nancy Amodei, Child Psychologist, ways to manage children's behavior at home while remaining calm and reinforcing positive behaviors.

FATHERHOOD TRAINING



Fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other male role models participated in the first Fatherhood Training of the school year. Mr. Pete Talamantez motivated and encouraged father figures to "Stay in the Zone."

GOVERNANCE TRAINING



Members of the Policy Council and Governing Body participated in a workshop to learn about Head Start Performance Standards and their duties and responsibilities as committee members.

PARENTING CLASSES



Cardwell kicked-off the first parenting class based on the Love and Logic Curriculum. Through a series of classes, parent acquire new skills to help their children self regulate behaviors and create a more positive home environment.

ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION



Mrs. Juanita Sandoval proudly poses with the students who earned perfect attendance in her class during the first six weeks of school. Pictured are 18 out of 20 students with perfect attendance.

BUDDING SCIENTISTS

“The scientist is not the person who gives the right answers; he’s the one who asks the right questions.” Ruben Chavira Elementary School is full of curious scientists asking a lot of questions! Because of all the interest in science, two years ago R.C.E. started The Dexters, an after school science club for 3rd – 5th grade students. Now thanks to sponsors Mrs. Karrie Parsons, Mrs. Bertha Aguirre, Mrs. Hilda Martinez and Mrs. Marlene Gomez R.C.E has created The Dexters Jr. after school science club open to Kinder – 2nd grade students. The goal of this new club is to introduce STEM concepts to young students to prepare them for a future of scientific discoveries.

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MUSIC TO OUR EARS

Ruben Chavira Elementary School is dancing to a new tune. It’s the sound of the new music teacher playing his guitar in the hallway, singing to his students and playing the piano in class! Mr. Leonor is one of the newer members of the RCE family and is a welcomed addition. While in his class, the students are introduced to new concepts through the use of technology, hands on activities and a kinesthetic approach. His positivity and upbeat personality radiate through all he does and make his class the highlight of many students’ day. Mr. Leonor is the Music Memory UIL coach and the R.C.E. Choir sponsor. (Mrs. Veronica Oyama is co-sponsor for R.C.E. Choir.)

FIRST RESPONDERS VISIT



Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary honored first responders at their school on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Members from the Del Rio Police Department cadets and the Val Verde Regional Medical Center EMT visited and mingled with students during the visit. This was a great way to help students understand the importance our first responders play in keeping our community safe. A big thank you goes out to our parental aide, Lorena Martinez, for organizing the visit.

BREAKFAST WITH GRANDPARENTS



The cafeteria at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary was flooded with very special guests on September 12, 2018. That morning, DFC's food services department, headed by Mrs. Rosa Menchaca hosted Breakfast with Grandparents. Everywhere you walked, the children and their grandparents were engaged in conversations while eating a delicious breakfast prepared by their wonderful cafeteria staff. It was a beautiful morning! A special thank you goes out to the food services department at DFC for organizing a special way to honor our grandparents!

FAMILY EARLY LITERACY NIGHT



Kinder, 1st and 2nd grade teachers at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary hosted an Early Literacy Family night on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 in the cafeteria. Families were invited to participate in several activities that promote learning at the early elementary school grades. Families visited seven centers throughout the night which included: handwriting Without Tears, Fun Ways to Practice Spelling, Dolch Sight Words, TPRI Reading Activities, CUBES math, Reading Fluency Practice, and Leader in Me. The parents left the evening with practices for the home. We thank and truly appreciate our Kinder, 1st and 2nd grade teachers along with our school counselor, Lanette Hernandez and Master Reading Teacher, Kathy Smith, for a fantastic turn out and for continuing to encourage our families to read and develop a love of learning in our children.

OPEN HOUSE NIGHT



It was an awesome turn out at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary for their Open House Nights! The teachers and staff were happy to greet their students and families. Students were welcomed by the school principal, Mrs. Jane Villarreal and the school asst. principal, Mrs. Olga Torres Saldua in the cafeteria and then released to the classes. Students showed their parents the work and projects they had produced while parents were able to chat with teachers and socialize with other families.

HONOR STUDENT



The Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School Student Council assists with different community and school-wide activities throughout the school year. Their hard work and dedication paid off this year as they received the distinction of Honor Council yet again. With some of the members returning and the addition of new members for the 2018-2019 school year, there are definitely high expectations and big goals in place. With their eyes set on school leadership and community involvement, great things are in store for this set of young minds!

"LIGHT'S, CAMERA, ACTION!"

"Light's, Camera, Action!" is what Mr. Rodriguez's Media Tech students have been saying after finding and setting up at different locations for their first video projects of the 2018-2019 school year. Although these students are concentrating on their assigned projects they are always prepared and ready at a moments notice when called upon by Dr. Perez to capture any special event. Mr. Rodriguez feels that these students are up to meet any challenge that is presented to them and anxious to see the final result.

