

HIGHLIGHTS

OUR DISTRICT OUR STUDENTS OUR PRIDE



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The inaugural group of 8th grade students attending Blended Learning Academy are enjoying smaller classes as well as a six period day. The school is offering accelerated instruction for grade level courses with intensive academic support, enrichment through the use of guided instruction, technology applications, and character building activities. These students also have the opportunity to accrue credit for high school graduation.



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BLENDED LEARNING ACADEMY



Blended Learning Academy has enjoyed a great first semester with participation in Homecoming 2015 and visits from wonderful guest speakers including Dr. Carlos H. Rios, Richard A. Castro, Simon Sotelo and the CTE Ambassadors from DRHS.

CARDWELL SALUTES VETERANS



Cardwell students line up at school entrance to welcome special guests, veterans and active duty military, to a ceremony held in their honor.

VETERANS DAY PARADE



Irene Cardwell Elementary students and Mrs. Linda Guanajuato-Webb, Principal met U.S. Representative, Will Hurd, after participating in the Veterans Day Parade.

CARDWELL SPIRIT NIGHT AT CHICK-FIL-A



With over forty-seven Cardwell staff members in attendance, Cub spirit was abundant at the Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night. Money raised will be used for student attendance incentives.

FIFTY DAYS OF AWESOME AT CARDWELL



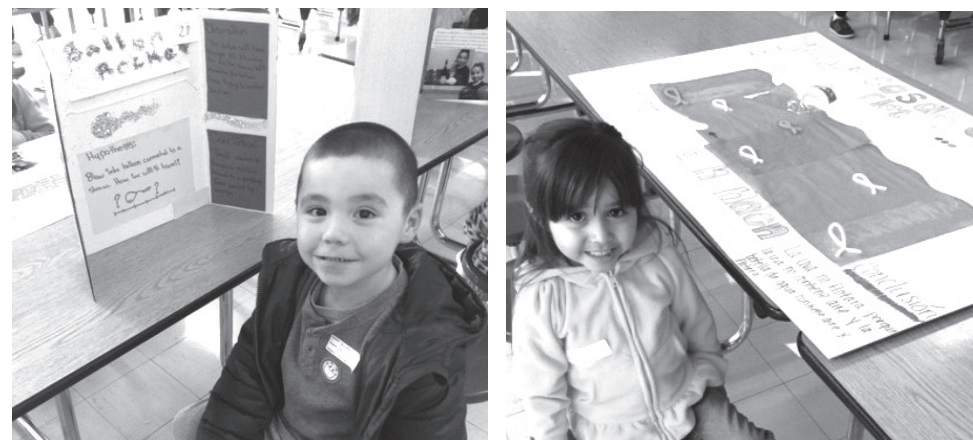
Mrs. Montez's class celebrate 50 days of school by dressing up in "fifties" clothing and participating in instructional activities such as making sets of fifty and counting objects.

PAW-SITIVELY AWESOME BEING DRUG FREE AT CARDWELL



Cardwell students bring a teddy bear or stuffed animal to school during Red Ribbon Week to participate in a school wide teddy bear picnic.

CARDWELL SCIENCE FAIR



Cardwell students participate in the 7th Annual Science Fair held December 2-4, 2015. Areas of study include Herpetology, Biology, Chemistry, Hydrology, Astronomy, Meteorology, Robotics, Physics, Zoology, Geology and Botany. The Cardwell Science Committee, Mad Scientists, collaborate in providing a series of parent trainings prior to this valuable event.

PATRIOTIC PUPILS



Ruben Chavira Elementary School observed Veteran's Day with a ceremony honoring all veterans at the school's flag pole. The students recited the United States pledge and sang songs as part of the celebration. Representatives from Laughlin Air Force base were present to partake in the festivities. One veteran, a proud parent from R.C.E., spoke about her appreciation of the tribute as a small way to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

CHAVIRA CHEERS FOR CHICK-FIL-A!



