

SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HIGHLIGHTS

OUR DISTRICT OUR STUDENTS OUR PRIDE



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On Saturday, March 2nd, 30 students from the Senoritas and Caballeros Club from DRMS brought their sense of wonder and spirit of adventure to Kickapoo Caverns State Park. They partook on a 90 minute hike to reach the Armadillo Lookout Trail, which lead to a panoramic view of the southwestern area of the park. Then they explored Kickapoo Cavern which is about 1,400 feet long, the result of 4 million years of geologic change. The cave is undeveloped and is a strenuous underground hiking adventure that only a small percent of people have been able to explore.



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BLENDED ACADEMY BIG BROTHER/SISTER PROGRAM



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LETTER OF INTENT TO COMPETE AT THE COLLEGE LEVEL



Guy Creamer (Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas) will be competing in football and Isabelle Gonzalez (Bellevue University in Bellevue, Nebraska) will be competing in cross country and track.

ATHLETIC TRAINER APPRECIATION MONTH



Brad "Doc" Dixon and his team celebrated Athletic Trainer Appreciation Month.

WE STEM FROM GOOD BOOKS



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DREAM BIG



Flourishing Youth is a new club blossoming at the Buena Vista Campus. The organization was funded through the Education Foundation Grant and is spearheaded by Ms. Anissa Gomez. The girls meet once a month, and a female role model in the community is invited to share words of wisdom with the girls. The first guest speaker was Ms. Michelle Gonzalez, a wonderful role model who spoke to the girls about finding their voice and being a positive leader. Another guest speaker was Mrs. Melissa Rivas who spoke about the power of kindness. The best is yet to come for these lucky little girls!

PAINT TO MUSIC



The Paint to Music Contest encourages children to explore the language of music and the role that classical music can play in enhancing creative expression through art. The Symphony League invites students Pre-K through grade 6 attending any of the concerts to create a work of art in the classroom setting while listening to thematic selections of music chosen by the Symphony to coordinate with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Requirements. Buena Vista students had 3 students that placed, Reyna Sandoval earned a 1st place, Hannah Hurtado earned a 2nd place, and Maritissa Robles earned a 3rd place. In addition, Maritissa's artwork was chosen to be on a postcard for the San Antonio Symphony.

102 PERFECT DAYS FOR 2ND GRADE



Buena Vista Second Grade students celebrated the 102nd day of school by dressing up as Dalmatians, as well as having number activities around this number throughout the school day. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day as they developed their mathematics and other skills. The 2nd Grade Cluster certainly has school pride!

BUENA VISTA CELEBRITY READER PROGRAM



Dr. Ruben E. Mora, DDS, a dentist in Del Rio, came and shared his educational journey and a busy family life with the students. The children got a chance to get up close and personal with the local professional, and they also shared a great book together.

DR. FERMIN CALDERON SCIENCE FAIR



Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School held their annual science fair on January 29 and 30, 2019. Over the two days, students from all grades levels had the opportunity to tell all about their findings to volunteer judges from our beautiful community. Going through the process, students learned that a project should involve the scientific method, which involves coming up with a hypothesis, testing it to see if it is true or not, and reporting their findings. It is not simply a demonstration project, such as making a volcano or reporting on the planets. Our students worked on making observations, recording data, and producing explanations. All students were invited to participate. The exhibits that are judged and received a 1st or 2nd place in each category at the campus level, advanced to the District Science Fair which was held at the Del Rio Civic Center on Thursday, February 7, 2019. DFC would like to thank all the volunteers that helped make our annual science fair a success!

DR. FERMIN CALDERON CELEBRITY READERS



March 2nd is the day we honor Dr. Seuss' birthday and what better way to celebrate than to read? Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary celebrated the birthday of this beloved author of children's books on February 28, 2019 by inviting local celebrities to read to our students.

DR. FERMIN CALDERON DRUMMING FITNESS



Thanks to the San Felipe Del Rio CISD Education Foundation, our students at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School will continue to enjoy a second year of Drum Fitness. Drum Fitness is an innovative cardio class that promotes aerobic activity and plyometric exercises, social skills, and it is also proven to have therapeutic benefits for our students. Our students are able to work out and raise their heartbeat while incorporating music and dancing once a week on Wednesday before school. DFC students and coaches continue to be enthusiastic about the program.

FAMILIES READING TOGETHER PROGRAM



Among the various literacy initiatives at Cardwell is the Families Reading Together Program. Coordinated by the school librarians, this program allows families an opportunity to spend quality time reading and engaging in a school readiness activity one evening per month.

MULTICULTURAL AWARENESS AT CARDWELL



Cardwell students performed Chinese dances and engaged in a traditional Dragon Dance to celebrate the Chinese New Year and learn about diversity. Thank you, Mrs. Diana Stern and Ms. Melinda Brijalba for making this possible.

