

SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HIGHLIGHTS

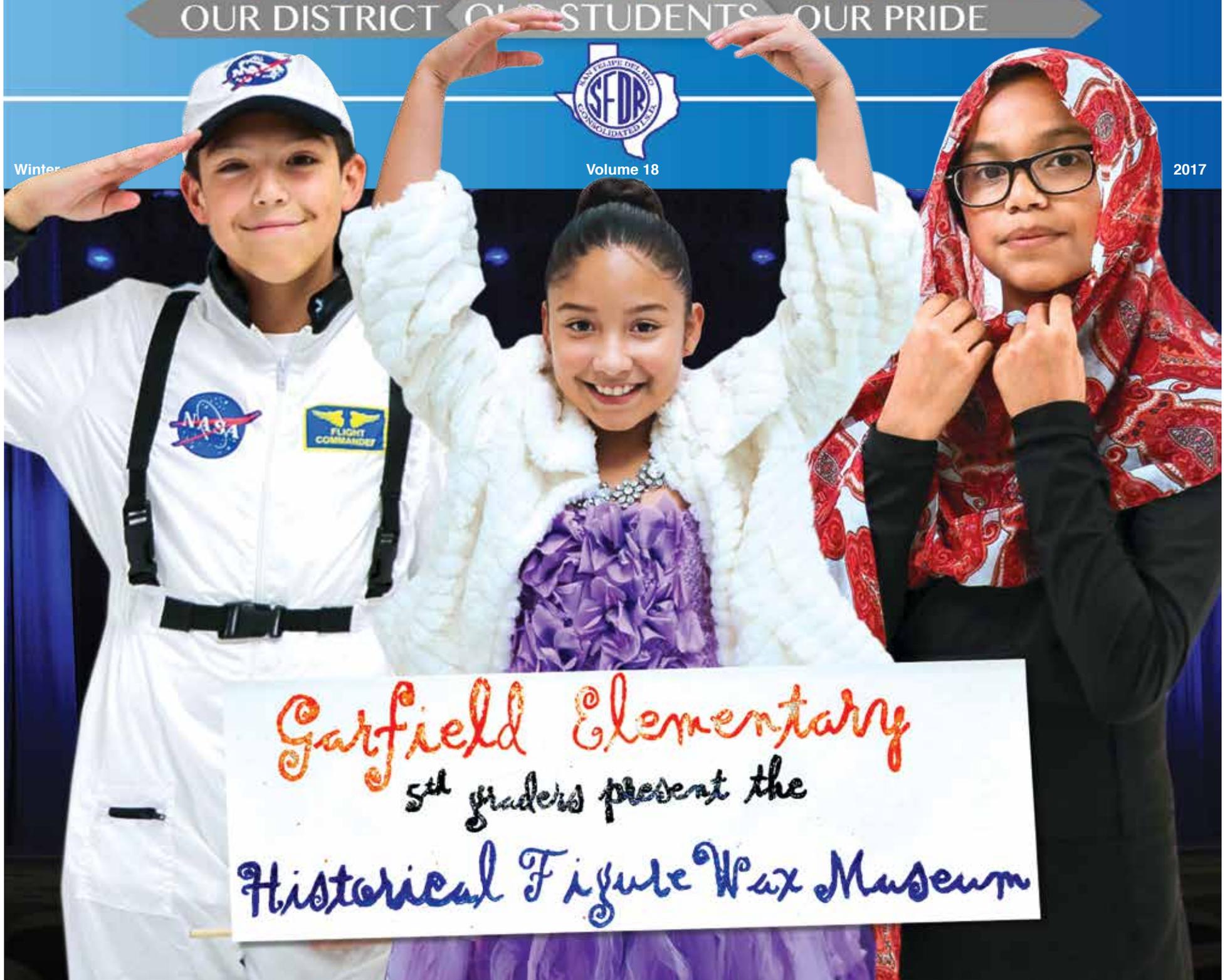
OUR DISTRICT OUR STUDENTS OUR PRIDE



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Garfield Elementary
5th graders present the
Historical Figure Wax Museum