Chick-fil-A is dedicated to serving Del Rio by giving back to the community. The restaurant recently hosted a "Ruben Chavira Elementary School Night". During the evening R.C.E. staff was on hand to greet school families and join in on the fun. A portion of the profits from that evening is donated to the school to fund various educational projects. In typical Chavira family style, a great time was had by all. (Maybe even the Chick-fil-A cow!)

BE A BUDDY, NOT A BULLY!



Ruben Chavira Elementary School students participated in a week of activities to acknowledge Bullying Prevention Month. October is a time when schools and communities can unite nationwide to raise awareness of bullying prevention through events, activities, outreach, and education. R.C.E.'s school counselor, Mrs. Debbie Escamilla, organized a week full of activities aimed at getting students involved in preventing bullying. The week included a school wide appearance by Mr. Wayne Richardson from BCFS. His high energy presentation focused on empowering students to be buddies rather than bullies.

EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL BIOLOGY ESSAY



The Early College High School students have been hard at work in their biology class this school year. ECHS students started their first year in the early college program by extensively learning what the study of biology encompassed, participating in several labs that showed them how to use laboratory equipment, how to follow the scientific method, and how enzymes function in different environments. Students were also able to view a variety of specimens under a microscope including blood cells and muscle tissue and were asked to sketch what they saw. The first six weeks was very productive for the early college students and they are off to a successful and promising year!

GARFIELD ELEMENTARY RECEIVES "TEETH KITS"



The Del Rio community members of the Val Verde Masonic Lodge 646 and Del Rio Chapter Order 204 of the Eastern Star visited Garfield Elementary to donate some fantastic "teeth kits" to help promote oral hygiene. We all want our Garfield kids to have bright shiny teeth to show off in a beautiful smile.

GARFIELD ELEMENTARY INGLES SIN BARRERAS



Garfield is the home of Ingles Sin Barreras which is a class hosted by Alma Ruiz here at Garfield to teach parents to speak English without any barriers. Mrs. Ruiz has been educating parents across the district for years and our district and community benefit greatly from her skills and wonderful personality.

DRFS HOMECOMING FLOAT



Del Rio Freshman students were hard at work for two weeks leading up to the 2015 Homecoming parade, and their efforts were rewarded with the 1st Place trophy in Division I. Pictured are Emmanuel Rodriguez-Patiño, Ayssa Cooper, Dasia Gonzalez, Briana Castañeda and Stajah Bishop.

GARFIELD CROSS COUNTRY TEAM



Garfield's Cross Country team ran their hearts out at the District Cross Country meet in November. Garfield students were very successful bringing home 1st, 2nd, and many other awards. We're all SO proud of our Garfield running Mustangs!

GARFIELD ROBOTICS TEAM



Garfield's Rockin' Robotics team competed in the recent district wide robotics competition. The team is learning programming and engineering skills they can use every day and towards their future careers. Go Garfield Robotics!

BORDER PATROL DRUG AWARENESS



Del Rio Border Patrol agents took time to present to Lamar Elementary students on drug awareness during Red Ribbon week held October 26th through October 30th. The agents brought along their K-9 agent to demonstrate how they work to keep drugs off the streets. The agents also provided useful information to students about being drug-free. We thank our local border patrol agents for taking the time to present to our students.

MR. PITTS RED RIBBON WEEK PRESENTATION



Lamar Elementary students enjoyed a presentation by Mr. David Pitts during Red Ribbon Week held the week of October 26th. Mr. Pitts performed various skits using magic and humor informing students on how to stay drug-free. In addition to magic and humor, Mr. Pitts demonstrated his wonderful ventriloquist skills and brought big smiles to Lamar's student body.

CHICK-FIL-A HOSTS LAMAR ELEMENTARY



Chick-Fil-A hosted Lamar Elementary students, families, and staff for Chick-Fil-A night on Wednesday, November 4, 2015. Students and families came out for a night of good food and great company to help raise money for student activities at Lamar. We thank Chick-Fil-A for their continued efforts in helping make Lamar successful.

LAMAR STUDENT COUNCIL



Lamar Elementary Student Council took part in Homecoming festivities during the week of October 26th. Students and student council sponsors helped to create a dynamic float for the Egyptian-themed parade. A huge thank you to Mrs. Amanda Garcia-Cienega and Mrs. Laura Martinez, student council sponsors, for being the driving force behind this project.

