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In honor of McDonald’s birthday, Ronald McDonald came to Lamar Elementary to visit with students and staff. Students in Kinder thru second grade were thrilled to watch a great show, complete with reminders to be a good leader. Students were given a poster to remind them of what good leaders do.

LAMAR PARTICIPATES IN HOMECOMING PARADE

Lamar Elementary students, staff and parents came together to create a Fiesta themed float for the Del Rio High School Homecoming Float. The float was themed around the Plaza Brown and was made complete with students singing and dancing. Lamar Elementary was honored to receive 3rd place at the parade.

HONOR STUDENT COUNCIL AWARD

The Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School Student Council assists with different community and school-wide activities. Their hard work and dedication paid off this year as they received the distinction of Honor Council. With many of the members returning for the 2016-2017 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!

ANDALE DEL RIO PHYSICAL CHALLENGE

Dr. Fermin Calderon kicked off the WATCH D.O.G.S. program on Wednesday, September 28, 2016. Fathers, father figures, students and community members were invited that night to learn more about the program. WATCH D.O.G.S. is a K-5th grade program that invites fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or other father figures to volunteer at least one day all day at their child’s school during the school year. DFC’s WATCH D.O.G.S. were able to sign up at “Dads and Kids Pizza Night” that night. The program is overseen by a “Top Dog” volunteer who partners with the school administrator to coordinate scheduling and identify opportunities for Watch DOGS to provide assistance at the school. Watch DOG dads and volunteers perform a variety of tasks during their volunteer day including monitoring the school entrance, assisting with unloading and loading of buses and cars, monitoring the lunch room, or helping in the classroom with a teacher’s guidance by working with small groups of students on homework, flashcards, or spelling. A big thank you goes out to our volunteers that have made the program a great success this school year so far! The “Top Dog” for this school year is Osiel Saldua, father of Eudarte Saldua, 1st grade student at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary. You can contact our parental aide, Mrs. Juarez at 830-778-4620 if you are interested in volunteering as a WATCH DOG at our awesome school.

WATCH D.O.G.S.

Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary third grade students participated in the annual Andale Del Rio physical challenge on Saturday, October 1, 2016. The community has this health fair and family run/walk annually and invites the elementary campuses of our district to be a part of it. This year DFC placed third place in the competition that involved demonstration in basketball skills, accuracy and speed.
Buena Vista Elementary took 1st place for the float that best embodied this year’s theme, “Fiesta.” The entry was inspired by the 3D computer-animated fantasy comedy, The Book of Life. The STUCO committee and its officers spearheaded the huge project, but the grand success came from the family members who so generously gave of their time. “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

Buena Vista Elementary has launched the “Leader in Me” program and it’s safe to say, it has had a great impact on all The Mighty Longhorns! This year the fourth and fifth grade star students in each classroom decided to “Leaderize” the first awards assembly. The class leaders practiced and then collectively announced, congratulated, and together shared in each other’s accomplishments. The students called this effort a “Win-Win” for everyone!

Mrs. Cecy Gonzalez Villarreal is definitely sending her students and parents the right message about attendance. Her first grade class has 38 consecutive days of perfect attendance! This huge accomplishment was rewarded with a luncheon provided and served by the Buena Vista principal and assistant principal. Mrs. Gonzalez Villarreal’s high expectations and “star studded” parent support has shown everyone that in order for great things to happen, you first have to show up!

It is with great excitement and eagerness that Buena Vista kicks off the 2016 UIL journey for “Gold.” This year promises to be the best year ever! UIL is designed to motivate students as they acquire higher levels of understanding and it provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of a specific skill. This year hard work and dedication will be the Longhorn’s driving force! Knowledge is our Super Power, what’s yours?
October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. While most people are aware of breast cancer, many forget to take the steps to have a plan to detect the disease in its early stages.

North Heights Elementary had the highest attendance for the 1st six-weeks with 98.05%. Students and staff will be served a BBQ during their lunch. Congratulations to the staff and students for making attendance a priority.

The secondary campus with the highest attendance was SFMMS with 97.88%. Students and staff will be served a BBQ during their lunch. Congratulations to the staff and students for making attendance a priority.

Lamar Elementary had the highest attendance on 2nd Zero Absence Day on October 12, 2016 with 99.11%! We only had 5 students absent on this day. As a result, the entire school received a pizza party! We are very proud of all of our students, parents and staff for making our Zero Absence Day a success.