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29-6A VOLLEYBALL ALL DISTRICT SELECTIONS 2017

**TEAM – 3RD place in District****Outstanding Blocker**

Athlete	Number	Position	Grade	School
Clarissa Rosales	#8	Middle Blocker	12	Del Rio

1st Team All District

Athlete	Number	Position	Grade	School
Kaylah Perez	#10	Rightside Hitter	12	Del Rio

2nd Team All District

Athlete	Number	Position	Grade	School
Leslie Villarreal	#16	Outside Hitter	12	Del Rio
Miranda McNeal	#1	Outside Hitter	11	Del Rio
Helena Garabedian	#4	Setter	11	Del Rio

All District**Honorable Mention**

Athlete	Number	Position	Grade	School
Jessika White	#11	Outside Hitter	10	Del Rio
Aaliyah Vargas	#7	Defense Specialist	12	Del Rio

All Academic Team (5)

Nathaly Robles
 Rachel Talamantez
 Jessika White
 Audrey Raabe
 Leslie Villarreal

29-6A TEAM TENNIS

Finished 4th in 29-6A District, Bi-District Champs, Area Champs, and Region VI Quarterfinals

Ram Varsity Team Members: Brandon Sehr, Matthew Gutierrez, Alfredo Garza, Ethan Larosse, Alex Garza, Kai Smith, Donald Schultz, Donald Sehr, Hector Montemayor

Queen Varsity Team Members: Mia Arredondo, Jael Gomez, Eleana Gavia, Andrea Hernandez, Sara Stepanek, Fernanda Munoz, Maria Onofre, Angela Vargas

29-6A CROSS-COUNTRY ALL DISTRICT SELECTIONS

Girls Team - District Silver Medalist, Regional Bronze Medalist, 16th Place Team at State Meet

Anahi Romo - Senior - All District 1st Team, All Region Team
 Lorena Salazar - Junior
 Isabelle Gonzalez - Junior
 Andrea Zamarripa - Sophomore
 Makaila Pond - Sophomore
 Ozlynn Urias - Freshman - All District 2nd Team
 Camila Chavez - Freshman - All District 2nd Team

Boys Team - District Champions, Regional Bronze Medalist, State 12th Place Team

Max Smith - Senior - 3 Time Individual District Champion, District MVP, All District 1st Team, All Region Team, All State Cross Country Team, All State Academic Team
 Ariel Ibarra - Senior - All District 2nd Team
 Jonathan Lowe - Junior
 Cristian Sanchez - Junior - All District 1st Team
 Rolando Lopez - Junior
 Matthew Ortiz - Junior
 Raymon Gonzalez - Sophomore - All District 1st Team, All Region Team

RAMS FOOTBALL ALL-DISTRICT 2017-18

MOST OUTSTANDING



Manny Arguijo
(Senior)

HONORABLE MENTION



Eddie Garcia
(Senior)



Jesus Gonzalez
(Senior)



Jose Mendoza
(Senior)



J.D. Torres
(Junior)

ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT



Ryan Ammons
(Senior)



Manny Arguijo
(Senior)



Ronald Bailey
(Senior)



Jesse Barragan
(Senior)



Brian Beto
(Senior)



Devin Brown
(Senior)



Jonathan Chevez
(Senior)



Sutton Dalrymple
(Senior)



Luis Frausto
(Senior)



Larry Galindo
(Senior)



David Garza
(Senior)



Jesus Gonzalez
(Senior)



Scott Meadows
(Senior)



Jose Mendoza
(Senior)



Cesar Perez
(Senior)



Thomas Placido
(Senior)



Alan Rivera
(Senior)



Dizan Rodriguez
(Senior)



Jose Rodriguez
(Senior)



Joseph Rodriguez
(Senior)



Mike Rodriguez
(Senior)



Manuel Tonche
(Senior)



Aaron Torres
(Senior)



Gilbert Valadez
(Senior)



Javier Velasquez
(Senior)



Luis Bagneschi
(Junior)



Braden Ballard
(Junior)



Guy Creamer
(Junior)



Seth English
(Junior)



Kai Fernet
(Junior)



John Maldonado
(Junior)



