

# HIGHLIGHTS

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## BLENDED ACADEMY MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Blended BASAA members participated and helped at the BFCU Youth Fair April 28, 2018. They helped with the raffle, inflating and distributing balloons, and practiced public speaking skills.



BASAA, President Jennifer Elias, helps bring recycling awareness at the City of Del Rio Earth Day event on April 21, 2018.



BASAA members volunteered at the Lions Club 5K Run fundraiser March 24, 2018.

## BLENDED ACADEMY EOC READY



LET'S SEAL THE DEAL! Blended Academy Principal, Jose H. Rodriguez, shook hands with every member of the 10th grade Algebra 1 cohort to seal the deal- if all members of the class passed the EOC exams, he would dye his hair. To the right: After results came in, students surprised Mr. Rodriguez, asking him for an exact date and time. The bet was a motivator to the students.



Ninth grade students anxiously wait in line during their lunch break to consult with Mr. Menchaca, their Algebra 1 teacher, about their EOC results. As they wait, some students take time to see some of the math worksheets created and graded by the 10th grade Algebra 1 class. Students attended Sunday Pick 25 to prepare for the EOC.



Mr. Lopez, Blended Academy Teacher of the Year, was surprised by students who gathered to thank him for being a great role model both inside and outside of school.

## I LEARNED A THING OR TWO AT BUENA VISTA!



Celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday are two proud second graders from Mrs. Harris classroom.

## BUENA VISTA STUCO GETAWAY



The student council committee was treated to an end of the school year weekend trip. Third, fourth, and fifth graders were taken by charter bus to San Antonio where they took in sights, good food, and tons of fun. The B.V. STUCO is under the direction of second grade teacher Stacie Harris.

## BUENA VISTA'S GOT TALENT



They say every minute a star is born, and Buena Vista Elementary definitely did their part to showcase their young stars with a spectacular talent show. The aspiring stars ages 5 to 11 stepped into the spotlight eager and excited to put on a standing ovation performance. The talent show featured children who sang, danced and performed. According to the school music teacher, Mrs. Angela Leonor, the show began as a way to spotlight young talent in the school and to encourage children to express themselves artistically.

## HAVE A HEART AND DO YOUR PART



The Buena Vista beautification sessions put together by the STUCO were a way for students to gain insight and perspective as to how to be an active member in their school. Parents, students, and staff helped clean, paint and plant plants to beautify BV. The Student Council started at the Buena Vista Park and cleaned up the road that leads back to school.

## THE GREEN TEAM



Buena Vista's Green Team has been growing their green thumbs! They planted a garden on Earth Day and have been helping the Tower Garden produce some amazing greens and herbs. Let's Go Green Together!

## CAREER DAY



This year Buena Vista provided an exciting opportunity to share real-life experiences, professionals' knowledge, and all that it took to make successful professionals here in Del Rio. The purpose for having different local businesses come in was to help students build a connection between their education and their future career.

## DR. FERMIN CALDERON FINE ARTS SHOW



They say every minute a star is born and Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary definitely did their part to showcase their young stars with a spectacular Art Show. The aspiring artists, singers and dancers stepped into the spotlight over two nights this spring. Students in kindergarten, first and second grade displayed their artistic talents on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, while third, fourth, and fifth grade students stole the spotlight on Thursday, May 24, 2018. The show featured artwork by each individual student enrolled in the school in all areas of the campus. The night also featured singing and dancing by students of all grade levels. Thanks to the Education Foundation, the two grant awarded programs were also able to display their year's work at this show. The Young Entrepreneurs sold pieces of unique artwork that night including coasters, paper mache banks, handmade recycled crayons, jewelry pieces and several other projects. Both nights ended with a grand finale display of Cardio Drumming by volunteer students led by the physical education coaches. Our strings students also performed the pieces they have been working on this school year. Staff self-drawings were also displayed in the cafeteria. It was truly a night to remember! Special thanks goes out to our awesome Art teacher Miss Erica Hernandez for organizing this successful event. A special thank you also goes out to our staff members, Mrs. A. Reed, Mr. T. Garza, Coach Juarez-Dobbins, Coach Cortinas, Coach Lerma and Coach Solorio for their help in making this event possible! We would also like to thank our Young Entrepreneurs Club sponsors Ms. Ninel Vivanco and Mrs. Leticia Reyna!