SFMMS UIL MAPS, CHARTS, & GRAPHS TEAM



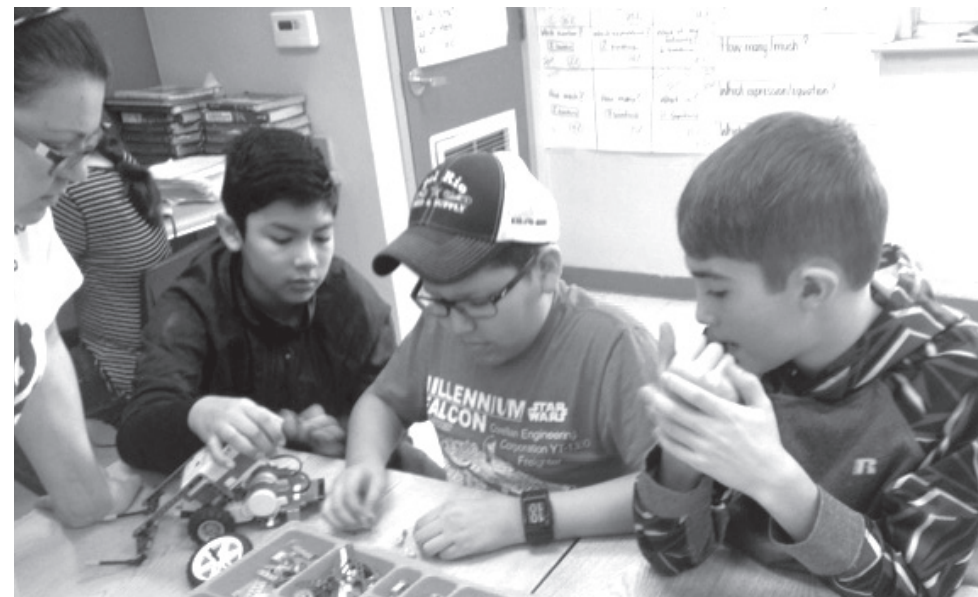
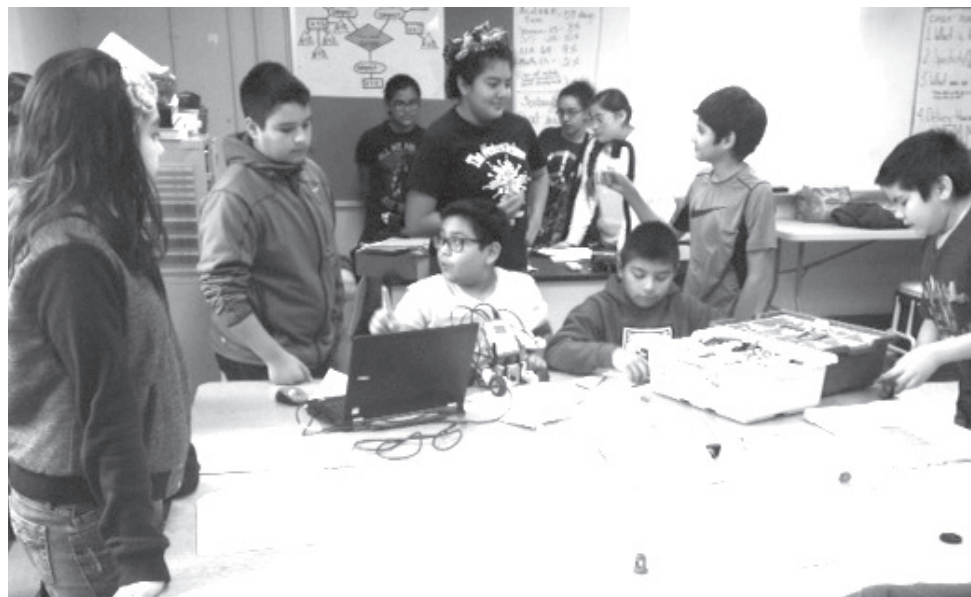
Front Row (L-R): Mariana Lopez, Ben Hyslop, and Samantha Ortiz
Back Row (L-R): Coach Gomez, Amanda De La Cruz, Willson Smith, Juan Lopez, and Christopher Yi

