

SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HIGHLIGHTS

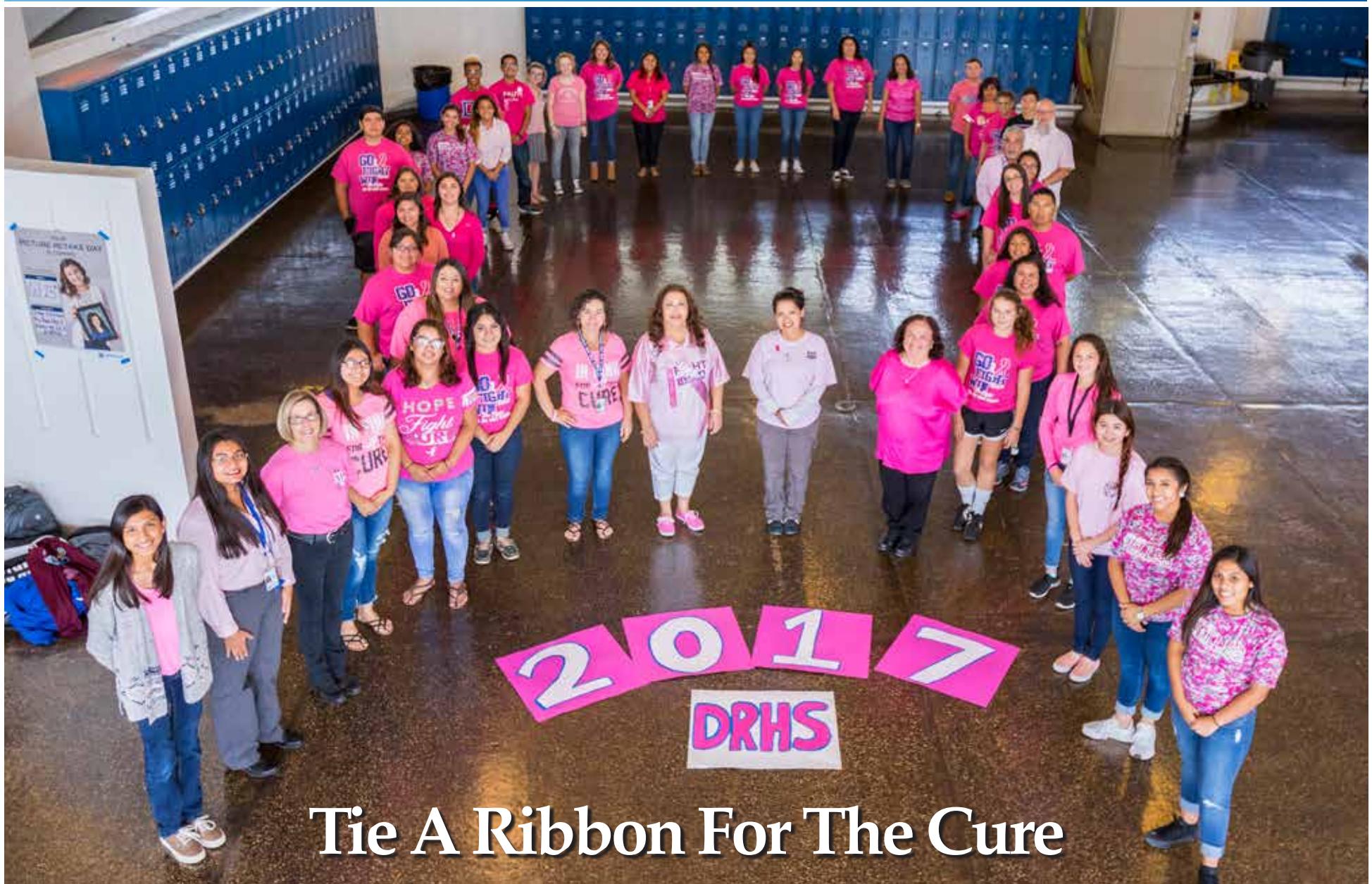
OUR DISTRICT OUR STUDENTS OUR PRIDE



Fall

Volume 17

2017



Tie A Ribbon For The Cure



/sfdrctisd



@sfdrctisd

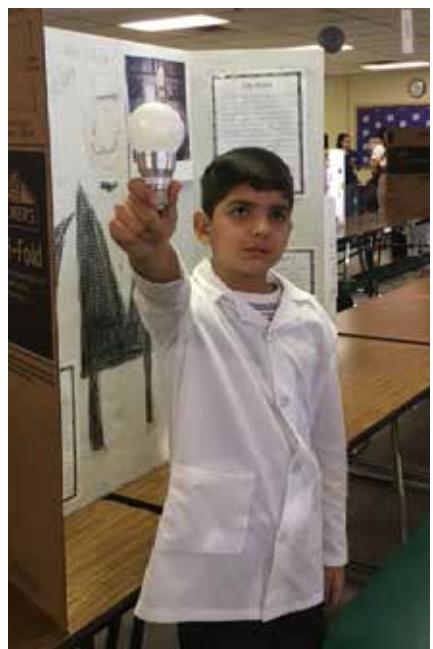
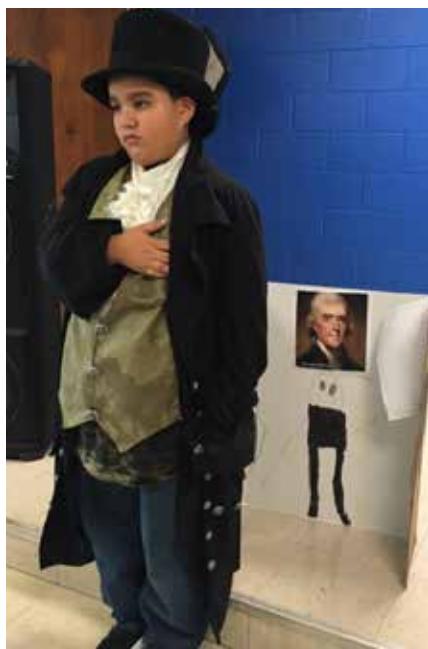
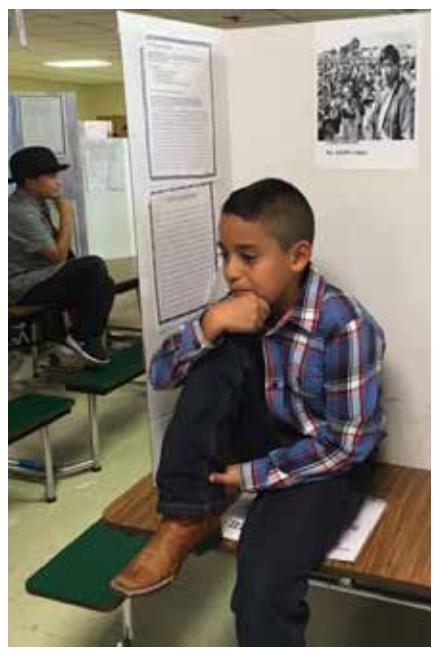


www.sfdr-cisd.org



Time Warner Channel 39

BUENA VISTA ELEMENTARY



It's always an exhilarating, enlightening, and loving environment at Buena Vista Elementary School for our diverse student body!

Our students kicked-off the school year before it even started with the StuCo Rock Garden led by Ms. Harris, Ms. Naseman, and Ms. Gonzalez. Based on the book Only One You, by Linda Kranz, the students painted original designs on their rocks. The project was picked up by Ms. Gonzalez's talented art students, as well as the faculty members, as they all painted their own rocks. The garden continues to grow day by day, as our students flourish academically.