TEXAS RODEO AT CARDWELL



Dressed in their western attire, Cardwell students engaged in educational booths to gain math, literacy, and social studies skills. Over 400 parents joined their children during this campus-wide event and gained ideas that promote learning at home.

GOT TALENT?



Students from Kindergarten to 5th grade braved the stage to perform at the Ruben Chavira Elementary Shining Stars Talent Show in late February. Eleven students showcased their vocal, dancing, and instrument playing abilities to a capacity crowd, while guest judges from across the district rated their performances. This fun filled event allowed students to flaunt their creativity for all to see. The top three finishers were, 2nd grader Mia Kalinchuk (3rd place/dancing), 5th grader Cassandra Maldonado (2nd place/singing) and 5th grader Lia Kalinchuk (1st place/dancing).

A TEACHER TREASURE



A Teacher of the Year candidate should be an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled teacher who demonstrates leadership and encourages everyone around her to be the best version of themselves. Karrie Parsons, a second grade teacher at Ruben Chavira Elementary School, is just that. During her 23 years of teaching grades K - 5, Mrs. Parsons has always combined ingenuity and creativity in the classroom to create an inviting learning environment which engages all students. Mrs. Parsons is what a campus searches for in a teacher – caring, intelligent, creative, and effective. She consistently demonstrates academic gains in her classes and helps her students to become responsible, contributing members of the school community. Mrs. Parsons exemplifies honor in the education profession and R.C.E is proud that she represents the school as the 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year.

THE MORE THAT YOU READ, THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL KNOW...



Oh, the places you'll go... with reading! Ruben Chavira Elementary School knows how to CELEBRATE! The school celebrated Read Across America Week with Dr. Seuss themed activities and a family AR Night in the school library. The Cat in the Hat himself made an appearance and shared a story with all the little readers in attendance. With prizes, a photo booth, and lots and lots of reading, a great time was had by all! All the spirited activities during the week brought awareness to the importance of reading. "You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book." Dr. Seuss.

DEL RIO FRESHMAN FCCLA CHAPTER



Del Rio Freshman FCCLA chapter members traveled to Corpus Christi, Texas to compete in the Region V STAR Competitive Events. Seven members competed in three events with all of them receiving top honors. Winning first place are: Alyzia Jimenez, Victoria Bocanegra, and Kamyla Rodriguez (Environmental Ambassadors). Winning second place are: Roberto Lopez and Andrea Lopez (Entrepreneurship), Melanie Rodriguez and Alexandra Olmos (Interpersonal Communication). Students also placed in FCSA testing with a gold, silver or bronze medal. Students will be traveling in April to State competition in Dallas, TX. FCCLA is a Career Technology Organization and is under the direction of Roger Gonzalez. Freshman chapter sponsor is Regina Cardenas.

VISUAL ART SCHOLASTIC EVENT (V.A.S.E.) IN SAN ANGELO, TEXAS



On February 23, 2019, a group of 24 students, under the direction of Mr. Cris Escobar and Mrs. Vanessa Martinez from Del Rio High School, and Mrs. Catherine Calvetti from Del Rio Freshman participated in this year's regional Visual Art Scholastic Event (V.A.S.E.) in San Angelo, Texas. The mission of the High School Visual Arts Scholastic Event (V.A.S.E.) is to recognize exemplary student achievement in the visual arts by providing art students and programs a standard of excellence in which to achieve. Clarissa Ponce, an 11th grade student sponsored by Mrs. Calvetti, received an excellent rating (IV) with her photograph titled "Labels". Zabdriel Antu, a 9th grade student also sponsored by Mrs. Calvetti, received an excellent rating (IV) on two graphite entries labeled "Adrian" and "Sophia". Angel Alejandro Victorino, an 11th grade student sponsored by Mr. Escobar, received an excellent rating (IV) with his ink and mixed media art piece entitled "Forgotten". All three students were awarded the area medal and advanced to the State Finals V.A.S.E. in San Marcos, Texas on April 26 – 27, 2019. Only 10% of the 21 school districts participating from Region 15 were selected to advance to state competition.

ALAMO ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS ADVANCED LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP



Del Rio High School Student Council attended the Alamo Association of Student Councils advanced leadership workshop on February 1st-2nd in Eagle Pass, TX. They participated in team building and leadership activities to promote school spirit with over 250 student council members from the region. The DRHS StuCo sponsors are Mrs. Torres and Mrs. Ruiz.

DRHS - 10TH ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE BANDS



Del Rio High School Student Council held the 10th annual Battle of the Bands on February 21st. The winners were the following: 1st place: Expecting Perfection, 2nd place: The Undecided, 3rd place: Cherry Pits. The bands were judge on their stage presence, interface with audience, quality of performance and overall performance. Students also had the opportunity to participate in karaoke between performances.

