

HIGHLIGHTS

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2015 ARCHEOLOGICAL FAIR

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.



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GARFIELD CHICK-FIL-A NIGHT!



Garfield Elementary students and staff helped bring in the crowds at the Garfield Chick-Fil-A fundraiser night to benefit the students at Garfield Elementary. Ms. Ristow, Garfield's fabulous music teacher entertained the crowd with songs sung by her choir group for this school year.

CHEF'S IN THE MAKING!



Garfield 5th had the opportunity to learn about what it takes to be a chef courtesy of the SFE Cafeteria program.

AMERICA'S GOT TALENT



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'S NEW STUDENT COUNCIL 2015/2016



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. This team is ready to have a fabulous year and lead the student body of Garfield in a bright future.

ANDALE GARFIELD!!



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!

EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL



Early College High School is proud to introduce it's 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. Esli Martinez, Kate Alvarado, Argelia Zapata, Aaron Escoto, Karina Palacios, Melissa Borrego, Alondra Del Rio, Kayla Ortiz, Sabino Torres, Andrik Acuna, Alejandro Balboa.

COUGARS ARE LEADERS!



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.

MAKING MEMORIES



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.

DR FERMIN CALDERON HOSTS PICNIC IN THE PARK



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.

R.C.E. IS "LOVING IT"!



McDonald's by the creek and R.C.E. have partnered up in the name of education. On October 15th, school staff joined McDonald's staff to serve R.C.E. families delicious dinners. Through this event, McDonald's shares profit from that evening with the school. The school is able to use this money to enhance the educational experience for their students. McTeacher's Night is a great time for students to see teachers and administrators in a different environment. Thanks, McDonald's. We are "lovin" the community involvement!

DR FERMIN CALDERON 5TH GRADERS WORK ON IPADS



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 I Station and Study Island from their homes. These 21st Century learners are well above the technology curve.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS AT CARDWELL



Every Wednesday in October, Cardwell staff comes together and proudly wear pink in support of breast cancer awareness.

COLLEGE BEGINS AT CARDWELL HEAD START



It is never too early to begin teaching students about college. Every year, four-year-old students take a field trip to Sul Ross University to tour the campus and participate in a lesson taught by Dr. Fernando Quiz. Cardwell hosts staff from the Southwest Texas Jr. College to share information about registration, classes offered and financial aid to parents. Each month, staff wear their college t-shirts to remind students and their families how furthering their education through college is an attainable goal.

CARDWELL'S FIRST CLASSROOM SHOWCASE



The grand finale of this year's bus and pedestrian safety week which included school wide lessons, parent training, and bus evacuation drills consisted of two classrooms of three-year-old students' performances. After only four weeks of school, Mrs. Lourdes McClellan and Miss Vanessa Luna's classes sang, danced and played the bongos for a large group of proud parents.

DR FERMIN CALDERON ELEMENTARY 5TH GRADE STUDENTS - DON'T BE AFRAID TO STAND OUT



"Don't Be Afraid to Stand Out" 5th grade students from Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School dressed in neon colors and sunglasses and rocked out to music from the 1980's decade. Under the direction of the general Music teacher, Andrea Reed, students performed songs made popular by Culture Club, Bow Wow, and Wham. Many parents enjoyed singing along with this musical performance on September 29th, 2015.

LONNIE GREEN SUPPORTING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



In support of Breast Cancer Awareness, students and staff wore pink. This was also to show our support to cancer survivors Mrs. Patino and Mrs. Alfaro. Pictured with the children are Principal- Mrs. Salas and Asst. Principal- Mr. Ortiz.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK



In Honor of National School Lunch Week, Dr. Lonnie Green appreciates all the hard work that our cafeteria ladies display each and every day! They truly make our Panther Café a dining experience for all staff and students!

CARDWELL DADDY & ME: EATING THE ALPHABET



The Cardwell Fatherhood Council hosted a Daddy and Me cooking event where students with the help of their fathers had an opportunity to learn new vocabulary and practice letter recognition through the use of a variety of healthy foods.

SUL ROSS REPRESENTATIVES VISIT LONNIE GREEN



Sul Ross University representatives Ebdawana Musquiz and Julie Alderete visited Dr. Lonnie Green Elementary this morning. They are partnering up with Dr. Lonnie Green Mrs. Patino's 1st grade class to promote higher education awareness. Each child received a t-shirt and a goodie bag filled with Sul Ross memorabilia. Sul Ross we thank you for bringing out the best in these leaders.

