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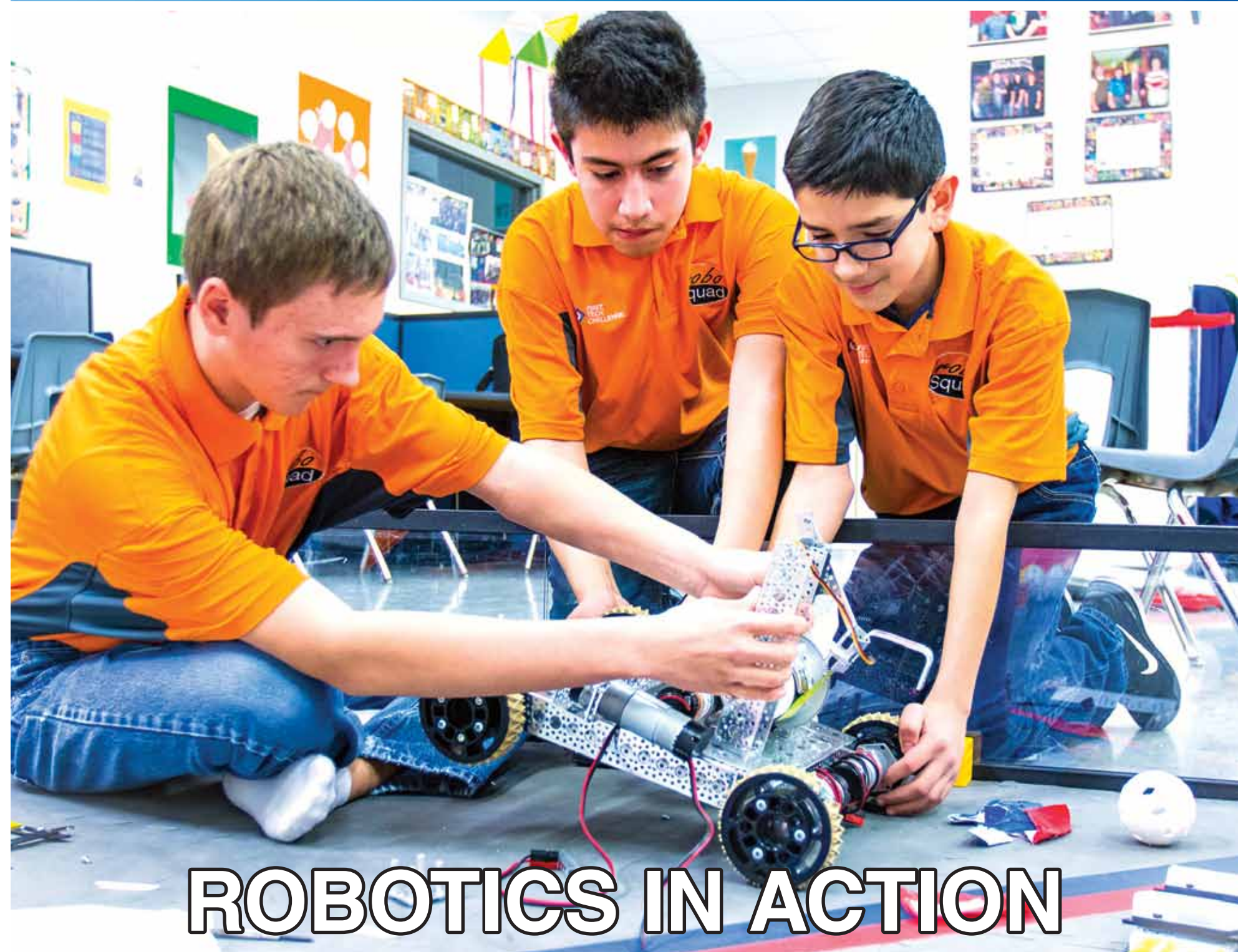
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## ROBOTICS IN ACTION

