

SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

# HIGHLIGHTS

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## DEL RIO FRESHMAN SCHOOL



On February 24, 2017, the Del Rio Freshman Campus students competed in the Alamo Regional Science and Engineering Fair at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, TX. The students not only demonstrated excellent academic stature but also outstanding professionalism. These respectable young individuals are commended for representing the school and the community in the best way possible. They tirelessly worked on their projects to compete against over 500 hundred projects from other students throughout the immediate San Antonio area. The recognition for their dedication and hard work is well deserved and it is indisputable that they will achieve far more as they continue their education. The following is a list of students who competed at the fair and the awards they earned:

Ariana Solorio and Kaylee Yi, 2nd place in Health Sciences Team

Paige Wiese, 4th place in Behavioral & Social Sciences

Logan Villarreal, 5th place in Physics

Directors Award: Austin Mercier (Biochemistry), Caleb Moynihan (Botany), Juan Rico Perez & Victoria Rios (Environmental Sciences Team), Angela Rivas (Physics), Adam Rivera (Engineering), Andrea Zamarripa (Environmental Sciences)

Honorable Mention: Andrey Castro (Chemistry), Alyssa Gonzalez (Environmental Sciences), Mia Rodriguez (Microbiology), Juan Salinas (Medicine & Health), Kelly Smith (Botany)

Also, congratulations to Andrea Zamarripa for receiving an "Outstanding Achievement Award" from the American Meteorological Society.

Congratulations to all the students for their hard work and commitment to the Regional Science Fair. The administrators and staff of Del Rio Freshman Campus are proud of all these students and all that they accomplished.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE



BASAA President, Melinda Lomas, took the initiative to ask McCoy's for their support on President's Day in order to do some community service. They painted the pro-shop at San Felipe Springs Golf Course. After a long morning, the Golf Pro/Superintendent provided a tour of the course, reviewed etiquette and provided a lesson to BASAA students.

## GETTING READY FOR SUCCESS



BASAA students had their monthly follow-up with their mentors at Ramada Inn on March 1, 2017. Together, they reviewed their binders that include their school progress. During the meetings, students and mentors set goals for: school progress, service, motivating others, and inner-self.

## GIVING BACK...



## TEAM DAY



BASAA students wore their shirts to show unity for success on February 10, 2017.

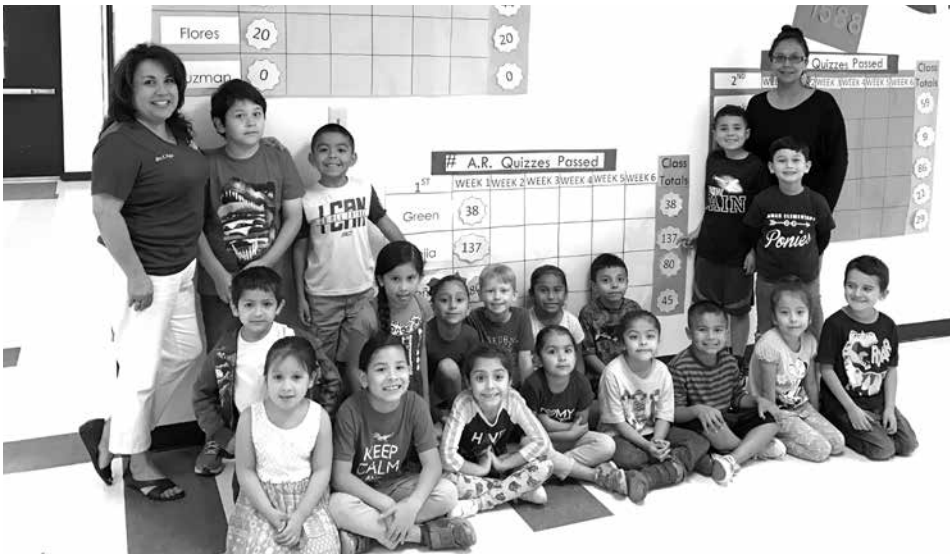
BASAA students have dedicated many hours to our community. On February 2, 2017 they helped Del Rio News-Herald count ballots for four hours. They volunteered at the Boys' and Girls' Varsity golf tournaments, February 4 and 11, respectively. Some helped set up and serve, while others helped clean. Students were complimented on their behavior and manners. They volunteered at the Ultimate Volleyball Gym February 6 and 7. On February 14, they took the initiative to deliver a carnation to each resident at Val Verde Nursing Home and Rehabilitation.