NICK SCOTT, MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, AT CARDWELL



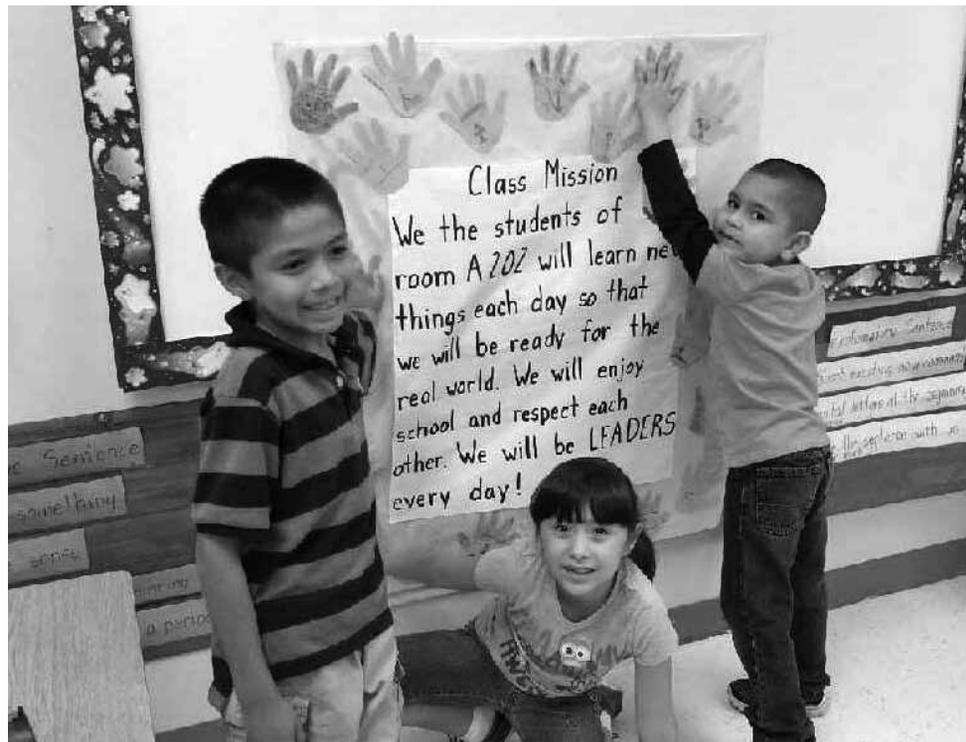
Nick Scott, wheelchair bodybuilder, spoke to staff, parents and students about staying positive, working together as a team and making the best of every day through positive self-motivation. He was invited to Cardwell as this year's Red Ribbon and Anti-Bullying Campaigns.

NORTH HEIGHTS STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS



North Heights Elementary 4th and 5th grade students participated in the election of Student Council officers. Officers for the 2015-2016 school year are: President- Makayli Manrique, Vice President - Allie Rodriguez, Secretary - Juan Pablo Rios, Treasure - Pablo Galindo, Historian - Laila Torres and members of the executive board: Patrick Smith, Amanda Garcia, Jasmine Montouri, Emily Galindo and Katherine Meed.

NORTH HEIGHTS CLASS MISSION STATEMENT



Students in Miss Campos' 1st grade class signed their class mission statement. North Heights Elementary is a Leader in Me school. Staff and students have received training on implementing Franklin Covey's 7 Habits. At North Heights Elementary, we believe that great habits will make great leaders. As part of the Leader in Me program all homeroom classes created their class mission statements and signed it showing their commitment to their mission.

