BASAA Members organized and gathered gifts to host a Loteria Night for Roswell residents. BIM Teacher, Veronica Allred, stated, “This was my first time attending and seeing the same students in class be so caring and helpful to these elderly residents was emotional. Even more so when they asked our students to come back and play even if there were no prizes. This taught all of us that quality time of much value.”

BASAA members helped Lions Club and Del Rio News-Herald deliver Thanksgiving baskets for the holidays. BASAA Member, Enrique Arizpe, helps load up the baskets.

This year the Christmas Parade brought two organizations together. Blended Academy and Del Rio QUEEN CITY BELLES united for the first time to show the community that two different teams can come together. Coaches Robert Lopez and Kayla Rodriguez stated that this was meaningful to see two different groups help each other.
BUENA VISTA ELEMENTARY VETERANS DAY

This was definitely a day of honor, to thank and appreciate veterans for their services. The B.V. Choir, Stuco, and Art Academy joined forces to produce a marvelous performance, beautiful artwork, and a breath taking mural.

BUENA VISTA ELEMENTARY TRICK OR TREAT

It was no ordinary Wednesday at Buena Vista Elementary on October 31. The Halloween costume dress up day is an annual tradition at Buena Vista Elementary, and this year the students and faculty continued to live up to expectations during the spirited event.

FEAST OF SHARING

Stuco president Delia Maria kicked off the performance by reciting a poem of appreciation. The B.V. choir was joined by all the other Del Rio elementary choirs who sang for the community. It was a day of expressing gratitude and appreciation for the all the citizens here in the Queen City and our local veterans.

HOMECOMING PARADE

Buena Vista took 2nd place in the themed homecoming float competition. This year the parade was highly student organized. A lot of student involvement was necessary to create a float and costumes to match the homecoming theme. A big shout out to the B.V. STUCO, all their work definitely paid off!

TURKEY FEATHERS

The giving spirit of the holidays arrived a little early at Buena Vista Elementary. During the month of November, the K through grade five classrooms competed in a Turkey Feather Contest that raised money for STUCO.
The Young Entrepreneurs Club at DFC held a community sale on Saturday, November 29, 2018 at the Little Market on Greenwood Park. Thanks to the Education Foundation, this grant awarded program was able to display their Christmas work at this community function. The Young Entrepreneurs sold pieces of unique artwork that day including Christmas ornaments, coasters, handmade recycled crayons, jewelry pieces and several other projects. The club is sponsored by E. Hernandez, L. Reyna, and Y. Zuniga this school year. A big thank you goes out to the students and sponsors on their incredible display of talents!

All students with perfect attendance for the second grading cycle were treated to an evening of Loteria at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School. Over 300 students had the opportunity to invite a parent to join in on the fun and the prizes on Tuesday, November 27, 2018. 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 cards that weren’t so lucky.

The Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School Honor Student Council held a canned food drive to help families in need for the Thanksgiving holiday. With 16 boxes donated, the Student Council was able to donate food baskets just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. The class with the biggest hearts for contributing the most cans by grade levels were: B. Rodriguez - Kinder, D. Sanders – 1st, E. Barrera – 2nd, N. Delgado – 3rd, N. Vivanco – 4th, and E. Valero – 5th homeroom classes. Way to go, DFC for your big, generous hearts!

Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School honored veterans with a special Veteran’s Day program to commemorate the efforts of our armed forces past and present. The assembly took place in the school’s cafeteria during the students’ lunch time on November 13, 2018. A display of military banners and American flags were hung all over to welcome the audience. The veterans were presented with a beautiful certificate and a pin in appreciation for their service to our great country. DFC sends a big thank you to all the veterans that have served and continue to serve this great country or ours!
CARDWELL SALUTES VETERANS

In observance of Veterans Day, Cardwell hosted a lunch for parents and relatives of students who have served or are serving in the military. Students learned an important lesson about respect and patriotism.

CAREER DAY AT CARDWELL

Students had an opportunity to learn about various careers and professions from members of the community.