SFMMS UIL DICTIONARY SKILLS TEAM



Front row (L-R): Amy Morin, Giselle Moyeda, Ariela Smith, and Samantha Ortiz. Back row (L-R): Coach Gomez, Lena Hackney, Willson Smith, and Lizeth Ruiz

SFMMS ROBOTICS TEAM



The SFMMS Robotics team met Saturday, December 5, to build and program their robots for the upcoming FLL Qualifier on January 23, 2016. This year's TRASH TREK Challenge includes missions that involve solutions for trash such as sorting, reusing, and smarter producing.



*Del Rio Queens
State Qualifiers 2015*



*Del Rio Cross-Country
Varsity Queens 2015 District Champions*



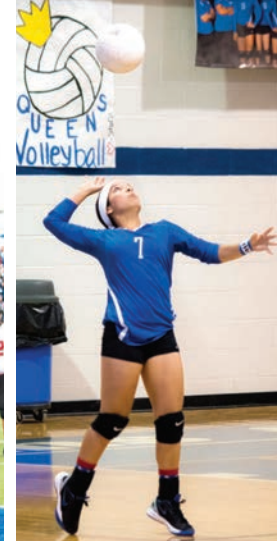
*Del Rio High School Varsity Tennis
District 29 6A Champions
2015-2016*



*Del Rio Cross-Country
Varsity Rams 215*



In the fall of 2015 the San Felipe Del Rio Tennis Facility was renamed in honor of long time High School Tennis coach Lily Castellano. Dedication ceremony pending for spring of 2016.



Del Rio State Qualifiers 2015



*Del Rio Cross-Country
JV Queens 2015 District Champions*



*Del Rio JV Rams
District Champions 2015*

NORTH HEIGHTS TOP AR CLASS



Mrs. Amezcua's Second Grade class won the coveted Reading Trophy during the 2nd Six Weeks Awards Assembly at North Heights on Friday, December 4, 2015.

NHE MRS. LANGTON'S CELEBRITY READER



For Community Reader Day NHE was visited by many local community members. The superintendent, Dr. Rios visited Mrs. Langton's 5th grade classroom to read the story "Late for School."

NHE ANNOUNCES WINNER OF READING TROPHY



Mrs. Pond, Assistant Principal, announces the winner of the 5th Grade Reading Trophy at the December 4th Awards Assembly. Congratulations to Mrs. Langton's 5th Grade Class.

NHE ROBOTICS TEAM



The NHE Robotics Team excelled at the last E-Cadet Round-up on November 14, 2015 at Del Rio Middle School finishing in 1st and 2nd place.

CROSS COUNTRY MEET



2nd Grade students from North Heights participated in the Elementary Cross Country Meet. Thank you to Coaches Andrea Gonzalez, Armando Paniagua and Guillermo Sanchez for organizing our track team. Our 3rd Grade boys and 5th Grade girls took home championship trophies.

NHE UIL



North Heights UIL Ready Writing Participants were all smiles at Mr. Gatti's. The students got to enjoy themselves after their completion on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. Students practiced after school for weeks in preparation for the competition.

LONNIE GREEN AT CASA DE LA CULTURA



1st grade GT enjoy a day at the Casa de la Cultura learning how to make arts and crafts.

LGE STUDENT COUNCIL



STUCO Officers and Administrators celebrate the cafeteria staff during National Lunch Week.

LONNIE GREEN 9/11 CEREMONY



Lonnie Green held a campus-wide red, white and blue ceremony to commemorate September 11th.

LONNIE GREEN FITNESS CHALLENGE



Lonnie Green students participated in the Elementary Fitness Challenge at the Andale Del Rio. The Panthers brought back the 1st place trophy.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LGE PANTHER ROBOTIC TEAMS



1. 2015 E-CADET Gracious Professionalism Award (Lifetime Award)
2. 2nd Place best pit area
3. Eddie Larkin Award- Leslie Rodriguez
4. Destroyers- Most motivated team award

DRMS TENNIS TEAM ON A WINNING STREAK



Congratulations to our DRMS 7th Grade Tennis Team who were UNDEFEATED for the Fall Season! Keep up the great work and best of luck to you in the Spring Season!