NORTH HEIGHTS COMMUNITY HELPERS WEEK



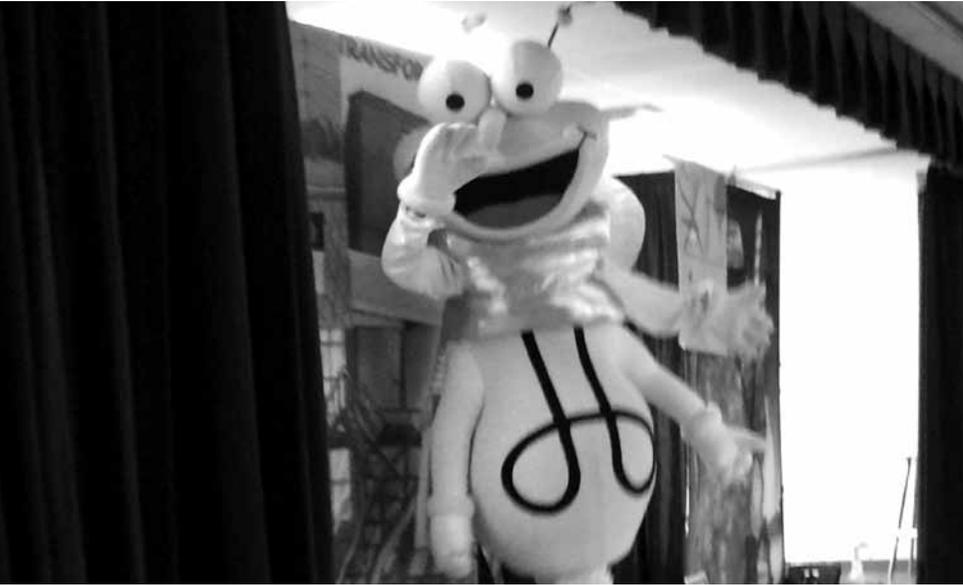
North Heights Elementary kindergarten students celebrated community helpers week October 11 – 16, 2015. Each day a different organization visited with the kinder students about their role as community helpers.

NH SUPPORTS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



October is designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Students and staff participated in this awareness month by wearing pink every Thursday during the month of October.

LEARNING ALL ABOUT ELECTRICITY SAFETY - A PERFORMANCE BY THE NATIONAL THEATER



Students at Lamar Elementary were treated to a performance by the National Theater during September. The performance presented valuable information regarding "Playing it Safe" around electricity. "Louie, Louie" made a guest appearance and students were treated to workbooks that helped to reinforce the academic vocabulary about important words surrounding electricity in the classroom. Teachers and students alike laughed and applauded during the play with excitement, especially when "Louie, Louie" appeared. The performance was presented in cooperation with AEP Texas. It was a job well-done!

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH – LAMAR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS LEARN TO STOP, DROP, AND ROLL!



The Del Rio Fire Department paid a visit to Lamar Elementary on Monday, October 5th to give a presentation on fire prevention. Firefighters put on a demonstration, with the help of Sparky the mascot, to teach students important safety information. Students reviewed Stop, Drop, and Roll, the importance of having a fire safety plan at home in place, and the different tools and gadgets the fire department uses on the job. Students also received booklets packed with information. Lamar would like to thank them for their visit and for the work they do day after day. Lamar Elementary loves our Firefighters!

LAMAR ELEMENTARY WELCOME THE RAMS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM



On Friday, September 18th, the Varsity Rams Football Team paid a visit to Lamar Elementary on their way to their game against the Southwest Dragons in San Antonio. Students cheered and clapped as the team entered the gym. Miss Flores, principal, welcomed and thanked the team for visiting and Coach Frenchy McCrea spoke to students about the importance of being model students as they strive to become a future athlete at Del Rio High School. As the short pep rally came to an end, Lamar students welcomed the team into our Lamar family by doing their Lamar Chant. All of the staff and students at Lamar Elementary wish the team the best this season! Go Rams Go!!!

WE ARE LAMAR LEADERS! STUDENT COUNCIL PARTICIPATES IN TEP SA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Lamar Elementary Student Council officers, members, and sponsors participated in this year's annual TEP SA leadership conference held at the Del Rio Civic Center on September 24, 2015. Student council members took part in different activities emphasizing on team building skills and improving their leadership skills. Students also were tasked with creating a song and building relationships with other members of student councils from other local and surrounding schools. "The students have really shown a great role in taking on new leadership responsibilities. They are really excited to work and make their school better and we are excited to help them make that happen," said Mrs. Edith Ibarra, school counselor.