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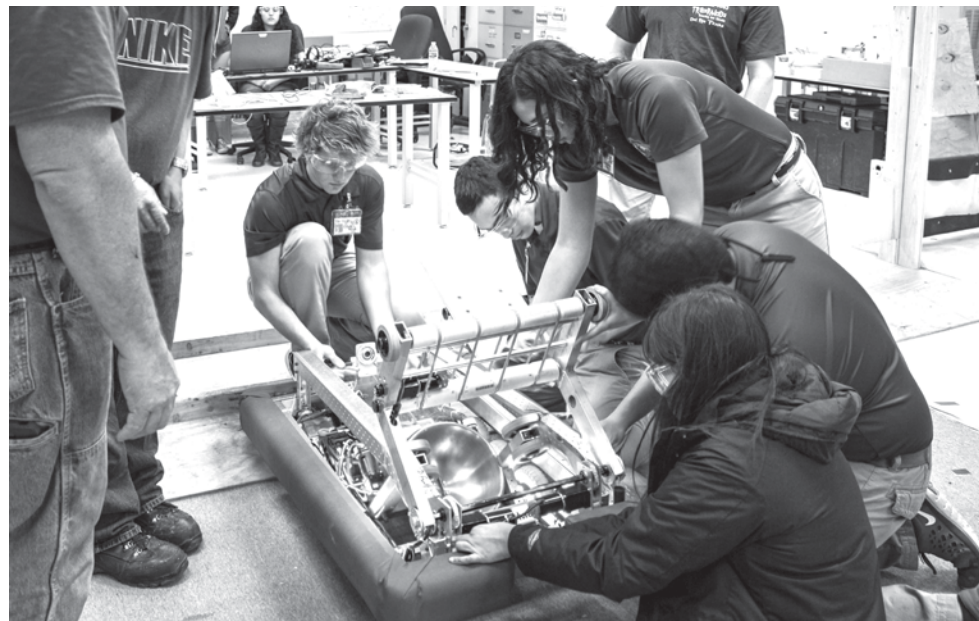
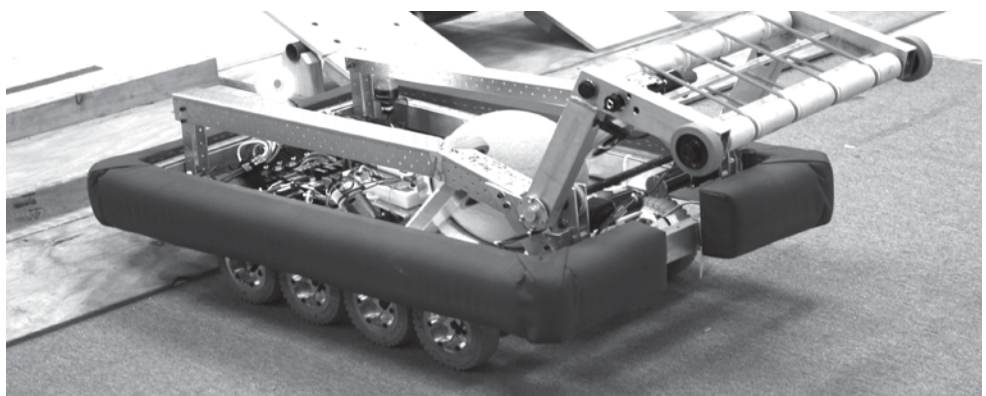
## DEL RIO MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS ROBO SQUAD AND EMOJIBOTS

On Feb 20th & 21st two teams (Robo Squad and EmjoiBots) from DRMS FTC robotics competed at Valero headquarters at the Alamo FTC State Championship. They competed against 82 other high school team and 4 middle school teams. This is the first year that DRMS has been in the semi-finals at the state level. This is the 4th year in a row DRMS robotics has competed in FTC State Championship and is led by J. Reed CTE PLTW teacher.



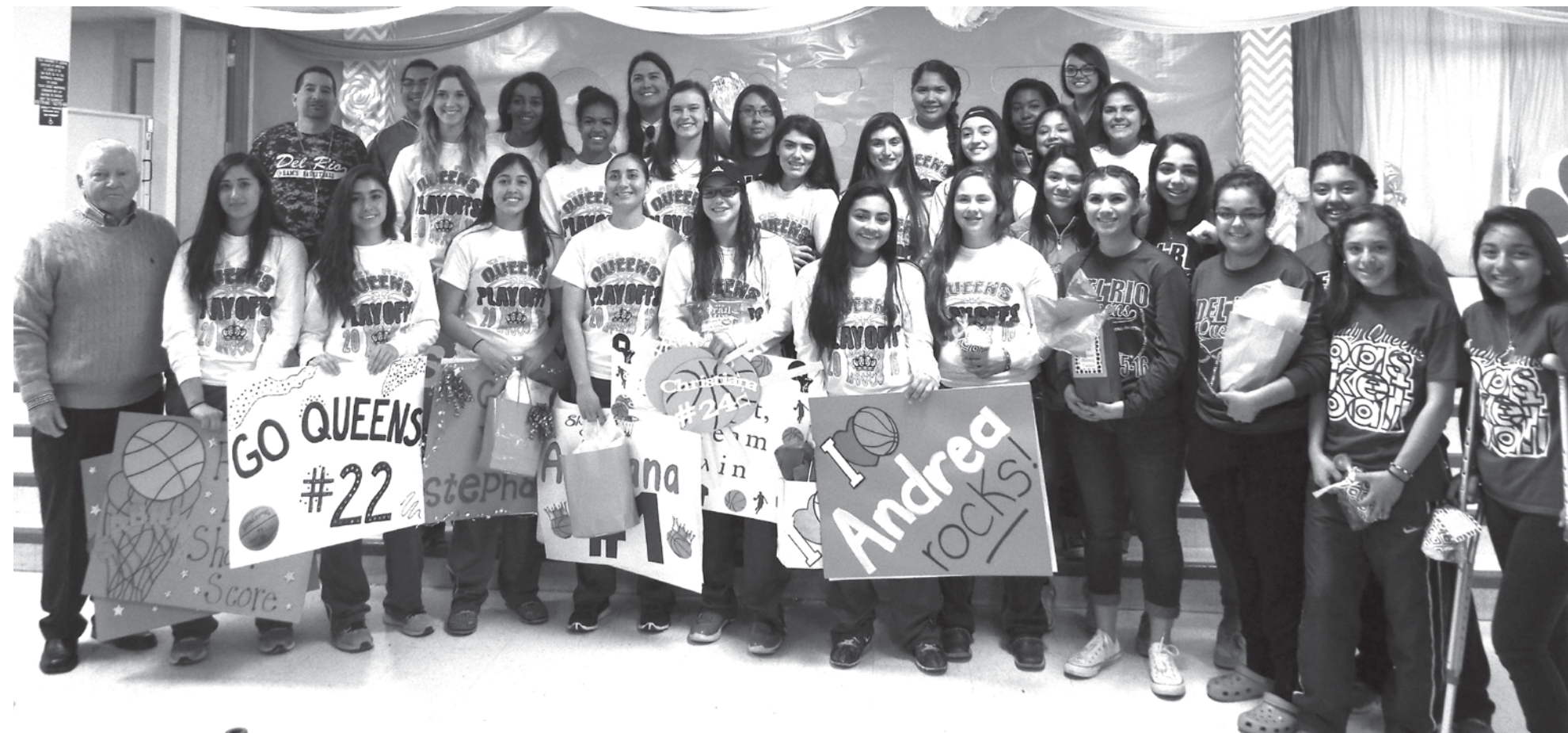
## DEL RIO HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS - FRC TEAM 4063 TRIKZR4KIDZ