UIL DRHS TEAM VISITED SOMERSET HIGH SCHOOL



Our UIL DRHS Team visited Somerset High School for the last invitational competition before going to UIL District and was awarded 3rd Place Sweepstakes. Three of our students are freshman competing at the high school level. We are proud to present our winners for this round: Social Studies, Malena 5th; Prose Interpretation, Megan Adams 4th; Poetry Interpretation, Danielle Hoyer 1st; Accounting, Michael Gutierrez 4th; Spelling and Vocabulary, Briana Ong 2nd; Spelling and Vocabulary, Tania Gonzalez 6th; Feature Writing, Kamyla Rodriguez 6th; Computer Science, Eric Gomez 6th; Computer Apps, Joshua Medrano 3rd; Computer Apps, Isamar Rodriguez, 6th. Rebeka Castro-Chavez, Fair I, 5th place; Camille Gonzales, Mariana Rendon, Fair III, 1st place; Krystal Salinas, Kaylee Yi, microbiology, 3rd place; Mia Rodriguez, microbiology, 4th place; Austin Ramirez, earth & space, 4th place; Carolina Sanchez, Behavioral & Social, Honorable Mention.

GEAR UP PROGRAM AT DRMS



The Gear Up Program at DRMS had a "Meet GEAR UP" assembly for all 7th grade students. Students were presented with motivational speeches, dancing, and cool Sul Ross items. Gear Up will follow the 7th grade group through high school and guide students to college.

UIL TMSCA STATE MEET



DEL RIO MIDDLE SCHOOL COLOR GUARD TEAM



The DEL RIO MIDDLE SCHOOL COLOR GUARD TEAM competed on March 2nd in the TEXAS EDUCATIONAL COLOR GUARD ASSOCIATION COMPETITION at the McCollum High School in San Antonio Tx. The DRMS color guard team won 1st place.



These students qualified for the UIL TMSCA State Meet to be held in April. The Del Rio Middle School Academic UIL team competed at a region qualifier at Alamo Heights Junior School in San Antonio, Texas. Together with SFMMS, they earned another first place trophy!

Del Rio Middle School also competed in the STALL (South Texas Academic and Literary League) Tournament of Champions on February 23, 2019. Every student that competed in this tournament earned a spot by placing in the top six of the first three meets. Our students earned three first place trophies, with over 100 students qualifying for this championship! Del Rio Middle School did an amazing job at the Tournament of Champions well-representing our school and city!

DRMS PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT



The DRMS Parental Involvement has been a total success during this school year. Del Rio Middle School is very proud to showcase the student and parent attendance during different activities throughout the school year.

ECHS LEARNS AND PRACTICE



Students at ECHS are learning and practicing life-saving techniques. Coach Schroeder, instructor, will also be able to offer students in his class certifications endorsed by Red Cross.

GARFIELD DISTRICT UIL MEET



Garfield Elementary placed 3rd overall in the District UIL Meet in December. We are very proud of all the hard work and dedication of our Garfield Students

STUDENTS CELEBRATE QUEENS TEAM



Garfield Students helped celebrate our Queen's Basketball Team January 31st and watched them win BIG over their opponent.

VISIT FROM U.S. BORDER PATROL



Students enjoyed the visit from the U.S. Border Patrol and their horses. Mrs. Duenez' 4th grade class was excited to take a picture with them.

GARFIELD STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS



Garfield Elementary Student Council Officers presented gifts to the school board in January to thank them for all they do for the students of Del Rio.

CAREER DAY AT GARFIELD



Career Day at Garfield Elementary was a big success. Here is a picture of the presenters that came by to speak about the different careers the community has to offer.



Our very own Mayor Bruno Lozano took the time to come and speak to our Garfield students.

GARFIELD CELEBRATES 5TH ANNUAL TALENT SHOW



Garfield Elementary celebrated their 5th annual Talent Show on February 21st. Third place went to 2nd grader, Valeria Carrera. 2nd place was Alyssa Garcia and Devyn Casillas with their hip hop dance mix. First place was 5th grader Sian Meza singing a beautiful rendition of "La Llorona." 1st and 2nd place winners will compete at the District Talent Show against other winners across the district. Thank you to all the contestants that participated. It was a great night.

READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK AS THE LORAX



LAFB Barrera STEM Magnet celebrated Read Across America Week as The Lorax.

FIRST LEADER IN ME CAFETERIA CHAMPIONS



Mrs. James-Hjelmstad's 5th graders at LAFB Barrera STEM Magnet were the first Leader In Me Cafeteria Champions.

THE CAT IN THE HAT VISITS KINDERGARTEN CLASSES



LAFB Barrera STEM Magnet celebrated Read Across America Week with Hat Day.