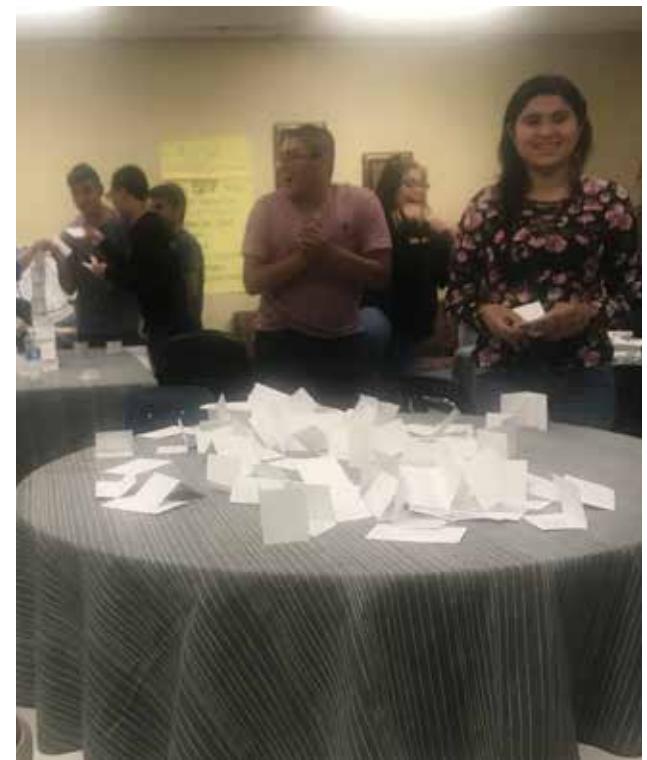
Our UIL coaches are also leading the way, as they get ready for another Buena Vista District win! Last year's champions and teachers coordinated a marvelous pep-rally to recruit new members, by singing original songs, performing original skits, and dancing to original routines. Yes, we are pumped to earn the first place trophy once again!

Our two nights of Open House were also truly a success, as our parents joined us to witness the amazing job our students are doing. One of the highlights, was the "Wax Museum" coordinated by Ms. Scott, one of our third grade

teachers. After researching leaders of various fields throughout history, the students reported their findings to visitors when "beeped" on an imaginary button on their shoulders. Project based learning is powerful!

This is just the beginning of what is to be one of the most successful school years at Buena Vista Elementary. There is nothing we can't do if we continue to work as a team – students, parents, faculty, staff, and administration. Yes, we will "Lead, Learn & Leave a Legacy!"

BASAA LEADERSHIP RETREAT



Blended Academy Student Advocate Association had its yearly leadership retreat Wednesday, October 11, 2017. The retreat focuses on establishing norms, building trust, unity and teamwork. No cell phones are allowed and students attend for four hours. The retreat combined activities from Capturing Kids' Hearts and some presented by Dr. Rosalinda Mercado. When asked what she learned, Aitiana Arreola responded, "Trust. You get closer and see that sometimes you can be wrong about someone. My favorite was the circle time, because you learn things about someone that they normally would not share. That builds trust." Maria Medina mentioned that the videos motivated her to do better and understand that it only takes one person to start and lead the way.

BASAA INDUCTION CEREMONY



BASAA induction ceremony took place at the Student Performing Center Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:00PM. Twenty-three students were inducted. This is a 53% increase from last year. Delilah Garcia, Treasurer, said, "This felt awesome Miss. It was much better than last year. I think the candles, even though they were battery-operated, was super nice. It meant a lot to us." Sponsor Robert Lopez expressed that one father requested his one day off to travel to Del Rio to see his daughter get inducted. "I could not believe he was back on the road as soon as it ended and will not be able to come back for another two weeks. Seeing him say farewell to his daughter and congratulate her was rewarding. All work put into it was well worth it."

FAMILY LOTERIA AT DR. FERMIN CALDERON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



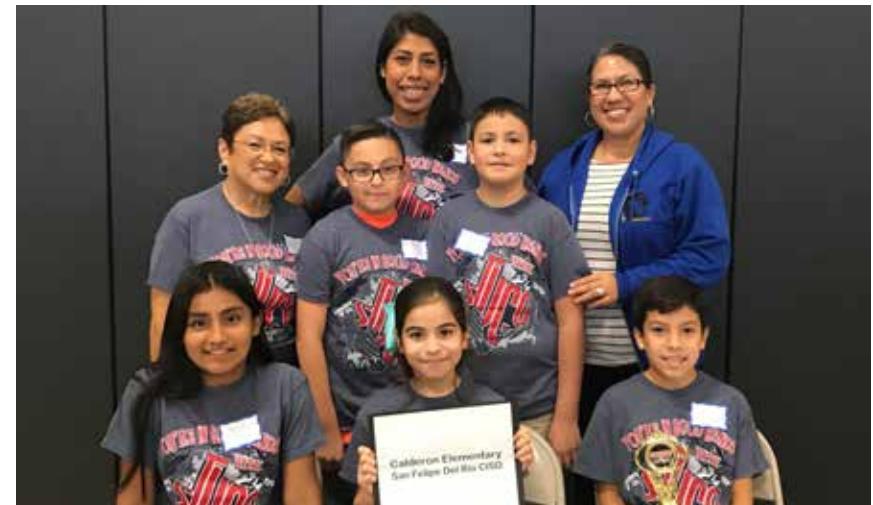
All students with perfect attendance for the first grading cycle were treated to an evening of Loteria at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School. Over 400 students had the opportunity to invite a parent to join in on the fun and the prizes on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. Each parent and child were given a card and a chance at 20 prizes that were all donated by the generous DFC family. Campus staff could be seen calling back winning cards, delivering prizes, and helping switch out unlucky cards. It was a great, inviting atmosphere full of fun and excitement! A big Thank you goes out to the families for supporting the school's vision of daily attendance and to the DFC staff for making our first Family Loteria Night a great success!