As FRC Team 4063 enters the fifth competition year, members are anxious to show off Sir Jack, the 2016 robot. This year's competition is called FIRST Stronghold with a theme similar to capture the flag. Two alliances, made of 3 robots each, will compete head-to-head by traversing various medieval obstacles while picking up "boulders". Teams capture the opposing alliance's flag by shooting "boulders" into the rival castle then surrounding or climbing the tower at the end of the match. The team competed in San Antonio (Mar 11-12), Kenner, Louisiana (Mar 18-19), and will be traveling to Lubbock (Apr 1-2).





## DR. LONNIE GREEN WELCOMES QUEENS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM!



On February 16, 2016 Dr. Lonnie Green welcomed the Del Rio Queens basketball team as they head to Laredo to take on Nikki Rowe High School from McAllen, TX on their first playoff game. Staff and students cheered as the team entered the cafeteria. Each class sponsored a girl by making them a poster and providing each one with a goodie bag. Special guests were the Panther Young Notes as they sang "Light 'Em Up" GO QUEENS GO!!

## READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK



Dr. Lonnie Green Elementary celebrates 'Read Across America Week'. Students celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday by wearing red and white! Each day a specific campus wide book was read in all classrooms.



## LAMAR SCIENCE FAIR PARTICIPANTS



Lamar students recently competed at our district Science Fair on February 4, 2016. Lamar Elementary had a total of 23 participants making it to the District Fair, with 7 students placing in different categories from Earth, Medicine Health, Physics, Zoology, Botany, and Chemistry. Students were excited to be a part of this awesome learning experience.



Saturday, February 27, 2016 was an exciting day for parents, teachers, and students from Lamar Elementary. This was phase 1 of our Lamar's Wildlife Habit Project. Our students along with volunteers, had many tasks to accomplish on this day, from preparing mixtures of soil, painting cinder blocks, and preparing the Turtle encounter for future pond installation. Students took pride & a sense of ownership by working together to leave a legacy for future students. A special thank you to all whom volunteered and our Lamar teachers who have made this Wildlife Habit come to life.

## 7 HABITS OF A GREAT LEADER



Lamar Elementary students participate in displaying the 7 Habits of a Great Leader throughout the week. Teachers participate in acknowledging students whom are displaying the 7 Habits by submitting "shout out slips". Students are then recognized on daily announcements. All student slips are placed into a fish bowl for an opportunity to be selected Honorary Ram for the Day. Every Friday, eight students' are selected to wear our distinguish Rams Jersey's with Coach McCrea as our honorary guest.

## GAME WARDENS VISIT LAMAR ELEMENTARY



Lamar Elementary was honored to have Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens on February 18, 2016. Fifth grade students were exposed to lessons from animal adaptations, animal tracking, and wildlife regulations of fishing & hunting here in our Del Rio area. Game Warden Officers also shared career expectations and their experiences working for our Texas Parks and Wildlife. Students enjoyed a fun-filled day with our special guests.



**ART CLUB**



Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary Art Club completed their first group project by designing and painting this beautiful rock in front of the school. Students consisted of 4th and 5th grade students and worked for three weeks to complete this awesome piece of art!