## DR. FERMIN CALDERON VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON



The PAWfect parents at Dr. Fermin Calderon were recognized for their time and dedication to our school for the 2017-18 year. They were treated to a special luncheon on April 20, 2018 and presented with gifts. Our school truly appreciates the support and countless hours provided to help meet student goals and helping our staff succeed. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Luz Maria Rangel for putting the most hours at our campus and to also to our parental involvement aide, Mrs. Lorena Martinez for organizing activities throughout the school year.

## DR. FERMIN CALDERON GT FAIR



Mrs. Fortunato's students showcased their talents at this year's Gifted and Talented Fair on Thursday, April 26, 2018. The students displayed their year's work and projects at the exhibit for their families and the community. Students in each grade level presented information about their projects throughout the night for the community in attendance. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Fortunato for a successful GT showcase!

**CARDWELL WINS HEB PLASTIC BAG CHALLENGE**



Cardwell students gathered over 107,000 plastic bags in one week winning the H.E.B. Regional Plastic Bag Challenge. Cardwell competed against school in Eagle Pass, Carrizo Springs, Pearsall, and Laredo. Go, Cubs!

**MUFFINS FOR MOM AT CARDWELL**



Mothers were serenaded at this year's Muffins for Mom, a Mother's Day event promoting parent engagement.

**CARDWELL CUBS TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN**



Cardwell Cubs were welcomed at their respective schools in preparation for upcoming kindergarten transition. They were given a tour of the school to meet teachers and become familiar with their new campuses.

**I LOVE MY TEACHER DAY AT CARDWELL**



Students dressed up in 80's attire to show appreciation for their teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week.

**CARDWELL FATHERHOOD ENGAGEMENT**



Fathers and other significant male figures gathered at Cardwell to learn about the importance of engaging in their children's lives and being a source of support and guidance in their education. To remember this day, fathers and children created a hand-over-hand handprint art project, creating a masterpiece.

## FIN-TASTIC TRIP



Who has the opportunity to build sandcastles and hunt for seashells on the beach, discover the underwater world of the sea by interacting with marine life AND sleep near sharks all in one amazing trip? The Dexters, of course! Ruben Chavira Elementary School's after school science club took a trip to Corpus Christi over Memorial Day weekend that was full of remarkable experiences. The little scientists, along with trip sponsors Ms. Michele Tschetter, Mrs. Cindy Martinez, Mrs. Monica Rivera, Mrs. Liz Overfelt and Mrs. Kelly Lujan, had a sleepover at Texas State Aquarium after a fun-filled day at the beach. Not only was the trip exciting, but they all SWAM away with much science knowledge. The Dexters all agree that they can't wait to SEA what FIN-tastic trip they will take next year!

## CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS



On May 4th, RCE celebrated their Zero Absence Day Challenge victory with delicious pizza from Mr. Gatti's. Thank you to Mr. Skip Baker for his continued support with attendance rewards. Cougars know that if you miss school – YOU MISS OUT!

## MUSIC TO OUR EARS



RCE's Choir had the experience of a lifetime when given the opportunity to participate in "Sing with the Symphony" in San Antonio on May 25th. Choir sponsors Mr. Jordan English and Miss Melissa Sandoval escorted the choir students to San Antonio to partake in an educational and entertaining afternoon of playing recorders and singing along with the San Antonio Symphony. Of course, a stop at Incredible Pizza before heading home made the trip even more memorable.

## CAMP READ-A-LOT



Mrs. Lyn White's class was full of many HAPPY CAMPERS Friday, May 25th. Camp Read-A-Lot was opened for the last day of AR testing. The little campers wore pajamas, brought their favorite furry book buddies to share books with and created tents out of sheets and boxes. When the camp lights were dimmed, campers used glow sticks to read their favorite books while enjoying doughnuts in the cozy reading environment. Of course, no campout is complete without s'mores. Thanks to goodie bags sent home, the campers were able to share their treats (AND their love of reading) with their families.

## DEL RIO FRESHMAN SCHOOL BOWLING NIGHT

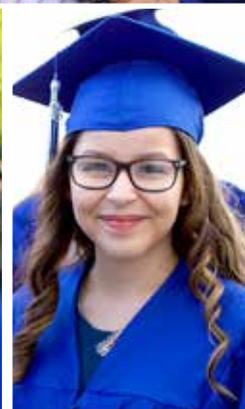
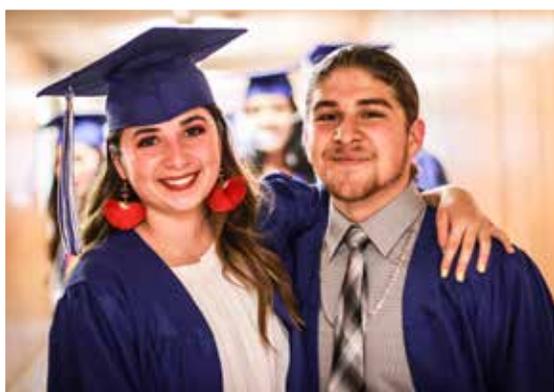