FAMILY READING NIGHTS AT DR. FERMIN CALDERON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary began a monthly series of family reading nights this school year. Every second Wednesday of the month, our school's Master Reading Teacher, Mrs. Kathy Smith leads the students and their families through an adventure. She begins by reading a book to the students and modeling great reading strategies to parents. Mrs. Smith and other staff members coordinate an arts and craft activity to go with the story. Once the families are done with their original art work, the night is concluded with a prize, cookies and milk or punch. We thank Mrs. Kathy Smith for encouraging our families to read and for developing a love of reading in our children. A special thank you also goes out to our staff members that make these events possible!

HONOR STUDENT COUNCIL AWARD FOR DR. FERMIN CALDERON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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 2017-2018 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!

HONOR STUDENT COUNCIL AWARD FOR DR. FERMIN CALDERON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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.

PANCAKES WITH GRANDPARENTS AT DR. FERMIN CALDERON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The cafeteria at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary was flooded with very special guests on September 29, 2017. That morning, DFC's food services department, headed by Mrs. Rosa Menchaca hosted Pancakes with Grandparents. Everywhere you walked, the children and their grandparents were engaged in conversations while eating delicious pancakes 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!

DEL RIO FRESHMAN RAMS - BLUE TEAM



Pictured are members of the Del Rio Freshman Blue Team Secondary. Marco Ojeda, Sergio Trevino, Coach Jesse Limon, Isaac Martinez, Jaime Sanchez. (Photo taken by Alan Aldrete)

The Del Rio Freshman Rams-Blue Team has started the season with an impressive 7-0 record, beating teams from Kerrville, San Antonio and Laredo. The Rams have proven to be dedicated and determined on the field, and off, by staying focused and motivated in the classroom. Only 7 out of 88 players were deemed ineligible after the first six weeks, and no members of the starting offense or defense were lost. The Rams hope to continue their winning ways and finish out the season on top. DRFS administrators and staff look forward to watching these boys play under the Friday night lights in the years to come.

DEL RIO FRESHMAN OFFICERS CREATE MUMS



Pictured are Alyssa Torres – Secretary, Taylor Polanco – Vice President, Lexi Esquivel – Historian, Josh Green – Treasurer

Officers of the Class of 2021 used their craftiness and school spirit to make Homecoming mums for students in the Freshman Life Skills unit. Mums will be presented to Life Skills students during Homecoming Week in hopes that they will feel included in school activities and show their Ram pride! This is a new project for Del Rio Freshman School and one that class sponsors, Makenzie Grazetti and Sarah Fernandez, hope to continue.

CARDWELL POLICY COUNCIL ELECTION



Cardwell Head Start parents prepare for a successful year by voting for the 2017-2018 Policy Council Members.

ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET AT CARDWELL



Cardwell families wear their best attire and pose for a Hollywood style picture during Zero Absence Day.

LOVE AND LOGIC PARENTING CLASS



Dr. Nancy Amodei, Child Psychologist, facilitated the first session of the newly adopted Love and Logic Parenting Curriculum.

FAMILIES READING TOGETHER



Cardwell families gathered for a Teddy Bear Picnic where they spent an afternoon reading books.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS



Cardwell staff proudly pose in their new t-shirts promoting attendance.

