

SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**5TH GRADE G.T. STUDENTS
TAKE FLIGHT**



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Spectrum Channel 1301

ATHLETICS - KYNDAL GLADSON



Kyndal Gladson will be in the Track & Field program at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

ATHLETICS - LEIANNA JIMENEZ



Leiana Jimenez will be playing soccer at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene.

BARRERA - GREEN EGGS AND HAM DAY



Staff and students wear their green to show their love for this delightful book!

BARRERA - BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRITY READERS**BARRERA - DENTAL HEALTH CARE**

Presentations by LAFB Dental Clinic on the importance of dental health care for our 2nd grade class. Students were provided with a "Dental Lunchbox" that contained a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, a mirror, and mouthwash.

BARRERA - CAT IN THE HAT DAY – HAVING FUN LEARNING IN A HAT AND TIE

AIN'T NO MOUNTAIN HIGH ENOUGH



Miranda Ramon expressed that she never imagined Blended Academy would offer so much to her. She stated that the friendly staff and students and hearing daily that 'there is no mountain high enough' kept her motivated. Miranda walked the traditional GRAD WALK down the halls as her peers cheered her on!

INSPIRING THROUGH CREATIVITY



BIM teacher, Mrs. Allred, always finds creative ways to inspire students!

HARD WORK PAYS OFF!



Celeste Garcia has taken the initiative to stay after school every day to ask for extra help. She is a true example that consistent dedication pays off. Both Celeste her and mom have attended a tutoring session with Mrs. Castaneda.

SPORTS GRANDDAD!



This grandpa is no ordinary grandfather. On a daily bases, Jose Perez, is the transportation for Blended baseball students. He picks them up from Blended Academy, takes them to and from all practices and scheduled class. He even takes them to buy lunch along the way! Thank you, Grandpa Perez!

STAYING STRONG



Students team up to help one another during their exercise hour. Mr. Lopez instills that exercise and good eating habits is a key to healthy life.

CELEBRATING READING ACROSS AMERICA WITH DR. SEUSS!

Buena Vista loves to celebrate AR champs in a big way! Ms. Peimbert and Miss Cortez' first grade class went all out and dressed for the occasion! At B.V. reading is "Our Thing!"

BUENA VISTA ALUMNI

Taking Longhorn pride and an unmatched work ethic to 6th grade definitely pays off! UIL Spelling Champion, George Linan, took home 3rd place, and Constanza Guadarrama received 2nd place! The meet was held at Loma Alta Middle School in San Antonio this February.

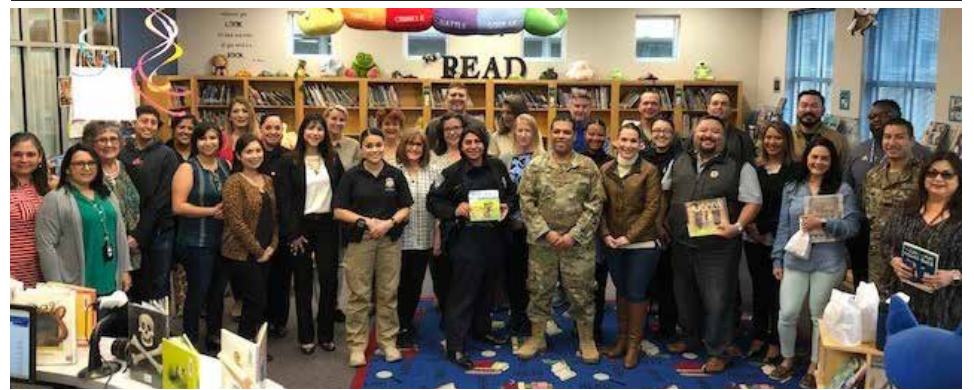
Thank you ex "Dream Team" students, George and Constanza, for always making the Mighty Longhorns look good where ever you go!

BUENA VISTA ROBOTICS

The Mighty Longhorn Team has continued into the spring to work on their Lego kits. Students are working on cooperation, patience, team building and following instructions. The team would like to give a huge shout out to the Education Foundation for providing such an entertaining, team building activity.