Michael Reyes
(Junior)



Reynaldo Salgado
(Junior)



Kyle Smith
(Junior)



J.D. Torres
(Junior)



Erich Von Aspe
(Junior)



Demonick Sanchez
(Sophomore)

DEL RIO FRESHMAN SAPPHIRES



The Del Rio Freshman School Sapphires have had a busy and productive month of December. Students participated in the community Christmas Parade, helped welcome Santa Claus to Plaza del Sol mall, and are currently holding a toy drive for underprivileged children and survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse. Sapphires are collecting toys through second period classes and will award the class who collects the most toys with donuts and hot chocolate. Members of the Sapphires are hoping to spread the Christmas spirit by encouraging their classmates to give to others and support the less fortunate, especially during the holiday season.

ECHS SALVATION ARMY VOLUNTEERS



ECHS volunteers for Salvation Army as bell ringers. Record high donations collected!! Students also participated with the Sheriff's Department SOS, Feast of Sharing, Monster Mash, and Wild Game dinner.

DRHS AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC TX-66



Cadets from Del Rio High School Air Force Junior ROTC TX-66 recently participated in two annual Del Rio Community events. Over 40 cadets volunteered at the Annual Wild Game Dinner held on December 2. They deboned 90 turkeys and manned one of the serving lines. The cadets also presented 32 bicycles to this year's Niños Navidenos program to be held on Saturday, December 16 at the Del Rio Civic Center. The cadet corps set a goal to surpass anything that had previously been done by any former cadet classes. With the leadership of the Cadet Group Commander, Cadet Colonel Cameron Paradis, the Deputy Group Commander, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Bethanyt Adame, and the Deputy of Operations, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Mario Palos, they collected enough money/bicycles to acquire a total of 32 bicycles; 17 more bicycles than last year's previous record of 15 bicycles. These young cadets are to be commended for their service to the community and for their initiative that will help make Christmas more enjoyable for the children of Del Rio.

BLENDED ACADEMY - MAKING A DIFFERENCE



BASAA students volunteered at the San Felipe Cemetery Clean-up Day October 28. Students were excited to see Su perintendent, Dr. Carlos Rios, participate in the clean-up. Member Jennifer Elias said it allowed her to see that everyone can help no matter what their position is.



BASAA students were invited to the Val Verde County Library Inauguration. Member Clarissa Patino said, "I had no idea what we had at the library. It was an experience. I learned so much. I didn't even know these things happen."

BLENDED ACADEMY - PRIDE IN OUR SCHOOL



BASAA has not only made a name for their community service, but also for their participation in the parades. Students take pride in what they create and build. They started the year by helping the line-up of the Amistad Parade, in which they said helped them learn to problem-solve and communication. They then dedicated endless hours for their Homecoming Parade, Veteran's Parade and Christmas Parade floats. Although they have been recognized for their work, BASAA prides itself in showing the community their support and love for it by participating and having fun.

LIGHTING OF THE TREE AT CARDWELL



Irene Cardwell Head Start/Pre-K school kicks off the Christmas season with a visit from Santa Claus during the lighting of the tree ceremony.

DEL RIO COMMUNITY BRINGS CHRISTMAS CHEER TO CARDWELL STUDENTS



San Felipe Lions Club, Border Federal Credit Union, XPO Logistics and GEO Group gifted jackets, shoes and socks to Cardwell students to help them stay warm during the winter season. Thank you for making this Christmas season extra special for our students and families.

CAREER DAY AT CARDWELL



During the Zero Absence Day, Cardwell instructional staff invited members of our community to teach students about their profession to help them prepare for future careers. Among invited guests were doctors, bakers, police officers, construction workers, and others. Thank you, Del Rio Community, for your support in making this event such a success.

CAREER DAY AT CARDWELL



The Thanksgiving luncheon at Cardwell Head Start was extra special this year with over 600 parents in attendance. Students dressed in Native American and Pilgrim attire as they enjoyed a delicious meal.