CARDWELL CUBS LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS



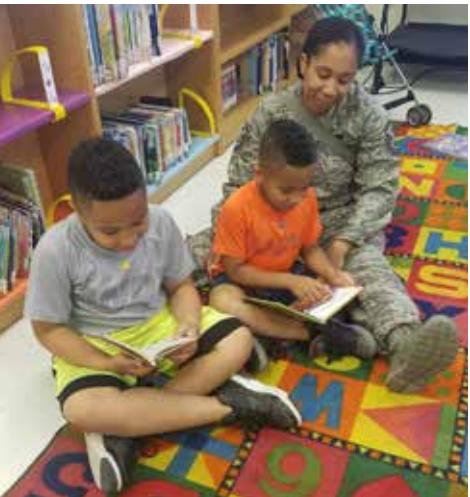
Cardwell students participate in a tooth brushing lesson presented by Amigo Dentistry staff.

R.C.E. IS CRAZY ABOUT MATH AND SCIENCE!



According to Albert Einstein, "Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think." So, how can we train the mind to think? How can we motivate children to be lifelong mathematicians and scientists? How can we incorporate hands-on energetic activities with thought provoking lessons to increase math and science knowledge? How can we refine problem solving abilities and leadership skills? Mrs. Lyn White and Miss Melissa Sandoval at Ruben Chavira Elementary School know the answer! Crazy Eights after school math & science club does all those things. Every week after school 16 Kindergarten through second grade students meet to create, make music, collaborate and make a mess all in the name of learning. This new program was implemented at R.C.E. by Mrs. White and Miss Sandoval to encourage young students to delve into the world of science and math with excitement and without inhibitions.

TODAY A READER, TOMORROW A LEADER!



Ruben Chavira Elementary School staff recognizes that reading is an integral part of a child's education. The students just know it is FUN! R.C.E hosted its first Reading Night in the school library. Students and their families gathered to share the love of books with one another. Everyone in attendance was invited to read, check out books and take AR tests. With almost 100 students participating it was a very crowded library! R.C.E. staff appreciates all the families that took time out of their busy days to read with their student.

ATTEND TODAY – ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Cougars know attendance matters. Ruben Chavira Elementary School won the district challenge of the highest percentage in attendance on ZERO absence day for all schools. Their victory was celebrated with Mr. Gatti's pizza. Thank you to Mr. Skip Baker for his support of attendance!

YOUNG ADVENTURER'S CLUB



Our "Young Adventurer's Club" at SFMMS took their first field trip to the Whitehead Memorial Museum on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. This group's mission is to learn about "Places that Matter" in our community. Our 16 members had to apply for their membership and are sponsored by Monica Martinez, Karla Martinez, Sara Cienega and Erin De Luna. This project is funded by the "Education Foundation Innovative Teaching Grant" and will include other field trips in Del Rio, as well as a trip to the State Capitol.

POPPING ABOUT AR



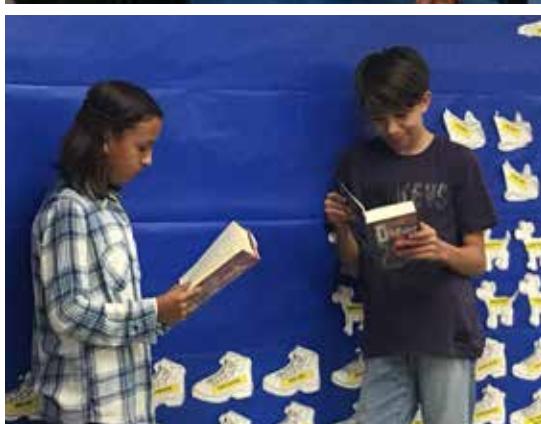
COLLEGE SHIRT DAY



It's never too early to start thinking about college. SFMMS students and staff wear college shirts or their team colors every Thursday. College teams were chosen by the staff at the beginning of the year and include: Team 1: UT, Team 2: A & M, Team 3: Texas State, Team 4: ASU and Team 5: Texas Tech. All college shirts are welcomed, because we want students to know all the different options they have. Before we know it, 2024 will be here!