**EXPLORING SEMINOLE CANYON**



Texas Parks and Wildlife hosted the Calderon Elementary 4th grade class Seminole Canyon State Park this week. Students participated in a tour of the museum as well as engaged in educational activities. A hike into the canyon then led students to the ancient rock art in the Fate Bell Shelter.

**DONUTS WITH DAD**



Donuts with Dad was held at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary on Wednesday, March 2 early in the morning. This event took place for the purpose of recruiting male role models to participate at our campus as a Watch D.O.G. Watch D.O.G. is a program design to provide children with positive role models with the purpose of enriching their lives. Dr. Fermin Calderon is the only school in Del Rio to have this program.

**CALDERON VALENTINE ROYALTY**



King Adrian Villa & Queen Karlyse Robles

Students at Calderon Elementary enjoyed music and dancing during the Valentine's Day Dance. The Valentine's Court announced during the event will reign through the 2015-2016 year.



Prince Luis Roberto Robles & Princess Jocelyn Moreno



Duke Alex Tooker & Kianna Turner

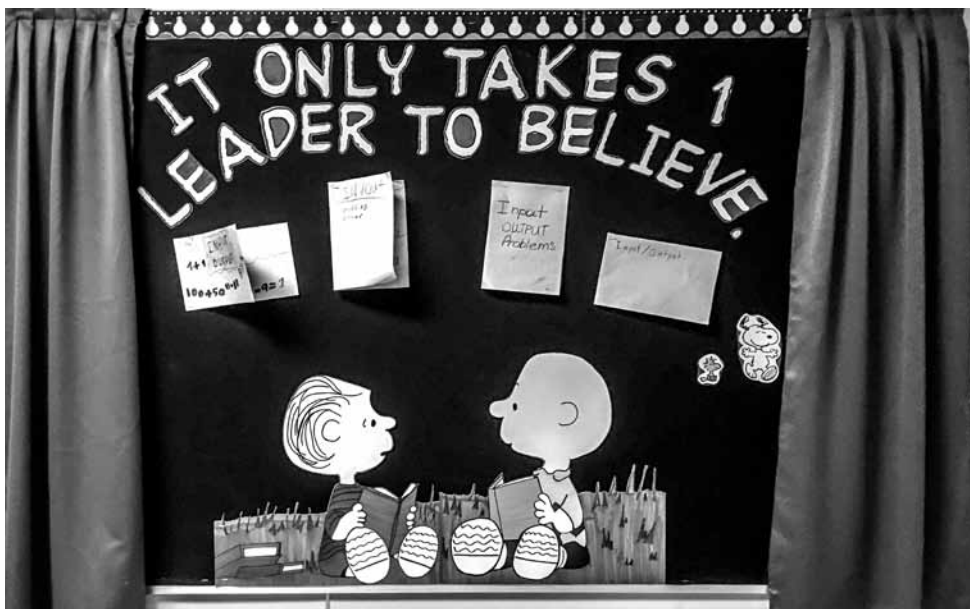


## PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY AND PROMOTING EDUCATION



Del Rio Border Patrol agents visited Ruben Chavira Elementary school with an important message for the students – Education is the key to your future! The agents spoke to students of the bilingual academy and stressed the importance of staying in school and putting education first. The children were enthusiastic to have the guest speakers in their classrooms and share details of their job. R.C.E. staff appreciates the community involvement of their local law enforcement members. Our community is in good hands!

### THERE'S A LEADER IN US ALL!



Ruben Chavira Elementary School is extremely proud to be a Leader in Me school. The Leader in Me is Franklin Covey's whole school transformation process. It teaches leadership and life skills to students and creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader. The process teaches students the skills needed for academic success in any setting. These skills include critical thinking, goal setting, listening and speaking, self-directed learning, and the ability to work well in groups. As you walk through the halls of R.C.E., The Leader in Me process is obvious. Bulletin boards, "street signs" and posters displaying the habits are everywhere. Most importantly, the culture of the school is apparent. Students take responsibility for their learning and work together in groups toward a common goal. R.C.E. Cougars are all leaders!

### READ ACROSS R.C.E. ~ READ ACROSS AMERICA!



Read Across America Day is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2, Dr. Seuss's birthday. All across the country, thousands of schools and libraries participate by bringing together kids and books to celebrate reading! Ruben Chavira Elementary School participated in this important festivity with activities that promote reading for learning and for FUN! Reading lessons, arts and crafts, and even lunch (green eggs and ham!) revolved around the silliness of Dr. Seuss characters and books. Students dressed up as "twins" just like Thing 1 and Thing 2 and wore crazy hats like the Cat in the Hat. Because like the famous author says, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!" R.C.E. Cougars are off to great places!