SAN FELIPE MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETS AR GOALS



114 students met their AR goal of 5 points for the first six weeks at San Felipe Memorial Middle School. Pictured are some of the 52 students who earned 10 or more points the first six weeks. Top point earners for the first six weeks are Albany Rodriguez-Arranaga, 71.3; Cristina Fernandez, 75.5, and Alex Beattie, 116.8. Congratulations to all of these hard-working students.

SFDRCID BLENDED LEARNING ACADEMY

FUEL UP TO PLAY 60 - BUENA VISTA



August 24, 2015, marked the opening of Blended Learning Academy as SFDRCID's newest school. Dr. Rios, Superintendent of Schools, sought and received school board approval in the spring of 2015, to create a secondary campus designed to offer an innovative instructional program which would provide a personalized plan to meet the specific learning needs of students.

The coaches at Buena Vista Elementary applied for a grant through Fuel Up to Play 60. They were awarded the grant and were given equipment for indoor activities. Pictured are Coach Ealy, Wardlaw and Jenkins along with 3rd graders and school administration. They look forward to making great use of the equipment.

ANDALE DEL RIO - BUENA VISTA

HONOR STUDENT COUNCIL AWARD - BUENA VISTA



Buena Vista Elementary third grade students participated in the annual Andale Del Rio physical challenge. 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 Buena Vista Elementary placed second in the competition that involved demonstration in basketball skills, accuracy and speed.

The Buena Vista 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 most of the members returning for the 2015-2016 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!

WE LOVE OUR RAMS!



2015-2016 Del Rio Middle School cheerleaders and pom squad lead the crowd with song and cheer as we support our Rams. Go, Rams, Go!

RUNNING TO VICTORY



The 2015-2016 Del Rio Middle School Cross Country teams had a great season! Coach Alexandria Smith and Coach Stephen Thomas started preparing their athletes since early in the summer and their dedication and hard work has definitely paid off by consistently winning at meets. Great job RAMS and QUEENS!

SFMS M.A.S.T.E.R.S.



The M.A.S.T.E.R.S. is an organization that is taking S.F.M.M.S. students to a whole new level. Research shows that students learn best from their own peers. The M.A.S.T.E.R.S. is composed of students who are willing to help their fellow classmates. These students have applied and have been accepted to the organization. They have been trained to help their classmates understand the concept and not simply give them the answer. There are five centers: Math, Reading/Writing, Social Studies, Science, and Bilingual. There is a math teacher as well as an English teacher present at all times to help facilitate the tutoring sessions. TUTORING/HELP is available Monday-Thursday 7:20-7:50 AM and 3:30-4:05PM in Room A129. No pass needed! Just stop by and someone is always ready to help! Mastering Academic Skills Through Exceptionally Remarkable Support

DR FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED



Freshman Class Officers were recently elected by their peers after a week of strategic and friendly campaigning. Officers of the class of 2019 include President Fabian Diego, Vice-President Shay Garza, Secretary Dasia Gonzalez, Treasurer Briana Castañeda and Historian Manny Rodriguez-Patiño. This elite group of students will serve as a voice for their peers and represent their class throughout the year by showing school spirit, responsibility and leadership.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN...



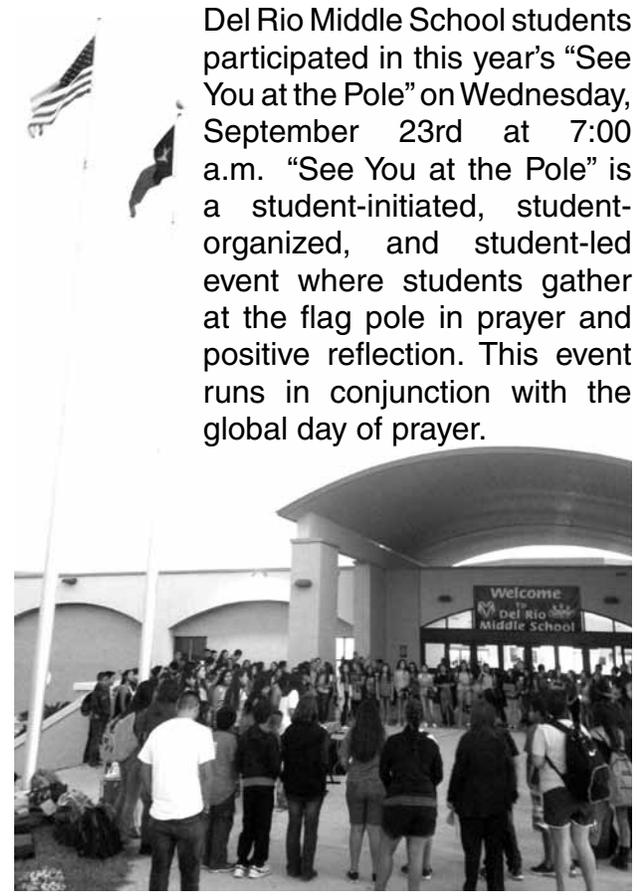
On Sept. 12th over 80 students attended the DRMS FIRST TECH CHALLENGE (FTC) Kick-Off. The 2015-2016 FTC Game was revealed and the teams started to brainstorm ideas for the new game, Res-Q. Students have to design a robot that climbs a 5 foot structure and deposit blocks into various scoring bins. The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