FITNESS AND FUN AT RUBEN CHAVIRA ELEMENTARY



Family Fitness Night at Ruben Chavira Elementary School was about much more than just fun and games. (BUT, it was really fun.) By holding a family fitness night, RCE coaches and staff emphasized the importance of physical fitness, encouraged children to become interested in active games, and helped families connect with their children in an active and healthy way. With almost 60 students in attendance, P.E. Night was an evening of enjoyment and physical activities for students and their families that focused on the importance of staying fit. There was a dance party in the gym, walking laps on the playground and bean bag basketball which gave parents, grandparents and children the opportunity to show off their skills.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



"If we all do one random act of kindness daily we just might set the world in the right direction." Ruben Chavira Elementary School staff and students focused on sharing kindness during the month of December. A small idea turned into a school wide movement used to spread joy and compassion. There were tasty treats shared, hugs given, anonymous notes delivered and conversations started. Keep paying it forward, Cougars!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Ms. Marta Galindo is a cherished part of Ruben Chavira Elementary history and will remain a beautiful presence on the campus through the reading garden designed in her honor. Last month, district administration, school staff and students dedicated the area on campus as a memorial. Marta Galindo's family, Sherry Galindo, Erica Dilsaver and Mia Dilsaver-Galindo, were in attendance for the celebration. RCE fifth grade students, who were Ms. Galindo's last 1st grade class, attached heartfelt notes about their beloved teacher to balloons and released them into the sky. An oak tree was planted in her name in the garden area. She will forever be remembered!

DR. FERMIN CALDERON ELEMENTARY CAREER DAY



Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary had Career Fair Day on Friday, December 8, 2017. Many parents and people from the community volunteered their morning to share information about their careers with our students. Students from all grade levels had the opportunity to meet many presenters and learn details about a variety of career fields and choices. Law enforcement units dazzled students with their flashing lights and vehicles while barbers from Jay's Barber Shop showcased their skills. Other presenters brought tools, uniforms and other work-related items to their presentations. Students were enthused and actively engaged in many activities. The administration, staff and students at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary would like to thank all the presenters for taking their time out of their busy day to make this an awesome experience for our students. Their willingness to share information about their careers with our students doesn't go unnoticed. Del Rio citizens certainly has some fine future leaders!

DR. FERMIN CALDERON ELEMENTARY ROBOTICS



The Robotics teams at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School, led by their sponsors, Mrs. Fortunato and Mr. Perez, worked very hard this school year. They centered their season on hard work and dedication and creatively named their robots and teams. DFC Robotics teams competed in one scrimmage and the final local competition this school year. At the last competition, the team was awarded 1st place overall in alliance with North Heights Elementary School and were also recognized with the Team Spirit Award for showing support and the spirit of team work in every one of their competitions. Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School is very proud of the Robotics team for learning, building and above all working as a team and never giving up! Way to go DFC Robotics!

DR. FERMIN CALDERON ELEMENTARY VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION



Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School honored veterans with a special Veteran's Day program to commemorate the efforts of our armed forces past and present. The assembly took place in the school's cafeteria on November 9, 2017. A display of military banners and American flags were hung all over to welcome the audience. Principal Mrs. Jane Villarreal along with Assistant Principal Olga Torres Saldua and School Counselor, Lanette Hernandez, gave a warm welcome to all and invited the audience to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance. The school choir led by Mrs. Reed, honor student council, led by Coach Dobbins and Jr. Lighthouse Committee members, led by school counselor Lanette Hernandez and Parental aide, Lorena Martinez, displayed their talents by singing and reciting beautiful poems to honor our family members who have served our country. Before the night was over, the veterans were presented with a beautiful certificate and a pin in appreciation for their service to our great country. DFC sends and big Thank you to all the Veterans that have serve and continue to serve this great country or ours!

DRHS ANNUAL NINO'S BOWLING TOURNAMENT



FCCLA and 80 members of DRHS's organizations and classes participated in the annual Nino's Bowling Tournament on December 12th that benefits the Niño's Navidenos event. The class of 2020 sophomores won 1st place.

DRHS SCIENCE FAIR



Del Rio High School held the campus science fair on December 6th. There were over 75 projects included and 22 projects will be advancing to the regional science fair in San Antonio, TX in March.