Eighty students participated in the second annual DRFS Bowling Night and the event proved to be a great success. Individual and team awards were handed out, with sixteen teams battling for medals, trophies, and bragging rights. The Hitmen: Joey Castillo, Brandon Gonzalez, Julian Contreras, Aiden Huerta and Josh Green earned first place with a score of 506. The Pinheads: Luis Arteaga, Dylan Casas, Kaleb Preciado, Erick Castaneda, and Jose Hernandez earned second place with a score of 505. Earning third were The Five Beans: Guillermo Garza, Luis Montemayor, Angel Aldrete, Aldo Veliz, and Cristian Corral with a score of 493. Top Male bowler was Luis Montemayor and Top Female bowler was Karla Soto.

## EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE STUDENTS



Students at Early College High School earned top honors for having perfect attendance all year!! Students were treated to a luncheon and presented with a district yard sign recognizing all year perfect attendance. Also received was an ECHS challenge coin that represents commitment and dedication in all areas where the final product is success! Congratulations to our students and parents.





## ALAMO REGIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR



Del Rio High School students competed at the Alamo Regional Science Fair on March 1st and 2nd at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, TX. Mia Rodriguez and Daria Da Blasi are both advancing to the state science fair with their individual projects in microbiology.

## DRHS CHOIR UIL CONCERT AND SIGHT READING



Del Rio High School Orchestra students participated in the UIL Concert and Sight-Reading contest in San Antonio. They are proud to announce they got First Division in Sight-reading (first time ever for DRHS) and earned Second Division in Performance. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THEM!

## WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY



Del Rio High School students participated in World Down Syndrome Day on 3/21 by wearing their crazy socks to advocate for the rights, inclusion, and well-being of people with Down Syndrome.

## DEL RIO HIGH SCHOOL AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC TX-66



Cadets from Del Rio High School Air Force Junior ROTC TX-66 recently passed their tri-annual inspection on Feb 22 with excellent ratings. Many areas of inspection received "Exceeds Standards". The cadet briefing given by Cameron Paradis and Bethanyt Adame received an "Exceeds Standards" as did the 30-step drill sequence led by Aaliyah Akins. The overall cadet uniform inspection also received an "Exceeds Standards". The inspection was performed by a representative from Maxwell Air Force Base ROTC Headquarters. Congratulations, TX-066!

## NORTH HEIGHTS AR NIGHT



North Heights welcomed parents and students for our last AR Family Night – Joining us for a “Hot Dog Good Time”. We thank our parents for teaching your kids that reading is one of the most important skills anyone can have.

## HOOLA HOOP, RACES, TUG OF WAR



Students enjoyed field day events on the last week of school. Students were celebrated with popsicles, races and team events. Oh what fun it is to be an NHE Chief!

## STUCO AUTISM & LEXINGTON



On June 1st and 2nd, North Heights Student Council took their end of year trip to San Antonio/Corpus Christi where they visited and sang to students at the Foundation for Autism Center. Autism awareness has been part of their leadership platform for two years. Students also got to learn about the history of the USS Lexington.

## DEL RIO ART LEAGUE ART SHOW WINNERS



DRMS is proud to announce winners for the 2018 Judged Art show held at the Firehouse by the Del Rio Art League. (Left)

8th grade, Zabdiel Antu received 1st place and (right) 7th grader, Andrea Espinoza received 2nd place in the S2 - 6th - Eight grade category . Seventh grader, Alexa Garza (not pictured) received Honorable Mention. This is Zabdiel and Andrea’s first year in art classes; however both are self taught. Their talent speaks for itself. Congratulations, students on a job well done.

8th grade art teacher -Dora Trevino (not pictured), 7th grade art teacher -Sheri Vela, Principal- Sergio Jimenez

## GARFIELD ELEMENTARY T-SHIRT BOOK REPORT



Fifth grade students from Garfield Elementary completed a t-shirt book report in which they were able to reinforce common core reading standards. The shirts included a replica of the book cover along with a well-written summary and all important aspects of the story (plot). The students presented their t-shirt reports to their peers and were allowed to wear them at school for other students and staff to enjoy!

## GARFIELD ATTENDS MO RANCH



Garfield 5th graders attended MO Ranch in early May and learned about archery, reptiles, Ropes Course, and many other outdoor educational activities.