WHAT SHALL I EAT FOR LUNCH?



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, students are also encouraged to eat a salad at our Gourmet Greens Salad Bar as a complimentary side dish to their entrées.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE



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.

DRHS SUPPORTING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



On October 7th, Del Rio High School Student Council promoted Breast Cancer Awareness Month by showing their support and wearing pink on Wednesdays.

DRHS CLASS OFFICERS RELAY GAME



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.

DRHS COUNCIL ATTENDS VOLLEYBALL GAME



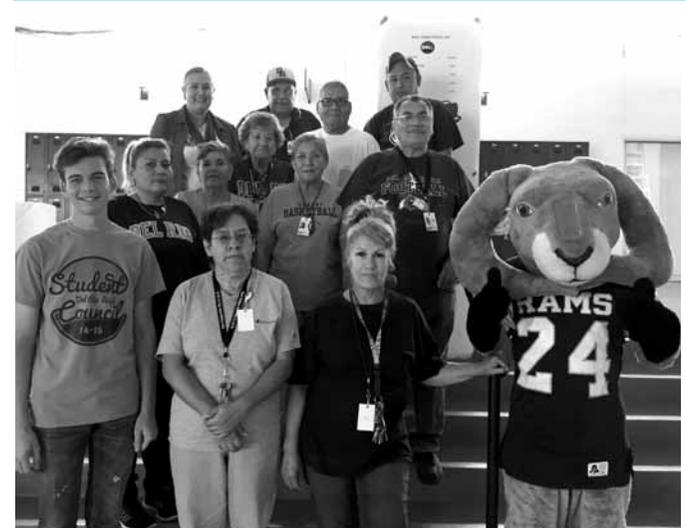
Del Rio High School Student Council was invited to attend the Queens Volleyball game on Tuesday, October 6th in appreciation for their artwork promoting the sport.

DRHS CLUB FAIR



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.

DRHS CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION



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.

CHICK FIL A SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT - BUENA VISTA



It was an awesome turn out at Chick Fil A as they hosted Buena Vista Elementary for their first Spirit Night! A large group of parents, students, staff, and the community came out to show their support. Staff members greeted customers, cleaned tables, refilled condiments as well as drinks, making everyone feel welcomed! Thank you Chick Fil A for your commitment to encouraging families to come together while enjoying great food. It was a great way for our children, families, and staff members to socialize outside of school while raising money to support Buena Vista Elementary.

2015-2016 CUSTOMER SERVICE INITIATIVE



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.

UIL RECRUITMENT PEP RALLY - BUENA VISTA



Students at Buena Vista Elementary are nothing short of amazing! They are fun, exciting and with UIL competition in less than 3 months, they are now GOING FOR LUCKY WIN #7!! The UIL coaches at Buena Vista Elementary hosted a pep rally to recruit students to participate in the six events. Guided by their imaginations and coaches, the students sure were excited and eager to participate!

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTIONS



Student Council officers were elected at Buena Vista Elementary. Students arrived to school confident and ready to tackle the day! Excited, they hurried their way into the cafeteria to present their speeches to 3rd-5th grade peers, to the staff, and parents. The candidates promised to give their time, support, and dedication for the betterment of their organization and school.

DEL RIO HIGH SCHOOL SPREAD RAM AND QUEEN PRIDE



Del Rio High School Student Council painted business's windows on August 15th to spread Ram and Queen pride.