TEACHING WITH TECHNOLOGY



Students in Miss Natalie Ochoa's 8th grade ELA class actively engaged in utilizing one-to-one laptops to enhance class instruction. Specifically, students collaborate amongst one another to create graphic organizers on lesson of text structure and text feature.

DRMS STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE



Del Rio Middle School 7th grade students participated in Career Day, where a variety of local businesses made presentations on the importance of staying in school and learning the roles of different careers. The Del Rio Border Patrol spoke to Mrs. Ortiz-Rivas' class on the requirements and demands of becoming a law enforcement officer.

DREAMS DO COME TRUE



For the 2nd year in a row, DRMS Dance Team was selected to participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Students, parents, and coach, Ms. Kayla Lopez, spent the week of Thanksgiving enjoying the spectacular sites of NYC as well as practicing for the parade. The entire team would like to thank all local businesses, parents, staff and community for their continued support and assisting with all fundraisers making it possible for the girls to make the trip for the 2nd year in a row and make dreams come true!

DRMS ART STUDENTS RECOGNIZED



Two Del Rio Middle School students, Irene Linos and Tyler Carter, won the Shared Peace Poster Contest hosted by the Del Rio Lions Club. Irene was The Del Rio Host Lions winner and Tyler was the San Felipe Lions winner. Both students were awarded gift cards to local establishments. Their posters will now move on to district and compete against other Lions Club winners. Congratulations to both students and their teacher, Ms. Sherry Vela, for an outstanding job!

A HOLIDAY FOR LAUGHLIN DEPLOYED



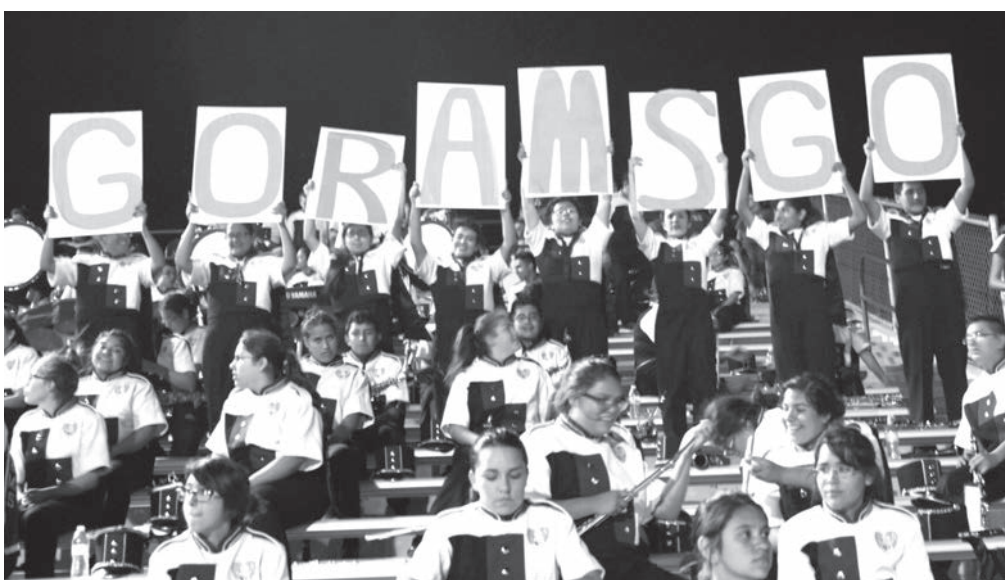
The DRHS Health Science Club (HSC) hosted the 2nd annual "A Holiday for Our Laughlin Deployed" donation drive on Sunday, November, 8th at The Bank & Trust. The theme was Christmas in the Desert: From Ours to Yours. The HSC collected various items such as toiletries, snacks, games, etc. for care packages to be sent to all currently deployed LAFB personnel. People of all ages participated in arts & crafts, games, and shopping with local vendors. Over 100 students partook in the event. Also present were active duty & retired military personnel as well as LAFB leadership and their families.