LAFB BARRERA STEM MAGNET STUDENT COUNCIL



LAFB Barrera STEM Magnet Student Council presented the SFDR Board with hand-painted rocks to plant in our Rock Garden.

GARFIELD CELEBRATES 5TH ANNUAL TALENT SHOW



On February 28th LAFB Barrera STEM Magnet had their 1st Annual Talent Show with performers ranging from Pre-K thru 5th grade.

LAMAR'S GOT TALENT



Lamar Elementary students showcased their wide range of talents on Tuesday, February 26th. Several students performed a variety of acts including singing, card-throwing, comedy and dancing. Our 1st place act, Zachariah Salinas and our 2nd place act, Katia and Karla Martinez, will go on to perform in the district's talent show in March. A huge congratulations to all participants!

MRS. LAURA MARTINEZ'S TEXT FEATURE SURGERY



Third grade students in Mrs. Laura Martinez's reading class participated in a mock surgery of text features in their reading passages. Students became doctors for a day and were busy at work performing "surgery" on the different types of text features they find in their reading passages.

SFDRICISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION FLEXIBLE SEATING GRANT



Through a grant provided to Mrs. Cavazos, and several other Lamar Elementary teachers through the SFDRICISD Education Foundation Grant, students are provided a variety of seating rather than a traditional desk. Students can sit in bean bags, tables and medicine balls just to name a few. Through this extension of options of seating, students continue to be successful academically while enjoying their variety in seating.

DR. LONNIE GREEN ART CLUB TRAVELS TO THE SAN ANTONIO SYMPHONY



The Dr. Lonnie Green Art Club traveled to the San Antonio Symphony where our very own Mia Garcia's award winning drawing was displayed during the performance! Mia was presented with an Honorable Mention award. Great job, Mia! We are so proud of you!

DR. LONNIE GREEN TALENT SHOW



Students performed at this year's Talent Show which showcased many of our talented students! Winners will proceed to compete at the upcoming District Talent Show! Good luck, Panthers!!!

DR. LONNIE GREEN ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Panthers at Lonnie Green have been working extremely hard to Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow! Students with perfect attendance had the opportunity to "Silly String the Principals" and "Paint the Principals"! Dr. Lonnie Green has been awarded the Attendance Trophy for 4 CONSECUTIVE 6 WEEKS!!!! Keep up the great work, Panthers! Let's keep it for the entire year!!!!

NHE STEM CLUB



NHE STEM Club provides a variety of fun, challenging activities for students to extend their learning of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics from the classroom. STEM club is available to fourth and fifth grade students.

NHE CELEBRITY READER



Mr. Eddie Amezcua participated as a Celebrity Reader for Mrs. Villarreal's 2nd grade class.

NHE DR. SEUSS FESTIVAL



Sharpening the Saw: NHE's Dr. Seuss Festival is a fun family event that allows students to be themselves and to make new friends. "Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you." by Dr. Seuss.

NHE KIDBOTS



Kidbots started at North Heights Elementary!! The Kidbots program will allow students in Kinder, First and Second grades to gain exposure to the robotics world wherein a foundation in STEM courses will be built.

SFMS ROBOTICS COMPETES AT THE FLL ALAMO REGIONAL QUALIFIER



On Saturday, February 16th, SFMS Robotics competed against 24 teams at the FLL Alamo Regional Qualifier in Uvalde, Texas. Team 22462 XLR8 won 2nd for Core Values. Team 29589 StarLites won 2nd for Robot Design. Team 22463 NerdBotz won 2nd for Project and was awarded an ACE certificate to attend the Alamo Championship in San Antonio on March 24th. We are so proud of our 3 teams and the coaches: Ms. Dolores Sanchez, Mrs. Michelle Spiers, and Mrs. Nerissa Winn. Everyone did an amazing job representing SFMS and Del Río!

SFMS UIL



SFMS has 9 students who have qualified up to 10 times in 3 different events: Number Sense, Calculator and Mathematics. They will compete at the State Level for UIL in April. The following students are Raul Torres, Andres Adan Villarreal, Amanda Ong, Yaseen Shafiu, Chloe Juarez, Hugo Faz, Rozalynn Padilla, Francisco Zertuche and Erasmo Munoz. Proud Sponsors/Coaches: Miss Maria Alarcon and Ms. Dolimer Gonzalez.

SFMS'S YOUNG ADVENTURERS MURAL SOCIAL



SFMS's Young Adventurers had a Mural Social at SFMS on February 19, 2019 to share their creation of their educational trip to the Casa de la Cultura. Pictured are members, sponsors and Education Foundation Committee Members: Dora Fernandez, Sylvia Owens, Principal, Carmyn Cullinane, Andrea Martinez, Aric Yanez, Danielle Dominguez, Laura Del Valle, Francisco Zertuche, David Ortiz, Alexa Rios, Griselda Martinez and Monica Martinez.