FLOURISHING YOUTH

This organization is funded by the Education Foundation Grant. The young ladies are encouraged to dream big and know that through hard work they can aspire to become anything they set their mind to. Chief Instructional Officer Mrs. Aida Gomez and Miss Val Verde Ariana Rodriguez used their years of experience to share with the young listeners about leadership and the value of kindness and compassion.

BUENA VISTA CELEBRITY READER PROGRAM

This program takes the children beyond the classroom/teacher experiences by connecting them to the diverse backgrounds of the readers, showing them that reading is fundamental to all people. The children had the opportunity to get up and personal with a local professionals, and they also got an opportunity to share a great book together too.

SEMINOLE CANYON STATE PARK

The fourth grade students at Buena Vista were treated to a full day of fun at Seminole Canyon one of the most beautiful desert parks in Texas. The park hosted fourth graders from all eight elementary schools in Del Rio. The park has the best of everything: great views, informative tours, a wonderful museum headquarters, beautiful ancient pictographs, and great hiking.

DR. FERMIN CALDERON AR NIGHT



The PTO and staff at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary hosted the first of a series of AR Nights on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. Students and their families were invited to participate in several areas throughout the campus that promoted reading library books and earning extra Accelerated Reader points. The PTO helped kick off the night by promoting raffles that will be held every grading cycle in the second semester. This will help motivate students to continue reaching for their AR reading goals. We would like to thank our PTO for promoting incentives for students to work toward and achieve reading goals. We would also like to thank our families and our awesome staff for a fantastic turn out and for continuing to encourage our families to read and develop a love of learning in our children.

DR. FERMIN CALDERON SCIENCE FAIR



Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School held their annual science fair on January 15 and 16, 2020. 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. 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 13, 2020. DFC would like to thank all the volunteers that helped make our annual science fair a success!

CALDERON DENTAL PRESENTATIONS



Representatives from the Laughlin Air Force Base Dental Clinic visited Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School on Monday, February 24, 2020 to talk to students in Kindergarten, 2nd and 3rd grades about good dental hygiene as part of Children's Dental Health Month. The representatives and the students talked about good and bad foods, about the importance of flossing and brushing their teeth, how to brush, floss, and take good care of their teeth. At the conclusion of the presentation the children received a tooth brushing kit including a toothbrush, toothpaste and floss. We send big THANKS to the LAFB Dental Clinic for the presentation at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School and helping reiterate the importance of taking care of those pearly whites!

DR. FERMIN CALDERON CAREER DAY



Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary had their annual Career Fair Day on Friday, February 28, 2020. Many parents and community members 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 hair dressers and barbers from Diamond's Salon and Retro Studio 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.

CHINESE NEW YEAR



Students from Ms. Brijalba's, Mrs. Juarez', and Mrs. Nieto's class dressed in traditional Chinese attire performed at the Paul Poag Theater and participated in the downtown parade during this year's festivities. Cardwell students enjoyed their performance of the fan, ribbon, and umbrella dance on campus on Friday, February 28th. A visit from an authentic Chinese dragon was the finale to an extraordinary celebration.

READ ACROSS AMERICA



Cardwell students and staff gathered to kick-off this year's Read Across America week with a proclamation by the City of Del Rio and a visit from Cat in the Hat, Thing One and Thing Two. Other events scheduled for the week included a bookcharacter parade, celebrity readers, and a Math and Literacy Festival.

READ ACROSS AMERICA



As recipients of an Education Foundation Grant, Mr. Donald Olivo and Ms. Rosa Lowe along with Dr. Alanna Talamantez, parents, students and staff visited a local nursing home to deliver blankets and a message of love to residents. This act of kindness is the second of a series of activities planned for this school year.

CHAVIRA AR NIGHT



Mr. Leonor was our celebrity reader at our February 2020 AR night. AR Nights provide students an opportunity to enjoy the RCE library with their family and catch up on their AR points if needed.

CHAVIRA HAS CHICKENS!



All 1st grade classes had baby chicks through Texas A&M AgriLife. Students were able to watch the entire process of incubation and hatching. They were very excited to see the babies finally hatch!!

CHAVIRA TALENT SHOW WINNERS



RCE Talent Show was Thursday, February 27th and many students showed their amazing talents to a wonderful crowd of student, parents and teachers. The winners were: tied for 2nd place Miriam Beltran and Nayeli Rodriguez and in 1st place was Sabrina Rios. Congratulations to all participants.

