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4. Asal Figuerrás
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6. Kiandra Garza
7. Lara Garanzuay
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After forty two years with the SFDRCISD, Mrs. Linda Guanajuato-Webb says goodbye. A true inspiration, Mrs. Guanajuato-Webb has been a great advocate for the betterment of the Cardwell Head Start students and their families for the last six years. Thank you Mrs. Webb we will miss you dearly.

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With field trips to seven local elementary schools, Cardwell students get an opportunity to become familiar with their new school. Students met their new principal, counselor, nurse, teachers, coaches, custodians, and cafeteria staff. They toured kindergarten classrooms, library, cafeteria, computer lab, and gym. Students are excited about attending a new school next year.

CARDWELL THREE YEAR OLD STUDENT RECOGNITION

Over ninety students will be returning to Cardwell to complete a second year. Teachers and students met to discuss next year and receive an incentive to remind them how happy Cardwell is to have them return for one more year of learning.

CARDWELL INSPIRING NEW TEACHERS

The DRHS Ready, Set, Teach students say goodbye to Cardwell after four months of intensive hands-on classroom training. Students enrolled in Mrs. Nancy St. Peter’s CATE class inspire to pursue a career in education.

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Ian Limon visited Casa de la Cultura with his second grade class.

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The STAAR Pep Rally included an MC, packed bleachers and a teacher dance off.

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The Spring Court enjoyed front row seats for the STAAR Pep Rally.

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Del Rio Middle School U1L students enjoyed an evening of fun at their end-of-year party at the Buena Vista pool. Our UIL students worked hard to earn their medals and trophies and were rewarded with an evening full of swimming, food, friends, and fun.

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Garfield 4th grade had an End of the Year event hosting a “Games in Nature” event. After having just finished taking their STAAR Math and Reading exams they wanted to use their STAAR skills in real life by using their reading and math skills playing challenging games while using their science knowledge to appreciate the wonderful world of Mother Nature by observing their surroundings while using their environment for pleasure. This experience will help prep them for their 5th grade science STAAR exam.

DR. FERMIN CALDERON’S LITERACY NIGHT

DR. Fermín Calderon Elementary hosted its annual Literacy Night on Tuesday, April 19th. Hundreds of parents, grandparents, students and siblings arrived at the school for this fun event. Third grade students led a “Leader in Me” skit which was followed by “Leader in Me” songs performed by select Kinder students. After the performance, parents were invited to choose from over a dozen workshops on literacy. While the parents attended sessions to help them guide their children in reading, students listened to a variety of community leaders read a book as part of our Celebrity Reader program. The fun filled evening was ended with a spaghetti dinner.

DEL RIO MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE

Ms. Scholz’s 7th grade ELA classes partnered up with Student Treasures Publishing Company and published their own hard back book. Each student wrote and illustrated an autobiographical poem. Pictured is Ms. Scholz’s 5th and 6th period ELA class, holding a copy of their published book of poetry. The cover illustration was drawn by Jonathan Lara.

DEL RIO MIDDLE SCHOOL MARIACHI DE LA JUVENTUD

The Del Rio Middle School Mariachi De La Juventud played at Val Verde Regional Hospital on Cinco de Mayo. The mariachi also played at several retirement homes.
NORTH HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY LIFE OF A BUTTERFLY

Mrs. Acosta’s Kindergarten class studied the Life Cycle of a Butterfly up close in their classroom. During the March Fire Drill students rescued a caterpillar and nurtured it until it became a beautiful butterfly named Bella. Bella was then released into the wild on Earth Day.

NORTH HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY CASA DE LA CULTURA

Ian Limon visited Casa de la Cultura with his second grade class.

NORTH HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY STAAR PEP RALLY

The STAAR Pep Rally included an MC, packed bleachers and a teacher dance off.

NORTH HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SPRING COURT

The Spring Court enjoyed front row seats for the STAAR Pep Rally.

NORTH HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY CAREER DAY

Students enjoyed Career Day. Several community businesses volunteered their time to come and talk to students about their jobs. Thank you to the many folks who shared their work day with us.

San Felipe Memorial Middle School GT Fair was held on May 23, 2016. The theme for this year was - SFMMS GT Students “Making A Difference” - THE MAD IDEA! Students presented their community service projects. All boards were on display for parents and community members to view.

San Felipe Memorial Middle School Stuco Committee 2015-2016 held its end of the year dinner party at Mr. Gatti’s.

San Felipe Memorial Middle School class lights it up BLUE for Autism Awareness Day!

The Del Rio Middle School Symphonic Band performing at UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest in Eagle Pass on April 7, 2016. The band received first division ratings from all the judges and was awarded the UIL Sweepstakes Trophy.

San Felipe Memorial Middle School class lights it up BLUE for Autism Awareness Day!
After forty two years with the SFDRCISD, Mrs. Linda Guanajuato-Webb says goodbye. A true inspiration, Mrs. Guanajuato-Webb has been a great advocate for the betterment of the Cardwell Head Start students and their families for the last six years. Thank you Mrs. Webb we will miss you dearly.

CARDWELL THREE YEAR OLD STUDENT RECOGNITION

Over ninety students will be returning to Cardwell to complete a second year. Teachers and students met to discuss next year and receive an incentive to remind them how happy Cardwell is to have them return for one more year of learning.

CARDWELL INSPIRING NEW TEACHERS

The DRHS Ready, Set, Teach students say goodbye to Cardwell after four months of intensive hand-on classroom training. Students enrolled in Mrs. Nancy St. Peter’s CATE class inspire to pursue a career in education.

CARDWELL’S KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION TRIPS

With field trips to seven local elementary schools, Cardwell students get an opportunity to become familiar with their new school. Students met their new principals, counselors, nurses, teachers, coaches, custodians, and cafeteria staff. They toured kindergarten classrooms, library, cafeteria, computer lab, and gym. Students are excited about attending a new school next year.

CARDWELL SAYS GOODBYE TO MRS. LINDA GUANAJUATO-WEBB
The Del Rio Freshman Sapphires Pep & Dance competed in Galveston, TX, April 30th and Received Best in Category in all three of their routines. They also received a Judges Award, Sweepstakes and Circle of Champions Awards (runner up Grand Champion). They brought back a total of 6 awards from their three routines.

Creative Communication is devoted to the promotion of writing, teaching, and appreciation of student writing. The top entries nationwide are published in a hardcover anthology. 24 students from Mrs. Alice Lopez’ ELA II classes were recognized and accepted for publication in the Creative Communication Spring 2016 Poetry Anthology. The following freshman students will be published:

1. Aaron Cash
2. Britney Diaz
3. Iyilia Falcon
4. Asaf Figueiras
5. Dulcinea Flores
6. Kiandra Garza
7. Lara Garanzuay
8. Daniel Gonzalez
9. Ariana Hirojas
10. Alexandra Klay
11. Audrey Layfield
12. Andrea Lincon
13. Anthony Maldonado
14. Kaitlyn Maldonado
15. Alexis Mireles
16. Gabriela Navarro
17. Matthew Ortiz
18. Mariana Rendon
19. Briza Rabide
20. Donny Sehr
21. Jack Sorrell
22. Shane Torello
23. Dorian Vallejo
24. Alejandro Zaragoza

Congratulations Class of 2016