LIGHTING OF THE TREE AT CARDWELL

Children gather in a “Lighting of the Tree” ceremony to kick off the Christmas season. Mrs. Fluth, Mrs. Saucedo, and Mrs. Garcia class performed and everyone enjoyed a special visit from Santa Claus.
Ms. Sheri Vela had 7th grade art students enter a Peace Poster Contest by Del Rio Lion’s Club and Del Rio Host Lion’s Club. The winners were Mariah Denuez and Alyhaha Fernandez. Congratulations on a job well done!

Children, along with their parents, had an opportunity to engage in math, science, literacy, and music learning activities. Parents took home activity mats to help their children review concepts learned in class.

Cardwell families gather in the cafeteria for an evening of reading and learning. Children enjoyed the visit of the Cardwell Cub and nutritious snacks while spending some quality time with their parents. There have been a total of 31,562 books read in the library this school year. Way to go Cubs!

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The Del Rio High School EMT students gain hands-on experiences at Val Verde Regional medical center. The training tours they receive greatly benefit their preparation for clinical rotations.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM

Ready, Set, Teach student Interns present and teach bullying lessons. The bully lessons and engagement activities were planned and presented by students in the Education and Training program class taught by Linda Corbell, DRHS. The children who participated were students in classes at Calderon, Lonnie Green, Buena Vista, North Heights, Lamar and Del Rio Middle School. The student interns are studying to be future educators.
DRMS is encouraging and promoting students to report bullying, be UPSTANDERS and not BYSTANDERS by reporting bullying. The Super Hero 6 visited our students for “Be a Hero, Not a Bully”.
Early College High School students had the opportunity to tour Texas Tech University. Students were exposed to academic programs, lecture halls, housing, recreation, library and dining. At ECHS is it important to make these experiences possible to enhance college awareness of potential possibilities of institutions of higher learning.

All students were invited to attend our TSI Fall Festival this past month and were given the opportunity to enter different classrooms that were each hosting a particular TSI-related game. We had 7 different classrooms with each focusing on a specific area that would help students practice certain skills. Our Escape Room was a fun and great challenge for the students to answer questions that would lead them to a particular answer and in turn would give them a number. If answered correctly, the number would then allow them to unlock a combination lock to “escape” the room. We had a Speed Math classroom, Bingo room (TSI academic vocabulary), What Happens Next? (inferring), Jeopardy room (grammar), Ready, Set, Write (writing prompt help), Kahoot (online practice questions), and finally an S.O.S. (Seniors on Sofas) which allowed students to seek help from our Seniors.
STATE TROOPER PADILLA GIVING JR. TROOPER ATTENDANCE PRESENTATION

Thank you Ms. Ponce, counselor, for organizing this awesome incentive for our students.

VETERAN’S DAY CELEBRATION

Veterans’ Day celebration acknowledging our military vets with thankful hearts and smiling faces! Thank you Mrs. Morales, Music Teacher and Stuco Sponsor, for organizing this event for our students and veterans.

BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION

Appreciating our Bus Drivers for all they do for our Garfield students with some goodies!

Garfield Elementary Mustangs kicking off Red Ribbon week by wearing red.
BFCU VISITS LAUGHLIN ELEMENTARY

Border Federal Credit Union visited Laughlin Elementary and presented a few of our students with coats.

LAUGHLIN ELEMENTARY CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Students represented Laughlin Elementary at the Elementary Cross Country Meet Grade Pre-K thru 5th were represented. Rose Barlette won 1st place in 5th Grade Girls category.

UIL READY WRITING TEAM

The UIL Ready Writing Team for 2018, heading off to compete at the District UIL Meet on Dec. 5th.

LAUGHLIN ROBOTICS CLUB

Laughlin Robotics Club participated in the E-Cadet Robotics Competition. Laughlin Fortnite Pro was an Alliance Captain and received the Judge’s Award.
Lamar Elementary students participated in the district robotics competition held the fall semester. The team earned the Safety and Spirit awards. A big thank you and congratulations to all the students who participated and Ms. April Banks and Ms. Billie Cruz, Robotics sponsors, on a great season!

Fourth grade students at Lamar Elementary attended the Archeology Fair at the Whitehead Memorial Museum. Students were able to participate in a variety of hands-on activities that included rabbit-stick throwing, rock art and an archeology dig. It was an afternoon packed with opportunities to learn about history and have fun in the process.