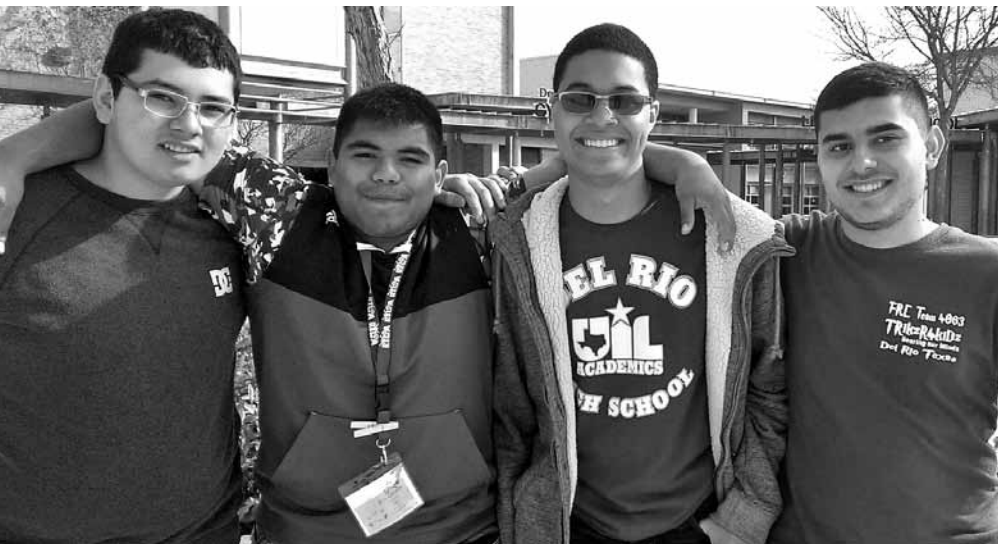


## DEL RIO HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE DEPARTMENT



DRHS's Theatre program has enjoyed much success in the past. Choir, Musical Theatre, and non-Fine Arts students produced the Fall Musical "LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS" in November, and the turnout of support from the school and community was fantastic. Last year they returned with a District win, a first for Del Rio High. "This year the Theatre department is proud to present Christopher Durang's "The Actor's Nightmare" at UIL OAP competition once again in Laredo on March 22. There will be a public performance of "The Actor's Nightmare" after our competition season is over, dates to be announced soon.

## DEL RIO HIGH SCHOOL UIL



The 2015-2016 UIL Academics teams started their season on November 13 and can compete until the state meet in May. February 27, we competed in our last invitational meet to include all of our academics and one act play teams. We will be competing at the District 29-6A championship on April 1-2. We expect the team to have many competitors place and advance on to the Region IV Championship meet on April 23. The number Sense team, coached by James Milender, has placed first or second consistently all year long. Our question is Will this be the year, they go to state? We hope yes.



## SFMMMS SCIENCE



Monica Martinez science classes explore the size of the solar system.

## SFMMMS DICTIONARY SKILLS



Left: Coach Durham was challenged by Coach Gomez's Dictionary Skills team to a pre-competition test before the Tournament of Champions. At the Tournament, Ariela Smith placed 1st, Lizeth Ruiz placed 2nd, Samantha Ortiz placed 3rd, and Amy Morin placed 6th.

Right: Ariela Smith, a member of the UIL Dictionary Skills team at SFMMMS, achieved a perfect score of 120 at the Tejada Middle School TMSCA contest on Saturday, March 5. In addition to her first place finish at Tejada, she also placed first at Legacy Middle School STALL meet on January 20, which qualified her for the Tournament of Champions. The Tournament of Champions was held at McNair Middle School on February 20, where she also placed first. Competing against the best Dictionary Skills students in the South Texas Academic and Literary League and the Texas Math and Science Association make these accomplishments even more spectacular. Ariela's hard work and extra effort led to her outstanding season, and fulfilled the confidence and pride her parents, Norma and Robb Smith, and sponsor, Guillermo Gomez, have in her.



## SFMMS STUDENT COUNCIL



San Felipe Memorial Middle School Student Council for 2015-16. So far this year, StuCo has sponsored 3 school dances, honored the custodians and counselors, participated in the Homecoming Parade, sold and delivered Valentines, and collected food for the needy.

## SFMMS FITNESSGRAM



6th graders get practice using measuring tools while performing the trunk lift for their annual FitnessGram.

6th grader completes his PACER for the annual FitnessGram while others wait their turn.



## TEXAS REPRESENTATIVE PONCHO NEVAREZ SUPERINTENDENT'S STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



Texas Representative Poncho Nevarez addressed the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council today during their monthly meeting. Representative Nevarez shared his thoughts on leadership and achievement stating that "leading is not about being ahead, but about how we help others in our community". He congratulated the student council members and athletes on their achievements noting their great talents and opportunity to share their voice on behalf of their peers. Superintendent Carlos Rios, Athletic Director Ric Smith and Head Football Coach Frenchy McCrea were joined by School Board Member Joshua Overfelt in presenting Rep. Nevarez with Del Rio Rams memorabilia.

