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Del Rio Middle School students participated in this year’s “See You at the Pole” on Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:00 a.m. “See You at the Pole” is a student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led event where students gather at the flag pole in prayer and positive reflection. This event runs in conjunction with the global day of prayer.

Del Rio Middle School students have more choices this year when it comes to their lunch trays. Students are now given a choice of either selecting Pasta Xpress, Taco Street, Classic Stacks or Bistro Bowls. Along with these options, study thes are also encouraged to eat a salad at our Gourmet Greens Salad Bar as a complimentary side dish to their entrees.

On Sept. 12th over 80 students attended the DRMS FIRST TECH CHALLENGE (FTC) Kick-Off. The 2015-2016 FTC Game was revealed and the teams started to brainstorm ideas for the new game, Res-Q. Students have to design a robot that climbs a 5 foot structure and deposit blocks into various scoring bins. The first contest will be Jan. 9th at DRMS. This is the 5th year of FTC at DRMS.

It’s said that grandparents have silver in their hair and gold in their hearts. Ruben Chavira Elementary School’s first graders honored grandparents at a celebration on September 11th. Students showed affection for grandparents by singing and sharing cookies and punch. Smiles filled the room as grandparents were flattered by this special tribute.

There is a leader in EVERY student at Ruben Chavira Elementary School. Through the Leader in Me program, students are actively taking leadership roles. There are student greeters welcoming students and staff as they enter the building in the morning. Student leaders conduct daily pledges and announcements. A school safety patrol is being organized and is another way the leaders at R.C.E. are creating a school climate that promotes everyday greatness.

The 5th graders at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary are using their iPads that were awarded through a grant last school year. Teachers work together to plan engaging activities that incorporate this type of technology. Students also work on iPads as a Station during Guided Instruction. In addition, students can work on programs such as Study Island from their homes. These 21st Century learners are well above the technology curve.

Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary hosted a “Picnic in the Park” on August 18, 2015 at Roy Musquiz Park. Kindergarten thru 5th grade parents and students were invited to meet the Dr. Fermin Calderon teachers and staff. Teachers and staff welcomed students and parents to the beginning of a successful year within a relaxed, fun, and supporting setting. It was great to see so many family members during this innovative meet and greet activity. Many families stayed a visited while kids played, allowing for a family fun event for the entire Calderon family.
On October 7th, Del Rio High School Student Council promoted Breast Cancer Awareness Month by showing their support and wearing pink on Wednesdays.

Del Rio High School Student Council held their annual Club Fair during open house on Thursday, October 8th in order to promote clubs and organizations available at DRHS and provide information about membership.

Del Rio High School Student Council was invited to attend the Queens Volleyball game on Tuesday, October 6th in appreciation for their artwork promoting the sport.

During the pep-rally on Friday, October 9th, the Del Rio High School class officers joined together after a friendly competitive relay game. Pictured left to right are the classes of 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Del Rio High School Student Council celebrated Custodian Day with the Ram Mascot on Friday, October 2nd in appreciation of all of their hard work maintaining the campus.

Early College High School is proud to introduce its 2015-2016 program Ambassadors. These students are dedicated to the positive promotion of ECHS. They will work on a volunteer basis to serve as liaisons between the current Del Rio ECHS and prospective students. All students were nominated by their teachers because they have demonstrated determination, hard work, and a fantastic attitude about their academic future! They are proudly displaying a banner presented to ECHS from our partner in education Southwest Texas Junior College.

Early College High School students had the opportunity to learn about what it takes to be a chef courtesy of the SFE Cafeteria program.

On October 8, 2015, Mrs. Steed's, EDUC 1300, Learning Frameworks; Early College High School Students displayed their amazing talents in a class project that rivaled "America's Got Talent". Students brought their musical instruments, art, hair designs, athleticism, visual presentations, magic tricks, speeches on social media and a moving speech "Why the teaching profession deserves more respect and honor". As each student demonstrated or spoke during their presentations, it told their life stories, their dreams and of obstacles they overcame. Each of the 42 students brought a "WOW" effect as their fellow classmates and Instructor looked on, encouraged and applauded their presentations.

Garfield elected new officers for the 2015 – 2016 School Year. They elected Jaiden Sanchez as their new President, Emily Arredondo as their new Vice-President, Dallie Tamayo as Historian, Max Moreno as Treasurer, and Luciana DelosReyes as Secretary. The team is ready to have a fabulous year and lead the student body of Garfield in a bright future.

Garfield students participated in the Andale Del Rio Relay event in October. They had a blast competing with the other elementary schools. Our coaches were fabulous in encouraging the students to do their best!

On October 2nd, Del Rio High School celebrated Custodian Day with the Ram Mascot on Friday, October 2nd in appreciation of all of their hard work maintaining the campus.
A major component of ensuring high student achievement is establishing a school learning environment in which visitors feel welcomed and valued. Our Customer Service initiative began last year with amazing sessions from The Bank & Trust staff. Over the summer, the Customer Service Committee prepared for the 2015-2016 year and set up six customer service training sessions for our staff through Deer Oaks, Employee Assistance Program. Mr. Martin Seca is the facilitator for these series of sessions.

Del Rio High School Student Council painted business’s windows on August 15th to spread Ram and Queen pride. Throughout the district all 4th grade students participated in the 2015 Archeological Fair held at the Whitehead Memorial Museum. The students participated in 18 hands on activities during their visit. Visitors enjoyed Atlatl Spear Throwing, Corn Grinding and the Texas Camel Corps while learning about Texas History. The event is geared to enhance the curriculum of the students. This year’s event coincides with both the 15th year of the archeological fair in Del Rio as well as the upcoming National Park Service Centennial Celebration.