AMAZING CHAVIRA COUNSELOR



Mrs. Debbie Escamilla was honored during Counselor's Week with many gifts and thanks. We can't thank our counselor enough for all she does for our RCE Cougars. You are the best counselor in the universe Mrs. Escamilla!!

DEL RIO FRESHMAN VISUAL ARTS SCHOLASTIC EVENT



Del Rio Freshman students competed at the Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) against twenty-two schools and brought home several honorable awards. Out of 275 entries from Region 15, Leonardo Lopez scored a 2, Stefanie Gonzalez scored a 3, Damaris Contreras, Flor Hernandez, Carissa Saenz and Dallas Smith each scored a 4, and Chanceine Saechao scored a 4 and will be advancing as a state qualifier. Chanceine will compete in San Marcos, Texas on April 24th and 25th. Congratulations to all competitors for a job well done, and best of luck to Chanceine! (Sponsor is Catherine Calvetti.)

MRS. ROSS' STUDENTS



Mrs. Ross' students are having fun with hands-on activities and engaged in dramatic play to support academic learning in all areas.

STUCO STUDENTS IN GAME NIGHT



StuCo students participated in a fun-filled Game Night.

SFMMS ROBOTICS HEADED TO STATE!



San Felipe Memorial Middle School participates from January to March every year in two UIL leagues in San Antonio. Those leagues are “South Texas Academic & Literacy League” (STALL) & “Texas Math & Science Coaches Association” / “Math, English & Science Academic Competition” (TMSCA/MESAC). During January and February 2020, the SFMMS UIL team has already earned two 1st Place trophies at STALL. Congratulations to SFMMS UIL participants and coaches!

SFMMS STRENGTHENING FAMILIES



Families from San Felipe Memorial Middle School are taking part in our SFMMS Strengthening Families program. Sponsored by Baptist and Child Family Services or BCFS, Mr. Wayne Richardson has provided many tools already in helping families communicate and build the family bond. A huge thank you to BCFS for sponsoring this amazing opportunity for our families and our community!

SFMMS ROBOTICS HEADED TO STATE!



SFMMS Robotics Team 29589 Bubble Guppies will be competing on Sunday, March 8th at the Alamo Championship in San Antonio. Andrue Reyes needed a team and the Guppies gladly took him in. Our Guppies include: Paulina Allelo, Andrue Reyes, Ella Jensen, Nelly Saldivar, Nahomi Morales, Natalia Salazar, Sara Medina, and Daniela Duran.

SFMMS ROBOTICS HEADED TO STATE!



SFMMS Robotics Team 22462 Bob the Builders will be competing on Sunday, March 8th at the Alamo Championship in San Antonio. Our team of builders include: Samuel Curtis, Ethan Escobar, Carlos Ramos, Jose Salas, John David Gavirio, Anthony De La Cruz, and Kenyon Calderon.

3RD GRADE NHE STEM CREATE A SPIDER WEB BRIDGE



3rd grade NHE STEM members create a Spider Web Bridge using yarn, cups and tape. They win the challenge!

5TH GRADE NHE STEM CONSTRUCT A BIRD HOUSE



5th grade NHE STEM members construct a bird house at the Career and Technical Education Do-It-Yourself Night.

FCCLA STUDENTS & NHE STUDENT COUNCIL



FCCLA students get together with NHE Student Council and give a presentation about how technology affects many things. The FCCLA students planned team building activities to engage students in conversation with each other to show how technology does not have to be part of their daily life. The student council members enjoyed the evening and will invite them again.

STUDENTS FROM MRS. DURAN'S 2ND GRADE



Students from Mrs. Duran's 2nd grade participated in a water cycle class experiment to discover the answer to the question: How do clouds form?

HUBBARD'S CLASS



Miss Hubbard's 100 Days of School Princes and Princesses.

2ND GRADERS CLASS



2nd Graders class exploring urban, suburban, and rural communities.

NORTH HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY



Students from North Heights Elementary participated in a talent show organized by music teacher, Aura Treviño. Sisters, Beatriz and Reyna Hernandez, won 1st place for their folklorico dance performance in the 3rd-5th Grade Division.