## DRHS SENIOR CAPTURES STUDENT LIFE



## DRHS ROBOTICS SET TO COMPETE AT WORLD



Del Rio High School's Lucero Treviño is off to ply her trade in another academic setting and city but her talent and artistic contributions have been appreciated and well documented for SFDR-CISD.

DRHS Robotics Team, #4063, also known as the TriKzR4Kidz Bunnies were 1st place champions at the Bayou Regional Competition in Louisiana March 18-19, 2016. Despite having some challenges with travel due to weather, they finished the competition in the #1 seat out of 56 teams. Sponsors Brad Billeaudeau and Bill Davis will accompany the team to the World Competition in St. Louis, Missouri next month.

Robotics Head Coaches are Brad Billeaudeau and Bill Davis, Asst. Coaches Lauren Cardenas and Linda Davis, Mentors attending Regional: Twana Billeaudeau, Mike Moreman and Timothy Trujillo--many other Mentors assist.

We've had an amazing season and look forward to Hub City and then the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS in St. Louis!!!



## CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION



Student achievement, or measured learning, is in full force in our State and even Country. Between STAAR, End of Course Exams, Special Education assessments and Bilingual/ESL assessments, our District and especially our teachers are regularly monitoring student growth. To meet these state standards, the C&I department works diligently to support the most influential component of our District, our teachers. It is our commitment to develop quality curriculum documents, ensure professional development in instructional processes and programs, provide instructional resources, and dedicate time to classroom assistance.



As a District, we have been working this year to refine best practices through activities such as monthly collaboratives, literacy workshops, QTEL experiences and Abydos. Just last week, teachers were invited to a book tabbing party where the C&I team shared helpful tips for developing reading skills. Teachers left with their own copy of *The Reading Strategies Book* to utilize in their planning sessions as support for guided practices.

Additionally, it is our belief that the teaching and learning standard is set by the quality of the curriculum. Our endeavor to produce quality curriculum leads us to collaborate with our teachers for six weeks reviews. The C&I department supports a strong interaction between our teachers and our curriculum, as this is the clearest pathway to producing quality lessons that will in time result in sustained student success. Through Planning Protocol, our District improvement plan, and teacher feedback, we will continue to provide opportunities for ongoing professional development and teacher support. We are thankful to our participants in our current sessions: The "WRITE" Prescription, Math Art Projects and Activities, and 21st Century Learning. We look forward to continuing the fidelity to growth in student achievement.

## DRMS UIL CONTINUES WINNING TRADITION



DRMS 7th and 8th grade students made Del Rio proud by taking 1st place sweepstakes at each of the STALL (South Texas Academic Literary League) meets including the Tournament of Champions. Students competed in a variety of academic events ranging from Math, Science, Spelling, Dictionary to all speaking and acting events. Congratulations to all students, parents and coaches for your support and dedication to the UIL Academic Program. Keep up the great work!



**DRMS STUDENT ART ON DISPLAY**



DRMS student Jonus Carrion is a very talented young man whose artwork was selected to be displayed at the Del Rio Firehouse. His creations are remarkable and detailed but the best part about his work is that it comes from his memory. Since he was little, Jonus has always loved to draw. As the years have gone by, his skills have developed into a fascinating work of art. Congratulations, Jonus!

**DEL RIO FRESHMAN**



Healthy Futures of Texas held a Parental Training at Del Rio Freshman on Wednesday March 9, 2016. Dr. Realini spoke to parents about a pilot program that will be implemented in April.

**DRHS ROTC VISITS DRMS**



DRHS ROTC students make presentation to middle school students explaining the ROTC program and encouraging students to take advantage of opportunities that ROTC offers to all students while in high school.

**DRMS UIL/TMSCA GOING TO STATE MEET**



This talented group of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students have earned the right to compete at the TMSCA (Texas Math and Science Coaches Association) State Meet on April 15 and 16, 2016 at UTSA, San Antonio. Congratulations UIL team members, parents, and coaches! We are EXTREMELY proud of your hard work and dedication. GOOD LUCK AT STATE!



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## NORTH HEIGHTS SCIENCE FAIR



We want to thank all our community representatives, who came out to judge our students Science Fair Projects. The judging ran smoothly and we are very thankful for all you that came out to help. In these pictures we show our judges being welcomed by the NHE Science Fair Committee. This committee was made up of Awesome NHE teachers: Mrs. Bustamante, Mrs. Pérez, Mrs. Rizo, Mrs. Dovalina, and Mrs. Casarez. Thank you to all our teachers, faculty, parents and students that made all this possible.

## NORTH HEIGHTS CHILI'S AR DINNER



Mrs. Fernandez 2nd grade class enjoyed their celebratory dinner at Chili's. The students earned their dinner party by reading AR books.

## NORTH HEIGHTS READ ACROSS AMERICA



Miss Rodriguez's Kindergarten class posing for picture with the Cat in the Hat in honor of Dr. Seuss's Birthday during Read Across America Week.