DRHS SWIM TEAM



DRHS Swim Team is hard at work at the Losano Fitness Center, Laughlin AFB, every morning. They are shown working on proper head and body position by balancing a cup of water on their forehead while swimming backstroke. Their District meet is scheduled for January 23 at the Corpus Christi ISD Natatorium.

MIGHTY RAM BAND BOOSTER CLUB - MIGHTY RAM BAND



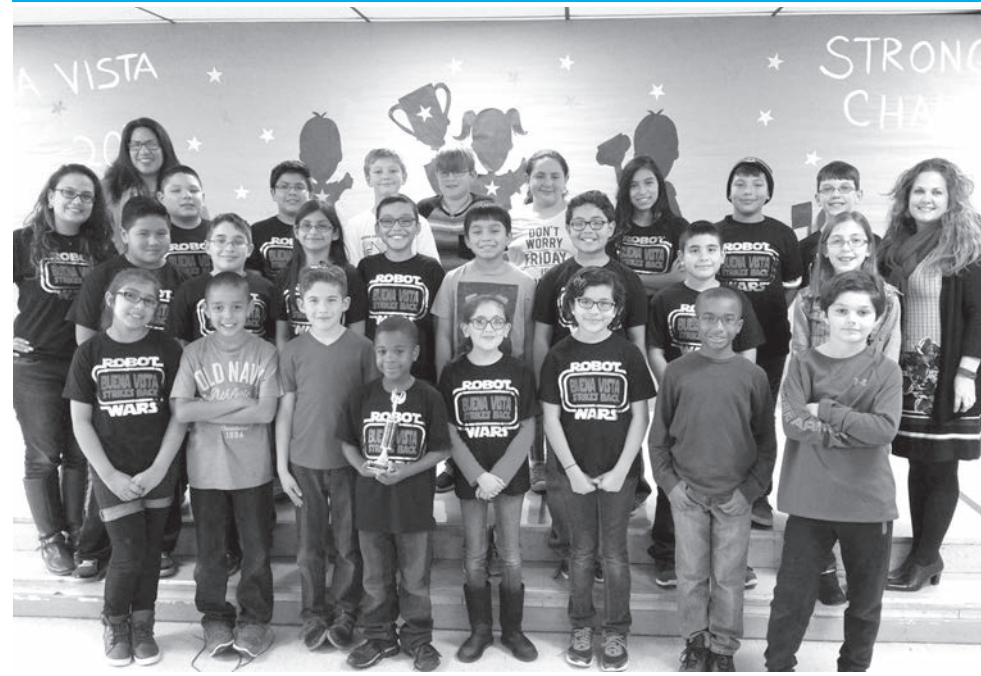
The Mighty Ram Band Booster Club supports the Mighty Ram Band throughout the year. Although the band is most visible during football season, the boosters stay busy all year long. Well before school starts, boosters are at the practice field making sure water and fruit are available to all students. This year we held a leadership seminar for our drill instructors, and brought in a marching clinician to fine tune marching techniques.

BUENA VISTA STUDENT COUNCIL CANNED FOOD DRIVE/BIGGEST HEART AWARD



The Buena Vista Elementary Honor Student Council held a canned food drive to help families in need for the Thanksgiving holiday. With more than 1,500 food items and 6 turkeys donated, the Student Council was able to donate food baskets just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. The remainder of the food items were donated to two local food banks, including the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank and the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. The winner for the biggest heart award for contributing the most cans was Mrs. Olga Calderon's homeroom class. They donated almost 500 food items to the food drive. Way to go!

BUENA VISTA ROBOTICS



The Robotics teams at Buena Vista, led by their sponsor, Mrs. JoAnn Buenrostro worked very hard this school year. They centered their season on a Star Wars theme and creatively used titles from the movie to name their robots/teams. BVE Robotics competed in the 2 scrimmages and the final local competition this school year. At the last competition, the team was awarded 1st place for the Motivate Award for showing perseverance and determination in every one of their competitions. Buena Vista is very proud of the Robotics team for learning, building and above all working as a team and never giving up! Way to go BVE Robotics!

