

December 19, 2014

After much anticipation the holiday season is finally upon us. It is my hope that each and every one of you will find yourselves in peace and much relaxation over the next two weeks. You certainly deserve every bit of it.

These past two weeks have definitely been filled with the spirit of the season. There was much [work](#) and [planning](#) completed over the past two weeks but, we joyfully started our holiday season with a [Mariachi concert](#) at the Paul Poag Theater. For over two hours Mr. [Rios](#) and his staff produced [singer](#) after [singer](#). From our [middle school](#) students to our [high school](#) students, everyone out did themselves. When we consider all the [talent](#) that is developed in our [fine arts](#) program we absolutely have to ask ourselves "self, how does all this work get done?" The answer is simple, our fantastic directors are flanked by some of the most [dedicated and hard working parents](#). It is nice to note that the [booster](#) parents also find time to [celebrate](#) their children's hard work right alongside them.

The rest of the week was filled with out of town meetings and work, however, I was happy to find time to enjoy some basketball action. Both our [boys](#) and [girls](#) teams continue to shine. For my birthday (I turned 48 this past Saturday), I not only had the opportunity to enjoy the day with my own children, I was also able to enjoy the success of our elementary [Academic UIL Competitors](#). It was very nice to see the smiles on the faces of all the students who were rewarded for their success. Later on that evening, we were treated to a night of performances by some pretty awesome dancers. The costumes and performances featured a mix of typical dances of [Southern](#) and [Northern Mexico](#), [retro 80's](#), highly spirited [middle scholars](#), and [vogueish](#) modern [dances](#). Congratulations to all the sponsors for putting on a great show.

Although the gifts and the food during this pre-holiday week is absolutely nice, the best part of the week has to be the kids who bring so much cheer with their gift of music. Tuesday I had the opportunity to get a double dose of cheer. First I stopped by [North Height's](#) elementary where I, along with so many parents, were treated to [seasonal songs](#) by their choir. Next, I visited my old high school gym to enjoy performances by our [Colorguard](#) teams. When we think of the Colorguard, we often think of [flags](#) going up in the air. Sure, there was a lot of that, but there was so much more [creativity](#). They were great!

Speaking of double doses, Wednesday was no exception. First, the [Buena Vista](#) choir stopped by Central Administration to show off their awesome talent. The [Little Drummer Boy](#) has never sounded better. After this wonderful performance, I joined so many parents at [San Felipe Memorial Middle School](#) to celebrate the talents of so many [sixth grade band students](#). All in all, this past two weeks gave us a wonderful way to enter the holiday season. In closing, I want to wish you the best of the holiday season. I am sure you can smile knowing you, more than anyone, deserve a warm cup of coffee and the warmth of a blanket; or the excitement of places outside of Del Rio. Happy Holidays and a Happy 2015!

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams... Live the life you have imagined.
- Henry David Thoreau