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**Dinner on the Creek 2**  
 San Felipe Country Club Golf Course  
 Friday, April 22, 2016 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Donation: \$50 (Dinner)  
 Must present ticket upon arrival





### CARDWELL PRIDE



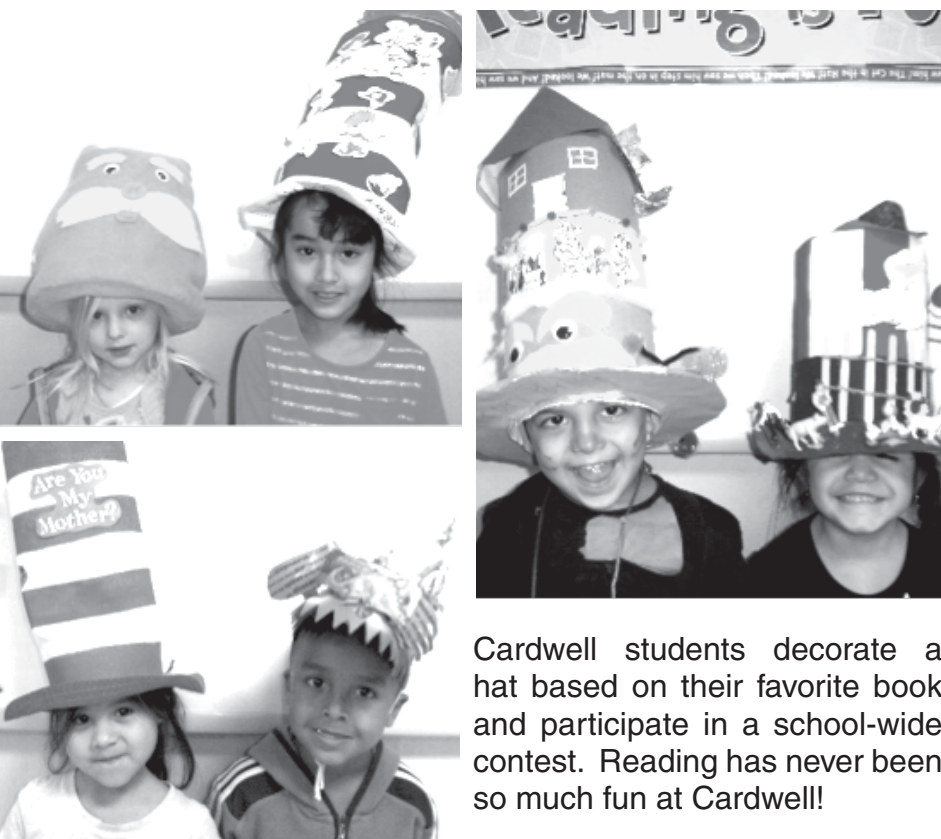
Pictured are three and four year-old students who earned perfect attendance for the Fall Semester. Way to go CUBS !

### DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT CARDWELL



From eating green eggs and ham in order to create a tally chart, to going on a spot scavenger hunt after reading Take Me To The Zoo , Cardwell students had a week full of fun filled activities and learning opportunities.

### READ ACROSS AMERICA AT CARDWELL



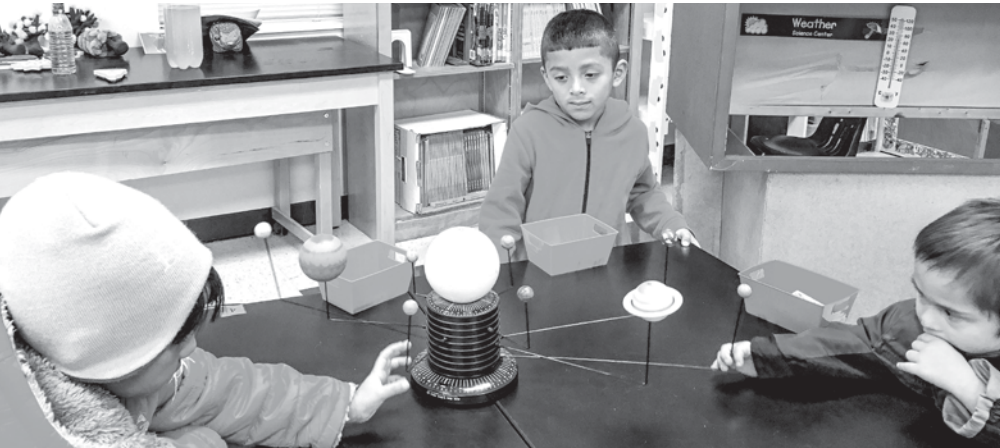
Cardwell students decorate a hat based on their favorite book and participate in a school-wide contest. Reading has never been so much fun at Cardwell!

### THE RAINBOW FISH



As part of the family engagement Head Start component, students and their parents decorated a cut-out of a fish after the book The Rainbow Fish was read during the classroom guidance lesson. Parents were asked to discuss with their children the importance of sharing and being kind to others. All projects are proudly displayed in the Cardwell Art Gallery.