We are all "POPPING" about AR (Accelerated Reader) at SFMMS! Harrison Taylor, Sophia Mora and Austin Plumb enjoy their popcorn treat outside the Library. SFMMS students who earned 10 AR points during the 1st six weeks were all rewarded with popcorn.

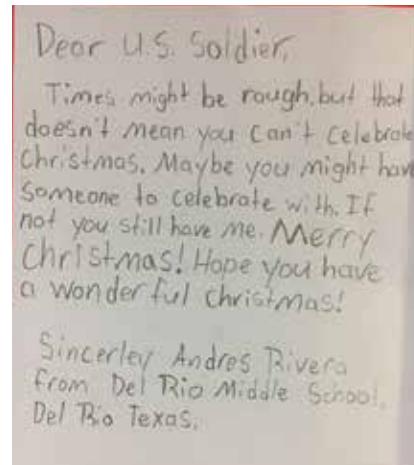
MILLION WORD READER



Del Rio Middle School students are on their way to becoming millionaires! Teachers and students helped kick off the Million Word Reader Challenge on September 20, 2017. To get students excited and motivated to read, students and staff were allowed to wear their fancy clothes, feathers, hats, suits and jewelry. Mr. Jimenez, school principal, challenged students to read a million words this school year. As students read books, the school librarian will keep count of the number of words read. Students who reach the million word mark by the end of the school year, will be rewarded. Students will get to enjoy an end of the year party just for "Millionaires." Del Rio Middle School students are up for the challenge!

HOLIDAY CARDS FOR TROOPS

Del Rio Middle School seventh grade students worked on holiday cards for troops. Members of America's military will be deployed overseas during the holiday season. Troops will not be able to enjoy the routinely holiday moments with friends and family. The holiday season will be very difficult for our troops. Students at DRMS decided to spread some cheer to our men and women in uniform. Students created colorful holiday cards with inspiring messages that will definitely put a smile to a face. DRMS students also took the opportunity to thank the men and women in uniform for serving our country and protecting our freedoms.



AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

ECHS students attend after school tutoring for PSAT with Dr Gallegos, ECHS Chemistry teacher. "Familiarity breeds success," says Dr. Gallegos, who was himself a National Hispanic Scholar at DRHS. Great job, students!!

BIRDS OF PREY 3RD GRADE

Garfield third grade students attended the Birds of Prey presentation. They learned about different types of raptors such as owls, hawks, eagles, and how they capture their prey.

AMISTAD LAKE TRIP 5TH GRADE

An environmental experience for our 5th grade students took place at the National Park Service headquarters. They learned about how plants and animals adapt to their environment. They also learned about food chains and webs and used binoculars to observe habitats.

CITY OF DEL RIO

Garfield Elementary is proud to announce that staff and students are doing their part to help the environment. We have partnered with the City of Del Rio and the recycling trailer is on campus every other Friday.

ARCHEOLOGY FAIR 4TH GRADE

4th grade students participated in the Archeology Fair at the Whitehead Museum. They learned how people lived in the past. Here they are learning how to grind corn to make different foods.

ANDALE DEL RIO PARTICIPANTS

Health is very important to our Garfield Mustangs. These students participated in the Andale Del Rio Health Fair. They took part in a basketball shootout against other elementary campuses.

STUDENT COUNCIL



At Lamar, our Student Council was honored at the Fall Workshop for helping create the fall theme and silly song. Students performed their song for all of the local StuCo students. In addition, their performance was videotaped so that Student Councils around the country could learn this year's song. Pictured are this year's Student Council Officers.