REGISTER TO VOTE

DRHS is providing eligible high school students with the opportunity to register to vote under Section 13.045(a) of the Texas education code. DRHS students who are 17 years and 10 months of age or older may register and can vote in the November 6, 2018 general election if they will be 18 years of age on election day. The voter registration campaign is from September 24th thru October 6, 2018.

CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS

Del Rio High School Health Science Cluster and EMT Cohort 2019 show the importance of career and college readiness by wearing their college shirts. Teachers and students know that the future of medicine starts here at Del Rio High School.

VOTER REGISTRATION TO COMPLETE

Students of eligible age are given a voter registration to complete. A notice to high school students registering to vote, is posted providing information on how the student may return their completed application. DRHS is encouraging students to register to vote and addressing the importance of voting and its responsibilities.

DRMS FIRST PEP RALLY



DRMS PARENT MEETING "HOW TO HELP YOUR TEENAGERS WITH THEIR DAILY EMOTIONS"



PARENT MEETING "COFFEE WITH OUR PRINCIPALS" MR. JIMENEZ FOR 7TH GRADE AND MRS. SALAS 8TH GRADE



DRMS THE SPIRIT OF OUR CAMPUS



MINI LIGHTHOUSE LEADER IN ME FIRE PREVENTION

Garfield Elementary Mini Lighthouse Leader In Me members presented thank you cupcakes to Del Rio Fire Dept. presenters during the Fire Prevention Assembly on Oct. 15th. Thank you, DRFD, for all you do for our schools and community.

BE A BUDDY, NOT A BULLY

5th grade Counselor Award recipients received a "Be a Buddy, not a Bully" water bottle for Bully Prevention Month. Students are committed to spreading kindness at Garfield Elementary. The students from left to right are Jose Salas, Angel Portillo, Edward Solis, John David Gavirio and Zoyla Navarro.

ANDALE DEL RIO

Campus administration and coaching team represented Garfield at the Andale Del Rio event with smiles!

STUCO

STUCO is creating leaders through sound learning and a fundamental educational setting.

TEACHER MCNIGHT

McDonald's was all orange and royal blue on the 9th for McTeachers Night! It was a huge success and the campus staff had a McGreat time serving Del Rio, thank you for your support.

SEPTEMBER 11 STUCO

In remembrance of September 11th; Garfield students reached out to Laughlin Air Force Base to show our support and appreciation for defending our nation.

THANK YOU CUSTODIANS

On behalf of Garfield Elementary, thank you to the Custodial Team for all you do. Your hard work and time makes our campus look great.

“It’s been a year of firsts at Laughlin Elementary. Here are a few of the memorable moments for students and parents showing Falcon Pride.”

3RD GR WAX MUSEUM



Ms. Scott's 3rd Grade class and their Wax Museum Oct. 15

FIRE PREVENTION



Laughlin AFB Fire Department presenting to the students for Fire Prevention Week Oct. 10

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP



Newly elected Student Council Officers from Laughlin Elementary at Leadership Workshop Oct. 2

OPEN HOUSE AND BOOK FAIR



Our Inaugural Open House and Book Fair Oct. 4

LAMAR PERFECT ATTENDANCE CAMPUS RECORD



Lamar Elementary would like to congratulate Mrs. D. Hernandez's class for having 32 days of perfect attendance. Students have been treated to numerous incentives since the 1st day of school. Ms. Hernandez's class also claimed the 1st 6 weeks attendance trophy for 4th grade with 100% attendance for the first 6 weeks of school! Congratulations to all students, teacher and parents in Ms. Hernandez's class for their cooperation in setting this record.

ELECTRIC HANDS-ON FUN IN 5TH GRADE



There is a lot of excitement at Lamar Elementary as 5th grade students became electricians for a day in science class. Students in Mrs. P. Villarreal's science class participated in a lab where students had to understand how electric circuits run and know the difference between open and closed circuits. Students put their knowledge to work and practiced lighting a light bulb to demonstrate the skills being taught in class.