### CARDWELL EARTH AND SKY UNIT



Students in Mr. Gaitan and Mrs. Dominguez' class learn all about the solar system during an enrichment lesson in the Cardwell science lab..

### COLLEGE BEGINS AT CARDWELL



Cardwell students travel to Sul Ross State University and participate in a science lesson taught by university students under the guidance of Dr. Fernando Quiz. Students also receive a tour of the campus and an orientation regarding furthering their education. Cardwell Cubs love Dr. Quiz!





## GARFIELD VALENTINE ROYALTY



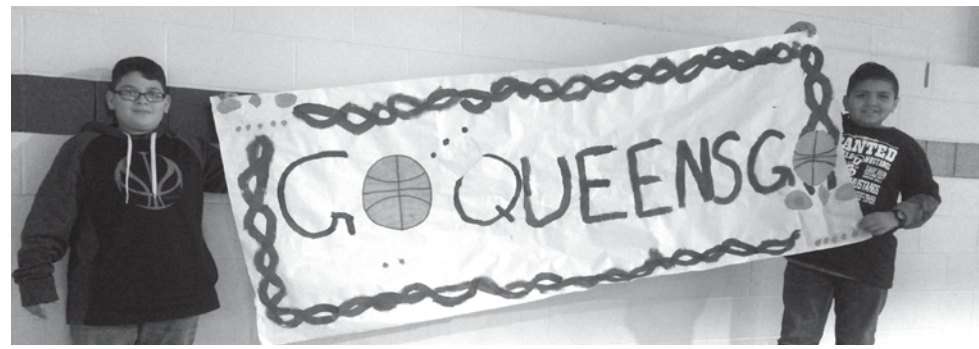
Garfield Elementary held its annual kinder King and Queen contest. The newly crowned King is Enrique Delgado and the Queen is Jocelyn Falcon for the 2015 – 2016 school year! King Enrique and Queen Jocelyn will “reign” over Garfield until next year when a new King and Queen are crowned!

## DRHS POWERLIFTER PLACES AT STATE



Congratulations to Yesenia Pena for placing 2nd at the Texas state powerlifting meet in the 6A 97 pound weight class. Yesenia lifted a combined weight of 695 pounds; 275 pound squat, 155 pound bench press and 265 pound deadlift.

## GO RAMS AND QUEENS GO!!!



Garfield participated in Elementary Spirit Night in January rooting on both the Queens and the Rams as they battled forces against Laredo for a basketball win. The Singing Mustangs, led by Ms. Kasey Ristow, beautifully sang the National Anthem to the delight of the cheering Del Rio crowd.



## MAD SCIENTIST WIN FOR GARFIELD!!



Garfield students participated in the campus and district science fair and brought home a huge 6 winning places at the district level!! The campus had over 300 projects that entered in the campus science fair. We look forward to seeing how our future “mad scientist” prevail in the science world!

## GARFIELD'S GOT TALENT!!



## DO SI DO AND HERE WE GO WITH A COTTON-EYED JOE!!



Garfield students learned how to square dance during P.E. classes with the help of Mr. Lazars our Square Dancing guru instructor! Mr. Lazars brings his talents to Garfield every year and volunteers his time to teach the students about the art of square dancing and the kids LOVE it!! Thank you Mr. Lazars!!

Garfield hosted their 2nd Garfield's Got Talent Show February 18th. The show was a blast and the students showed off their awesome talent! The winners of the show were 3rd place Sidney Alarcon, 2nd place Henry Laabs, and 1st place....Rogelio Sanchez! We're looking forward to next year's talent!!



## BUENA VISTA CAREER DAY



Buena Vista Elementary had Career Fair Day on Friday, March 4, 2016. Many parents and people from the community volunteered their morning to share their 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 a K-9 dog showcased his skills with the U. S. Customs & Border Protection Officers. Other presenters brought tools, uniforms and other work-related items to their presentations. Students were enthused and actively engaged in many activities.

## BUENA VISTA CELEBRITY READERS



March 2nd is the day we honor Dr. Seuss' birthday and what better way to celebrate than to read! Buena Vista Elementary celebrated the birthday of this beloved author of children's books on March 2, 2016 by inviting local celebrities to read to our students.



Students in Mrs. Peimbert's Kindergarten class wore blue hats and red shirts as seen on the Thing 1 and Thing 2 characters and The Cat in the Hat visited the classrooms. Many community members volunteered to read some of the author's most famous books, including Green Eggs and Ham and The Cat in the Hat.

## BUENA VISTA BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Black History Month presentations were held at Buena Vista Elementary on February 19, 2016. The presenters, Aliyah Negley and Alana Westley from the Laughlin Air Force Base community outreach department, gave a wonderful presentation to our students about celebrating diversity and appreciating the differences in us all. Students also learned about the many accomplishments and contributions from African Americans.