SYNERGY RALLY



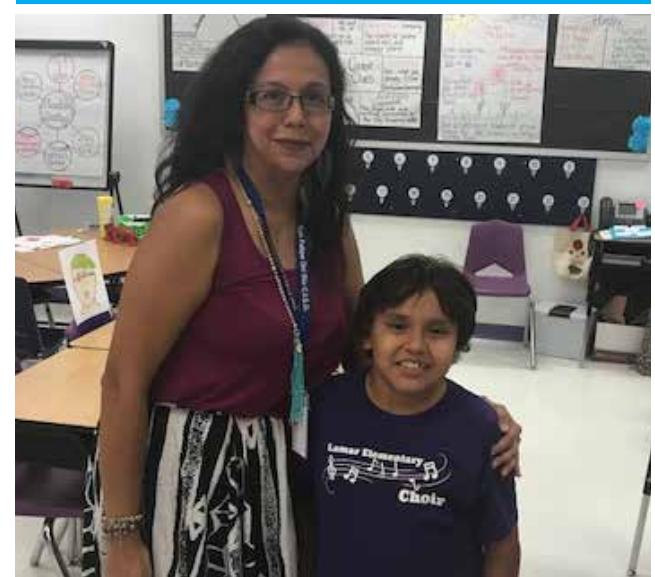
As a Leader in Me campus, Lamar students lead Synergy Rallies every two weeks. Staff and students meet together to review the 7 Habits and celebrate successes at Lamar. At our most recent Synergy Rally, students from Ms. Flores' Kinder Class were rewarded for their awesome attendance. Since they were so great at coming to school every day, the Lamar Leaders were invited to Pie the Principal.

FIRE PREVENTION



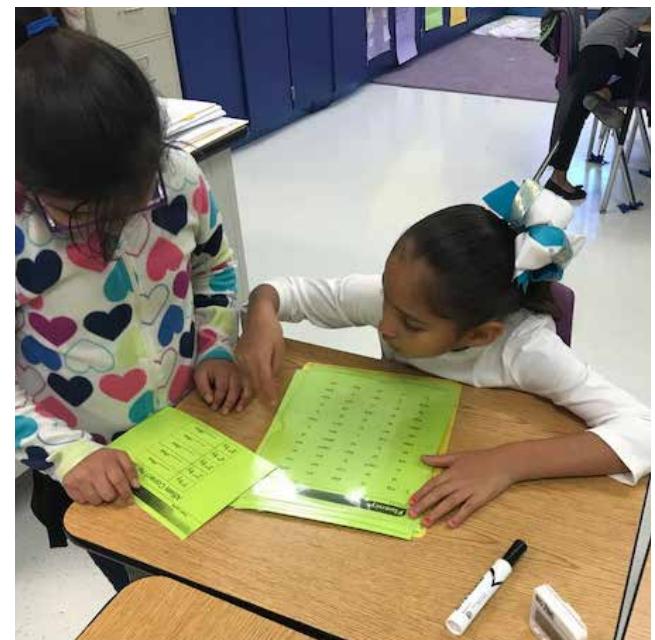
Students were visited by the Del Rio Fire Department this week. The fire fighters met with the students to discuss fire safety. They also welcomed them to try out the smoke house and learn more about the fire truck. Parents are encouraged to talk more about fire safety at home by developing a safe escape route in case of emergency.

OPEN HOUSE



Lamar students and parents enjoyed visiting with teachers this week at Open House. We had a great turn-out at Open House and at the book fair. We thank all of our wonderful parents for their support. Pictured is fourth grade teacher, Ms. Jimenez and her student, Itzel.

POWER HOUR



Students are so excited about Power Hour again this year. This intervention time offers assistance for students in the area of Reading. All students benefit from this extra reading block. Students receive specialized instruction tailored to their needs and abilities. Pictured are students participating in Ms. Venegas' Power Hour with TPRI interventions.

SPARKY THE FIRE DOG



Sparky the Fire Dog and his friends from the Del Rio Fire Department visited Dr. Lonnie Green Elementary on October 10th to teach our students about fire safety.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY



Dr. Lonnie Green with the help of Food Services celebrated Grandparents' Day by hosting a pancake breakfast.

PARENT VOLUNTEER



Mrs. Ibarra is always willing to lend a helping hand – from collecting and managing our Box Tops for Education fundraiser to helping distribute snacks to our teachers.

ACCELERATED READER



Lonnie Green students love to read.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENT LEADERS



Being a Leader in Me School means providing opportunities for students to lead. One way we empower student leadership is during the morning announcements. Skye and Ruby prepare a portion of the morning announcements every morning. We also have student leaders from each class come in for a week and lead the entire campus in the pledges. This group of students also helps with celebrations of student successes during our announcement time.

WHITEHEAD MUSEUM ARCHEOLOGY FAIR



Fourth grade students took a field trip to The Whitehead Museum to attend the Archaeology Fair.