DEL RIO HIGH SCHOOL UIL ACADEMICS



UIL Academics Debate Team traveled to Austin July 17-22 to attend a debate camp. The camp is instructed by state champion coaches and UIL state debate director. After attending three sessions a day, the camp concludes with a competition. Gabriela Rojas placed second place in this tournament. We started our competition season on November 18 in San Antonio. Three teams advanced to final rounds of Duet Acting; Isabella Cadena-Arley Flores, Eloy Chavez-Nina Lozano, and Richell Ramon-Luis Olmos. Jorden Schell also advanced in Prose Interpretation. Our next UIL Competition is January 19-20. We are expecting many students to advance to Region IV competition this year. Come join us!

DRHS HOMECOMING DANCE



Del Rio High School Student Council held a homecoming dance on November 8th.

DEL RIO MIDDLE SCHOOL LAS SEÑORITAS AND LOS CABALLEROS CLUB



There is an African Proverb that states, "It takes a Village to raise a child." Del Rio Middle School is honored to introduce you to Las Señoritas and Los Caballeros Club sponsored by Amanda Salas and Jose Rangel. The mission for these two clubs are to empower young men and women to gain the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed, feel valued and included in the school, develop a sense of purpose and confidence in their abilities and positively affect our community. The first meeting was held Wednesday, October 25, 2017. Over 70 young ladies and gentlemen partook in the first meeting and numbers have climbed in recent weeks! Several professionals and certified teachers have stepped up to the plate to take the role as mentors. Doors are open to all 7th and 8th grade students regardless if they missed any prior meetings. A curriculum is set up that covers a variety of topics each week for an hour, such as developing a positive self-concept, knowing how those you surround yourself with can have a good or bad influence on you, learning lady etiquette, manners for the young gentlemen, and proper dining etiquette. Plans are to take the members of the Señoritas and Caballeros Club to a nice restaurant, here in Del Rio, to put their fine skills to the test and have a good time! The club will host dances such as a Winter Formal, Spring Fling and End of Year Dance at DRMS to boost the morale for the rest of the students as well! These young ladies and gentlemen will be able to have several doors open to new experiences will make unforgettable memories.

DRMS DANCE & CHEER TEAMS IN NEW YORK



Del Rio Middle School dance and cheer teams once again make it to New York! The students, under the direction of Kayla Lopez, worked very hard to get ready for the famous Macy's Annual Thanksgiving Parade. Intense practice sessions and fundraising activities took place during the fall season to help the DRMS girls make this dream a reality. In addition to performing during the parade and making it to national TV, the girls enjoyed important historical landmarks. They got to visit Times Squares, Ground Zero, and enjoyed a perfect view of the Statue of Liberty. Congratulations DRMS dance and cheer teams!!

DRMS MUMS FOR FRIENDS



A new tradition is upon us at DRMS. Mums For Friends, sponsored by Mrs. Z. Cardenas & Ms. Mead along with volunteer Mrs. Chavarria, debuted this past Homecoming season. Students at DRMS created Homecoming mums for a selected group of students. Students used their own time before or after school to make beautiful mums and garters for the selected group. The mums and garters were distributed just in time for Homecoming Day. This kind gesture brought happiness to many. Students were able to wear their mums or garters and join the Homecoming festivities.

GARFIELD MCDONALD'S TEACHER MCNIGHT



Garfield Teachers participated in McDonalds' Teacher McNight where they turned in their books for aprons. They served food to the community as they raised funds for their school.

GARFIELD MUSTANGS CROSS COUNTRY MEET



Garfield Mustangs show off their medals and ribbons after they participated in the district-wide Cross Country Meet in mid-November.

GARFIELD 50'S DAY



First grade students all dressed in their 50s attire celebrating the 50th day of school.

GARFIELD GALAXY BANDITS ROBOTICS TEAM



Mrs. Rubio and Mrs. Fraga posed for a picture with their Galaxy Bandits robotics team from Garfield Elementary. The team showed off their skills in a district-wide scrimmage.