NHE STUDENTS WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



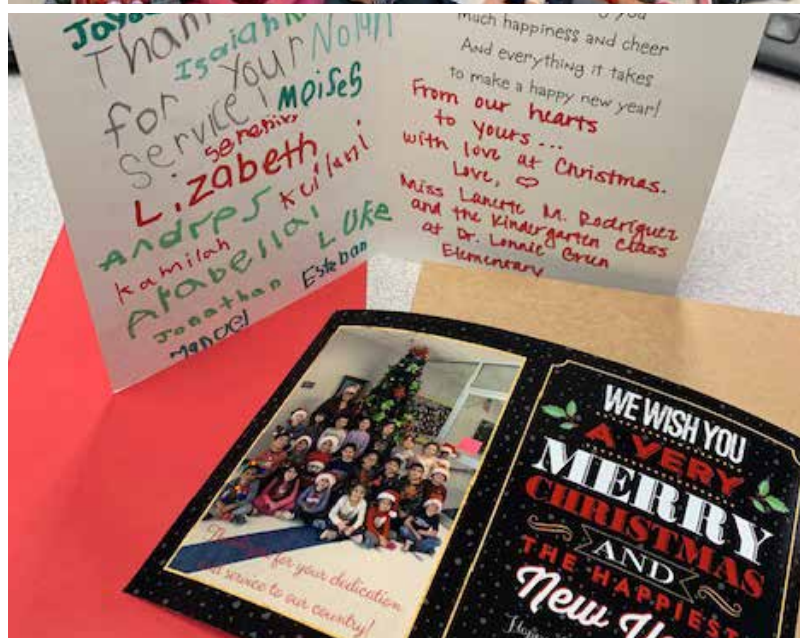
NHE students wishing everyone a happy Valentine's Day filled with friendship, kindness, and happiness.

MANDMLAB 1&2 5TH GRADE STUDENTS IN SCIENCE CLASS



MandMLab 1&2 5th grade students in Mrs. Dewitt's science class learning the difference between weather and climate through an M & M lab.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND LOTS OF SNACKS



TELPAS TESTING WITH SOME SPECIAL GUESTS



Spring time means testing season. We kicked off TELPAS Testing with some special guests. Dr. Perez, DRHS Principal, and Rammy encouraged all of our testers to do their best during our first TELPAS Pep-Rally.



SSgt. Desiree Gonzalez, mother of Lael and Koen Gonzalez, could not be home for Christmas; so we sent Christmas to her. SSgt. Gonzalez has been in Africa since October and will return in April. Christmas cards and lots of snacks were sent to the troops in Africa. Thank you for your dedication and service to our country! A very special thanks to parents in Miss Lanette M. Rodriguez's Kindergarten Class, Lorraine Rush and Demi Molina, and Marcela Muniz at Walgreens in Eagle Pass for donating all of the snacks!!

THE TEAM THAT MADE HISTORY!



For the first time in school history, Del Rio High School competed at the NCA Junior High and High School National competition in the Level 3 (Intermediate) division placing 5th in the nation out of nine teams. In DRHS history, a team has never ranked this high. Every athlete contributed to this victory. DRHS Platinum (Level 3) is lead by Head Cheerleader Victoria Rios and Assistant Head Cheerleader Marco Villarreal. DRHS Silver (Level 2) Cheer also competed and showed what commitment, hard work, and dedication can accomplish! DRHS cheerleading has now paved the way for success. Congratulations to each and every athlete on a job well done.

THE REGION 15 CITIZEN BEE COMPETITION



On February 28, 2020 these six Del Rio High School students participated in the Region 15 Citizen Bee competition in San Angelo, Texas. The Texas Citizen Bee is a statewide civic education program and competition that consists of a multiple question exam and an oral round of three questions. Congratulations to Arelly Flores for placing 3rd overall in the competition.

SFDRCSID POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDERWENT CPR AND AED TRAINING



During the recent staff development day San Felipe Del Rio CISD Police Department underwent CPR and AED training. Training was provided by CTE Health Science Center Staff Nicholas Velasquez- Licensed Paramedic, Dawnie Espinoza BSN/RN, and Toni Conrad RN.