Students at Lamar Elementary participated in an anti-bullying lesson provided by Del Rio High School students as part of their Ready, Set, Teach program. Lamar students learned a few strategies in how to prevent bullying and encourage kindness. Lamar students were very grateful to the Ready, Set, Teach students for taking time to provide the lesson.

Fifth graders at Lamar Elementary are busy learning and applying their scientific skills! Students in Mrs. P. Villarreal’s room engaged in a lab to discover the effects of mechanical weathering. Students used skittles and water drops to simulate rain on rocks to determine how it affects their physical changes. Mrs. P. Villarreal is always creating opportunities for students to engage actively in their learning. This lesson was no different as students were able to make connections from the lab to the real world and how weathering affects our everyday scenery.
The Lonnie Green Choir participated in the annual Christmas Concert at the Student Performance Center. All students did an awesome job under the direction of Mr. Gorden!

Students were able to visit with many different profession representatives during our annual Career Fair. A big favorite is always our law enforcement booths. Thank you to all who participated and provided an experience for our students they surely won’t forget!

Lonnie Green Student Council showing their generosity by collecting and donating canned and nonperishable foods to those in need this Thanksgiving.

Once again, Dr. Lonnie Green Panthers rock the annual Elementary Cross Country Meet! We could not be any prouder of our students for maintaining an active lifestyle, working together, having good sportsmanship and always showing that Panther Pride!
A Very Beary AR Night - Students received a cute cuddling bear while visiting the NHE library to read great books and to AR test on them.

NHE ROBOTICS TEAM

Congratulations to NHE Robotics Team for their excellent job at the E-Cadet Robotics Tournament on Saturday, December 8, 2018.

NHE JUNIOR LIGHTHOUSE TEAM

Students from NHE’s Junior Lighthouse team were lead in a fun learning experience by their Art Teacher, Mrs. Domenica Bowman, in a Parent and Me Sewing Activity, where they learned to sew a Christmas stocking with help from a parent.
Ruben Chavira Elementary School has SUPER SIZED smiles because of Mrs. Simon’s first grade class. This motivated class has earned 72 days of perfect attendance. Not one student has missed even one day of school this entire school year. What an accomplishment! This achievement has earned them a castle bounce party, recognition from school district administration and a pajama party. To show how impressed she is, the school principal Mrs. Maria Correa, sponsored a HAPPY MEAL party for the class too. You can bet everyone was HAPPY that day! Mrs. Simon’s students are attempting to achieve 171 days of perfect attendance. That is a tall order to fill. Good luck, little Cougars.
Our Science Fair at SFMMS was held on December 6, 2018. We have 11 students advancing to the Regional Science Fair. Originally we had over 140 participants and are very proud of all of them. The students that have advanced are (1st Row, Left to Right): Gabriella Probst, Sofia Mireles, Isabella Sanchez, Chloe Juarez and Rozalyn Padilla. (2nd Row, Left to Right): Matthew Garza, Nicholas Keller, Eric Cariaga, Wade Cooper and Dorian Sanchez (not pictured: Leonardo Sanchez). Thank you to our judges: Cheryl Sanchez, Ruby Adams and Donna Kelley; as well as our teachers David Velky, Carole Trisler, Cora Cirildo and Claudia Carranco.

**SANTA FOR SENIORS DRIVE**

Student Council is hosting a Santa for Seniors Drive to collect blankets and socks to donate to our local nursing homes. Pictured from left to right are SFMMS StuCo Officers: Abram Ortiz, Vice-President, Mia Dilsaver-Galindo, President and Addie Weston, Secretary.

**THIS PLACE MATTERS**

With “This Place Matters!”, sponsored by the Educational Grant Foundation, our “Young Adventurers” promote local history, culture, and pride of Del Rio, Texas. The members are (1st Row, Left to Right): Matthew Garza, Brianna Gonzalez, Danielle Dominguez, Lina Henderson and Zulema Aguilar. (2nd Row, Left to Right): Alexa Rios, Naomy Ortiz, Andrea Martinez, Francisco Zertuche and Carmen Cabello. (3rd Row, Left to Right): Carmyn Cullinance, Aric Yanez and George Anthony Avalos. Sponsors are Monica Martinez and Laura Del Valle.