ROUNTREE AND SUNDERLAND



North Heights Elementary is proud to showcase Mrs. Rountree's 4th grade class and Ms. Sunderland's 5th grade class for having perfect attendance since the first day of school! Each class was treated to a pizza lunch (20 days), coke floats and music (30 days) and is well on their way to earning 40 consecutive days! NHE celebrates big for perfect attendance! Our motto: Every Student! Every day!

BANK AND TRUST DONATION



Community support is always worthy of praise and The Bank and Trust is no stranger to donations! NHE is on a mission to promote fluency in mathematics. We are grateful for the donation of Holey Cards – a math resource to practice fluency in addition, multiplication and division. Thank you for your generous donation! Our 3rd grade students pictured appreciate you!

1ST GRADE PERFORMANCE



1st grade kicked off our parent presentations with a wonderful performance showcasing the spirit of the red, white and blue. Students learned about the 9-11 events, the Constitution, and learned what it means to lead. Their songs and dance were a great performance for our parents.

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN



Kinder displayed how proud they are to be Americans by leading a parade down our hallways. As part of their curriculum, they learned about the Constitution and signed their very own showing our school what rules they will choose to lead by.

GRANDPARENTS DAY



In honor of Grandparent's Day, NHE extended an invitation for breakfast with their grandkids. It is always a pleasure to see parents and grandparents support our school.

RECYCLING



Students at NHE are on a mission to clean up our environment. Students have initiated a recycling program. Multiple recycling stations have been set up around school. Students collect recycled items weekly and the city provides support by allowing their stations to be on campus each week.

ROVING CHEF



We are always looking to catch good leaders. Students were randomly selected to participate in the Roving Chef Program offered by our very own SFDR Chef Gomez. They toured the kitchen, learned about healthy eating, made pizzas and enjoyed their snack!

STUCO OFFICERS



NHE StuCo Officers have been busy leading the way in learning and creating a culture for success! These girls assist us with morning announcements, serve as ambassadors, and take on the lead in making decisions about learning at our school. Pictured beginning at the left are: Andrea Fernandez, Sponsor V. Rodriguez, Sponsor J. Solis, and President Aubany De La O.

PANCAKES AND PIGS



Zero Absence Day was celebrated with a read aloud of If You Give a Pig a Pancake. K-2 grade students enjoyed a story and activity before the start of the day on stage led by Miss Rodriguez. Parents were invited to eat breakfast with their children and 3rd – 5th grade held its first Synergy rally.

THE MIGHTY RAM BAND: PARADISE LOST



The official scores were announced at this year's South Texas Regional Bands of America Marching Championship and the DRHS Mighty Ram Band received the eighth spot in the region. On September 30th in McAllen, Texas, multiple bands prepared to be ranked among the most talented. The DRHS Mighty Ram band also traveled determined to take top honors. The 220 member band gave it their best at the Veterans Memorial Stadium. The show, Paradise Lost, is accentuated by DRHS's Dance Company and the Flag Corps who add life and balance to a complex and beautiful display of synchronized formations.

DRHS CULINARY ARTS: COOKING AND TEAM BUILDING



DRHS Culinary Arts students obtain cooking and leadership skills. Students participate in activities that promote team building, interview skills, and fine cuisine. The community has attested to fine desserts and respectable dishes. The culinary arts team participates with our partner in their 1st Friday @ the Firehouse.

ROBOTICS: FUN, WORK, AND PLAY



The DRHS Robotics FRC Team 4063 learns the value of community, teamwork, and fair play. For example, DRHS robotics team participated with the Governor's Landing Cleanup Project. The girls also get their hands dirty as they work on Sir Jack's Chassis, a practice robot, in preparation for the 2018 season.

STUCO: FRIENDSHIP



At every varsity RAM football game, DRHS Student Council does a friendly gift exchange with the opponent's team student council. It is a token of friendship.

Del Rio High School STUCO honored the breast cancer survivors at the Pink Out pep rally on Oct. 13th for their courage and being an inspiration of hope to the DRHS family.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA: DEL RIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



FBLA develops the leadership skills and business knowledge that students need to excel in college and any career. On October 28, for example, FBLA students helped the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce with their business showcase at the Civic Center. FBLA members also participate in fundraising activities and chapter officer positions.