GARFIELD THANKSGIVING PTO MEETING



The third grade classes performed at their PTO meeting. The audience enjoyed their Thanksgiving-themed songs and dances.

SFMMS RED RIBBON WEEK



Students and staff dressed up as “nerds” at SFMMS to support Red Ribbon Week. Student Council voted on this theme and were glad that their voices were heard. They were all the cutest “nerds” ever!

SFMMS SCIENCE FAIR



Our SFMMS Science Fair was held on December 4th and 5th and the top 20 winners that will advance to regionals were selected. We are very proud of all of our participants and these students that will be representing us. Great job Science TEAM!

SFMMS HOMECOMING PARADE



SFMMS's Young Adventurers and StuCo both participated in DRHS's Homecoming Parade and did a great job in the freezing weather. We are so very proud of both our “Up” and “Flintstones” entries. Thank you to our awesome students, sponsors and parents.

NORTH HEIGHTS TEAM TERMINATORS



First Runner Up recipients, team Terminators, joined forces with their alliance from Buena Vista Elementary to compete for the championship. Team Terminators includes Adrian Salazar, Zackary Mercado, Carlos Juarez, and Anapoala Torre.

NORTH HEIGHTS TEAM EXPERTBOTS



E-Cadet Champions, team Expertbots, along with their alliance from Calderon Elementary took home the big win! Team Expertbots includes Arturo Arriola, Mesac Rodriguez, Daniela Duran, and Paige Guerrero.

NORTH HEIGHTS ROBOTICS CELEBRATE



North Heights Elementary Robotics teams humbly celebrate in their victories. Competing on December 9, 2017, at the E-Cadet elementary meet, NHE finished in 3rd place with team Nerdbots, and 4th place with team Spacebots. We were proud to accept the Pit Award for the best decorated pit, along with the Gracious Professionalism Award given to our dedicated mentor, Mr. Hernandez. Robotics is sponsored by Ms. C. Sunderland.

NORTH HEIGHTS STUCO



North Heights Elementary StuCo is a team built on service. These past months have been spent logging in community service hours. Pictured are some StuCo members at the Feast of Sharing, where they put together an arts and crafts booth for families to enjoy.

NORTH HEIGHTS HOLIDAY CHEER



North Heights choir took the stage and sang to Kinder – 2nd grade students to spread some holiday cheer. Songs included “Feliz Navidad”, “Jingle Bell Rock”, and “Santa Claus is Comin’ to Town”, encouraging the audience to sing along. NHE Choir includes from left to right: Makayla Cadena, Shaila Ledesma, Bella Davila, Mireya Henderson , Audrey Sotelo, Sophia Munoz, Damien Martinez, Kayden St Germain, Aracely Ortiz, Juan Vasquez , Nova Canchola, Giselle Hernandez, Sarai Bitela, Billy Barnett, Sofia Rodarte, Maria Castano, Jimena Silva, Fernanda De Luna, Melisa Rangel, Alondra Ramirez, and Jada Martinez.

AR WINNERS ENJOY BUFFALO WINGS & RINGS



Miss Solis' 4th grade homeroom class is the 2nd six weeks winner for the most AR points earned as a class. The winning class is awarded with dinner at Buffalo Wings and Rings. Students proudly enjoy their victory.