EMT STUDENTS UNDERWENT TRAINING



ECHS 1ST ANNUAL WELLNESS FAIR HOSTED



ECHS 1st Annual Wellness Fair hosted by Coach Schroeder and his students was a huge success!! Partnered with community businesses students learned about healthy menus, snacks, exercise, and much more.



STEAM Team students worked to create a game code to move from one point to another.

Physical Education students at Lamar Elementary are having a blast with yoga and learning about all of its benefits. Yoga enhances strength, coordination and flexibility. It encourages body awareness and self-esteem. Most importantly it reduces anxiety and stress because it promotes a sense of calmness. Our students are getting ready for our upcoming STAAR testing by learning breathing and calming techniques that will help them with clearing the mind when testing time comes around.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDENTS AT LAMAR ELEMENTARY



Students create an Ebru inspired art piece.



Ebru art is a popular technique in Turkey and Central Asia.

Students took part in a competition to create the longest paper chain.

7TH AND 8TH GRADE CHEER TEAM HOSTED THEIR SHOWCASE IN FEBRUARY

7th and 8th grade cheer team hosted their showcase February 26th for their completion Fun Cheer in San Antonio February 29th and March 1st. DRMS cheer team placed 2nd in the competition.

**DRMS 7TH ART CLASSES HELPING**

Del Rio Middle School 7th grade art classes are helping to keep our environment clean. Art classes have been recycling paper plastic cardboard and bottle caps for a cleaner future.

TEXAS GEAR UP PROGRAM CHALLENGES

own Gear Up t-shirts for their upcoming university trips in April. They will be visiting Alpine in April and in the summer they will be attending summer camps in Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana.

DRMS 7TH & 8TH GRADE ART CLUB

Del Rio middle school seventh and eighth grade Art Club students prepare for a grand mural project. This project is expected to be completed by early May.

RECYCLING MOVEMENT AT DRMS

Emily Duran- A senior student teacher helped kick off the recycling movement at Del Rio Middle School.

DRMS 7TH AND 8TH GRADE UIL COMPETED IN SAN ANTONIO

Del Rio Middle School 7th and 8th grade UIL competed Saturday, February 22nd in San Antonio. Both teams placed first overall!! Way to go, Middle School!

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS ATTENDED THE STUDENT 2 STUDENT

Del Rio Middle School 7th and 8th grade Student Council Officers attended the Student 2 Student Military Child Education Coalition Initiative Workshop. S2S shows students their new campus and community. It provides fun ways for all new students to get to know other students and to build new peer groups. It encourages all new students to perform better in school.

2ND GRADE STUDENTS CELEBRATED THE 100TH DAY



Second grade students celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing up like they were 100 years old. These students also presented Ms. Cienega with a present for Counselor's Week!!!

2ND GRADE STUDENTS CELEBRATED THE 100TH DAY



Fifth Grade students at Garfield Elementary buddy up with kindergarten students to read to them on a daily basis. Pictured is Aylin Lopez and Sebastian Dominguez from Mrs. Hill's 5th grade class.

BMX FREESTYLE TEAM



Garfield Elementary students were extremely excited to welcome the BMX Freestyle Team as they showed off all of their neat tricks. The highlight of the event was to watch the BMX rider jump over our very own Assistant Principle, Ms. Perez.

GARFIELD'S ANNUAL TALENT SHOW



Let's give a big shout out to all the students who participated in Garfield's Annual Talent Show. These students were all winners and were awarded certificates for their participation. Taking 1st place was Felipe Sanchez as he sang "La Le Monte" and Valeria Carrera took 2nd place singing "Los Laurels". The event was a great success.

GARFIELD 5TH GRADE GT STUDENTS IFLY



Garfield 5th grade GT students attended iFLY in San Antonio for the day. What a great experience!

SCIENCE FAIR STUDENTS



Our Science Fair students have returned from the Civic Center. Thank you to all the staff that helped with our campus fair and a special thanks to Dr. G and Miss Santos for accompanying our students today!

SCHOOL SPIRIT ON NATIONAL HAT DAY



Ms. Diaz's 4th grade class is all smiles as they show their school spirit on National Hat Day. They all posed for a quick picture with all of their different hats.