5TH GRADE LAKE AMISTAD ADVENTURES



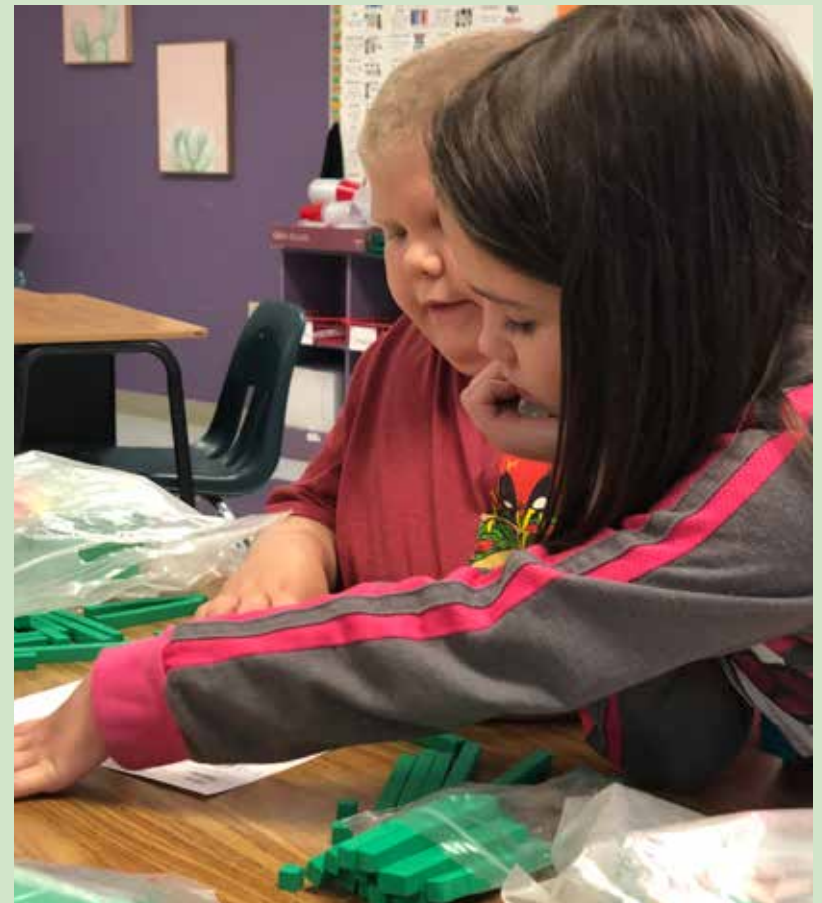
Lamar Elementary 5th grade students participated in the National Park Service Houseboat tours the week of October 9th. Students got an opportunity to learn more about Lake Amistad and its surroundings. Students took part in a nature walk and houseboat tour to get a first-hand look at all the species, ecosystems and habitats that are found at the lake.

DR. LONNIE GREEN PANTHERS COMPETE IN ANNUAL ANDALE DEL RIO BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT



Andale 1-4 & Third Place Team- Dr. Lonnie Green Panthers competed in the annual Andale Del Rio basketball shootout against other elementary schools. Panthers proudly came in 3rd place overall and received medals! Great job, Panthers!

STUDENT WORK



Student Work- Students in Miss Perez's math class work in cooperative groups to model problems using manipulatives.

BIRDS OF PREY

Third graders attended a Birds of Prey presentation presented at the Dr. Alfredo Gutierrez Amphitheater by Amistad National Park Service.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Miss Rodriguez's kinder class for reaching 30 consecutive days of perfect attendance on Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018! At 40 days, students will be able to enjoy jumping on a castle bounce while at the playground. We are so proud of their dedication to school! Thank you to our parents for making school a priority every day!

FARMER'S MARKET

Students and parents joined in on the fun by participating in the Farmer's Market during Open House where they were able to sample new and exciting fruits and veggies.

FIRE PREVENTION

NHE Students participated in a Fire Prevention presentation presented by the Del Rio Fire Department on Wednesday, October 10th for Fire Prevention Week.

DD'S DISCOUNT STORE

Thank you Del Rio for donating and supporting our local DD's Discounts Store fundraiser project for our campus. 100% of the money raised went towards a gift certificate presented to Mrs. Garza, NHE Librarian, to purchase books from "The First Book Marketplace".

PICTURE BOOK A DAY

Students from Miss Hubbard's 3rd Grade class enjoyed "Picture Book a Day" with first responder, Ryan Diaz.

SFMMS STUCO SAN FELIPE CREEK CLEAN UP



SFMMS StuCo volunteered in coordination with Casa de La Cultura to clean the San Felipe Creek on September 22nd. We are very proud of all these students and their sponsors, Karla Martinez and Alma Rojas. Great job in giving back to our community!

OPEN HOUSE



OPEN HOUSE was on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 and we had a wonderful turnout. We also had great support at our Book Fair in the library. Students received their 1st six weeks report card and a lot of important information. Our hallways were full of many happy parents and students.

SENIORITAS AND CABALLEROS CLUB



The Senoritas and Caballeros Club has kicked off with a great start this school year! Their first meeting was October 12, 2018 with over 55 students in attendance. They have met every Wednesday and gone over a variety of topics such as taking responsibility of their own actions and strengthening the characteristics of honesty, integrity and accountability. Ms. Amanda Salas and Mr. Jose Rangel started the club in the 2017-2018 school year.

ELA HALLWAYS



Teachers Ms. Keri Sholz and Ms. Claudia Talamantez show off their students' work in the 7th grade ELA hallways. The theme was Edgar Allan Poe poetry to showcase for Open House.

DRMS OPEN HOUSE



7th Grade DRMS Open House was Thursday, Oct. 11th. Pictured are Tiana Perez, Dorothy Castillo, Axel Cannon, Jose Briones, Elie Zavala, and Alejandra Bernal pictured who are a few of the students that worked very hard to make the 7th grade hallways shine!



Tax Ratification Election



\$1.6



Million

**in additional
state funding**



The SFDR CISD Board of Trustees has called for a Tax Ratification Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. The TRE is an election, which asks voters to approve a "tax swap", or restructuring of the tax rate to maximize state funding without increasing the current overall tax rate of \$1.1598