## DUNK THE STAAR



The High School Head basketball coach, Jose Nieto, and players visited Garfield Elementary right before their STAAR test to encourage them to do their best. Pictured here are students participating in a basketball relay.

## GARFIELD ATTENDS MO RANCH



Garfield Elementary had many community visitors showcasing their careers to encourage students to think about their future. Pictured here are the community participants with the student council and administration team.

## GARFIELD ELEMENTARY FIRE ARTS



Garfield held its 4th annual Fine Arts Night. Students' artwork was displayed throughout the school. There were performances from strings, recorders, and our Singing Mustangs. It was an amazing showcase of our talented students. The evening was coordinated by Mrs. V. Martinez (art) and Miss K. Ristow (music).

## 4TH GRADE STUDENTS ENJOY DINO DAYS & RASPA KING



Students in the fourth grade cluster enjoyed a day at Dino Days and a trip to Raspa King. Students enjoyed learning about dinosaurs and spending time together learning outside of the classroom.

## LAMAR LOVE MY TEACHER 5K



The PE department invited students and staff to join the Love My Teacher 5K. Quite a few students, staff and parents walked together to show support and love for their teachers.

## SOLAR COOKER



This week, 5th grade students used what they learned in science to create a solar cooker. They picked a great day to work on this project, as the temperatures rose to over 100 degrees. Students cooked using solar energy and then enjoyed their treat.

## MRS. MEJIAS CLASS DINO DAYS



Mrs. K. Mejia's 1st grade class appreciates their FANTASTIC parent volunteers!!! During a recent trip to the Whitehead Memorial Museum, students (and parent volunteers) learned all about dinosaurs. Dino Days is an annual field trip that students will not soon forget.

## LAMAR ART CLUB



The Lamar Art Club has competed in art competitions throughout the year. This week, students will be treated to a fun-filled field trip to learn more about local hot spots for art in the Del Rio area.

## LONNIE GREEN ELEMENTARY ANNUAL 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



The 7th Annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament was held during the last week of May with an outstanding 20 total teams participating! All students worked extremely hard to work their way through the bracket. It was great to see students of all experience levels coming together to show what teamwork is all about!

### DISTRICT CHOIR CONCERT



The end of the 2017-2018 school year has been more than productive for the LGE Panthers! Students participated in the District Choir Concert featuring the Disney song "Be Our Guest". The Art club, choir and strings students then put together a Music and Art Gallery for parents where they showcased all their hard work throughout the year.

### SENIOR WALK



Fifty-four Del Río High School seniors, alumni of Dr. Lonnie Green Elementary, returned to their home school for one last walk through the campus. Alumni were greeted by students, teachers, staff, and parents who all had encouraging words, cheers and words of affirmation for our previous students. We could not be any more proud of the amazing students who still call Lonnie Green home!

### CHICKEN TO EGG PRESENTATION



Christine Miner and her High School Ag Club seniors presented a Chicken to Egg presentation for Kinder thru second grade students. Students even had the opportunity to interact with live animals!

### I LOVE MY TEACHER 5K



Students, families and staff all had a great time at the I Love My Teacher 5K! Lonnie Green has a great turnout and all teachers present surely felt the love!

## SFMMS STUDENT COUNCIL SEA WORLD TRIP



SFMMS Student Council celebrated their success with an end of the year trip to SeaWorld on Saturday, June 2nd. Sponsors that accompanied the 19 students were Karla Martinez, Alma Rojas, and chaperone Nerissa Winn. GREAT job, StuCo!

## ALL-YEAR PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD CEREMONY SFMMS



During an All-Year Perfect Attendance Award Ceremony and lunch, SFDRCSID and SFDRM awarded yard signs to 85 students with perfect attendance for the year. Parents were invited to eat lunch with their student and take pictures. SFMMS PTO had a special treat and gave every student and staff member an ice cream treat for being PRESENT today. US Border Patrol Agents, Joel Estrada and Paul O'Rourke donated seven \$20 Visa gift certificates and they were raffled off to seven students with Perfect Attendance. Thank YOU for your support!



On behalf of the San Felipe Del Rio CISD, and in recognition of your years of service, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge THANK YOU for your hard work and commitment to a career that requires endless amounts of dedication. May the blessings and joy you have brought so many, along with the satisfaction of a job well done, fill your new journey with happiness. You have made a lasting impact by inspiring with passion and guiding through example. Your professional expertise and friendship will be greatly missed. Wishing you success and happiness in all that you do! It is well deserved! **CONGRATULATIONS! ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT!!**

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