LONNIE GREEN ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT



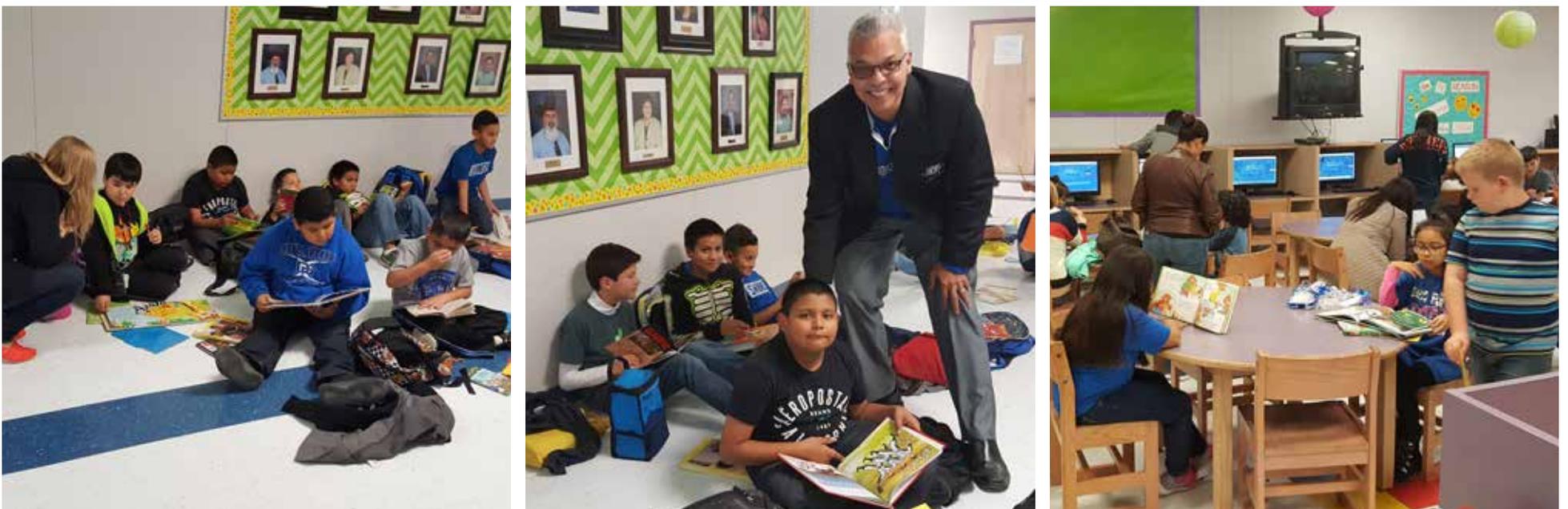
Elementary Choir students from all over the district came together to put on their annual Christmas Concert! This year's lineup included songs such as: Holiday Hop, Oh, What a Merry Christmas, Nino Lindo, Biggest Brightest Holiday Lights, Jing-a-ling, Jing-a-ling, A Jolly, Jingling Carol Medley, Feliz Navidad, and Dr. Lonnie Green students were featured in The First Snow! All students did an amazing job and we could not be prouder! Parents, thank you for your time and dedication to the Arts Program!

LONNIE GREEN ELEMENTARY WINS BUNNY BOX AWARD



The 2017 E Cadet Robotics Meet was held December 9, 2017 at Del Rio Middle School. After an eventful day of matches, Dr. Lonnie Green Elementary proudly walked away with the Bunny Box award! Great job students and coaches! We could not be more proud of all the hard work, time, and dedication that everybody has put forth this season! Parents, a big thank you for allowing your child to be a part of this amazing program, helping when needed, dropping off and picking up your children from practices and events. We could not have done it without you.

LONNIE GREEN ELEMENTARY PARTICIPATES IN AR TEST FEST



Lonnie Green students love reading so much that they stay after school to participate in our monthly AR Test Fest.

LAMAR UIL READY WRITING



Lamar UIL Ready Writing students competed in the Ready Writing competition. Students work hard each week to refine their writing skills and carry out the new techniques learning in class and in practice. They look forward to seeing how well they fared at the district UIL competition.

LAMAR ROBOTICS



At the district Robotics Meet, the Lamar team won an Engineering Design award. They worked hard this year to make a unique robot that stood out in the crowd. From after school practices to Saturday camps, the team and their sponsors went above and beyond to learn more about Robotics. Even though the season is over, students are already making plans to join in the fun again next year.

LAMAR MOVIE MATINEE



Students from Lamar Elementary with perfect attendance for the 2nd six weeks were treated to a Movie Matinee at the Student Performance Center. Students watched the movie Cars 3 and enjoyed a relaxing time with friends. It was a much deserved break for those students who attended school every day.

LAMAR CHOIR



Lamar Choir provided staff and parents with quite a treat. They performed a number of holiday songs during an evening performance. Students practiced after school to prepare themselves for the event. Lead by music teacher, Mrs. Gargiulo, students sang their hearts out.