RAM PRIDE PLAYOFFS POSTER CONTEST



Buena Vista Elementary entered the Ram Pride Poster contest sponsored by the Del Rio High School Varsity Cheerleaders. All schools were encouraged to participate and many entered the contest. Each school was asked to submit a poster supporting the Del Rio Rams at the playoff game held on Saturday, November 14, 2015. Buena Vista Elementary was announced as the winner during halftime and received a spirit stick from the Del Rio High School Varsity Cheerleaders.

ROVIN CHEF AT BUENA VISTA ELEMENTARY



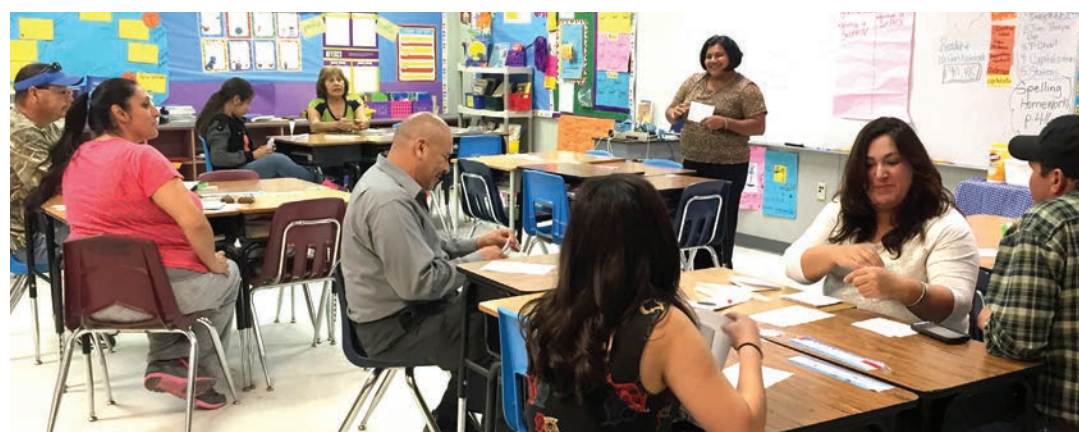
Chris Teager, Nutrition Coordinator, and David Gonzalez, Executive District Chef, invited 7 of our 2nd thru 5th grade students at Buena Vista to participate in a program called Rovin Chef. The Rovin Chef program is a hands-on activity where the students learn to make their own food, get to tour the cafeteria kitchen, and eat the food that they made. They also talked about good nutritional decisions. The event took place on November 5, 2015 at the Longhorn Café. The students received a certificate for participating at the end of the event. The students that participated were Sammy Farhat, Chasity Marin, Derek Sanchez, Anabel Hurtado, Emiliano Santana, Rene Marroquin, and Alexandra Esquivel. Buena Vista Elementary would like to thank Mr. Teager and Chef Gonzalez for giving our students an opportunity to participate in this unique event.

DADS OF GREAT STUDENTS AT CALDERON ELEMENTARY



At Dr. Fermin Calderon a new program, Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students), is taking off thanks to the support of some very special people. This national program is designed to help get dads in the classroom. Any male role model is welcomed after training and a background check. Over 200 "DADs" showed up for the first event meeting in October. At our campus positive male role models are seen welcoming students in the morning, assisting with morning announcements, and participating in other various campus activities. Throughout the day Watch D.O.G.S. serve many roles such as: reading with students, helping them with some math problems or working with kids during small group instruction. When the morning announcer welcomes our Watch D.O.G. for the day over the campus intercom system, students of all ages are filled with anticipation and hope that the Watch D.O.G. will visit their classroom.

FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT AT DR. FERMIN CALDERON ELEMENTARY



In October, we had our Family Literacy Night, in which parents and students both participated in various teacher led trainings. Parents and students selected amongst 32 choices that fit their learning goal for the evening. In addition, various community members volunteered their time and expertise to be part of this great experience. All enjoyed the great information and spaghetti dinner that followed.