## LAMAR'S WILDLIFE HABITAT



Mrs. B. Hernandez, a 3rd grade teacher at Lamar, started a Wildlife Habitat a few years ago with the help of a grant from the SFDRICISD Education Foundation. Each year, the habitat grows and this year is no different. With the help of Bonnie Plants 3rd Grade Cabbage Program, our 3rd graders used the flower beds in the habitat to grow cabbage. Each student took seeds to grow at home, but some were left over to grow in the habitat. Students have been helping care for the cabbage. During a recent campus visit, Dr. Rios, SFDRICISD Superintendent, helped students harvest the first cabbage. Students are very proud of their cabbage and can now transfer these skills to create gardens of their own at home.

## LAMAR STUDENTS LOVE TO READ



As part of an initiative to keep books in the hands of students, classes compete each week to see who can pass the most Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes. The campus as a whole also has a Leader in Me Wildly Important Goal (WIG) to read 1,500 books. This week, Mrs. Mejia's 1st grade class is in first place on the Wall of Fame. Together, students read and passed tests on 137 books in only one week. This is quite a feat for such young readers.

## LAMAR'S AWARD WINNING STUDENT COUNCIL



Lamar Elementary is the winner of the 2017 StuCo Song! Out of over 500 song entries, Lamar's was selected as the very best! The committee judging the song said, "We love your song...it is so singable!" Our Student Council is proud of this accomplishment and many more. StuCo also leads our morning announcements each day. Student-led announcements have become something that students and staff look forward to each day. Our StuCo is one of a kind!

### FCCLA-RAM CHAPTER



On February 17 and 18th, The FCCLA-Ram Chapter presented the “Up” Unlimited Possibilities Leadership Workshop at the CTE Building. The ladies did an exceptional job representing Del Rio High School.

### UIL CHOIR COMPETITION



Our Del Rio High School students did an excellent job at the State UIL Choir Competition. Pictured are Ana Marinelarena, Miranda Martinez-State Qualifiers/Area Qualifiers, and Jorden Schell and Tristanna Crapo/Area Qualifiers.

### CULINARY CHAPTER



On January 26-27, 2017, the FCCLA Ram Chapter and FCCLA Culinary Chapter competed in Corpus Christi, Texas for the regional meet. Our students made the top selection and were awarded for their hard work and dedication.

### THEATRE CAST AND CREW FOR “THE ELEPHANT MAN”



The Del Rio High School Theatre Cast and Crew for “The Elephant Man” will be performing at the UIL District Competition on March 9, 2017 at the Student Activities in Laredo. Pictured are the students that will be participating in “The Elephant Man”. Good Luck and bring back the plaque!!!

### UIL SOLO AND ENSEMBLE



On February 24th, Del Rio High School hosted the UIL Solo and Ensemble competition and our students received awards. The Del Rio High School students pictured were the recipients of a “1” rating for their excellent performance. It was a great day to showcase our exceptional performers and Del Rio High School which hosted the event.

### LADY GOLF TEAM



The Del Rio High School Lady Golf Team competed in the Border Olympics Tournament. Del Rio High School did exceptionally well, with two of our young ladies, Angelica Calderon and Alexis Escamilla placing 2nd and 3rd.

## MARISELA MAGADAN



Garfield's very own Marisela Magadan was named the Regional McDonald's Teacher of the Year for the 2016 – 2017 school year! Mrs. Magadan has been teaching for 17 years and ALL of her 17 years have been with Garfield! Many families have had Mrs. Magadan as their child's teacher and are reaping the rewards of her teaching. Our hope is that Mrs. Magadan will continue teaching for many more years so that students and teachers can benefit from her vast educational knowledge and her leadership skills. Go, Mrs. Magadan, Go!

## MILLION WORD READER



Multi-Millionaire is the big word at Garfield lately! Many of Garfield students have already become "Million Word Readers" and set a challenge for themselves to reach two million. Marisa Westlake, the daughter of Brian and Griselda Westlake, has reached her two million words read goal! She'll be "strutting her stuff" with a T-shirt that Mr. Jimenez, Garfield's principal, will be presenting to her to say she's a "Multi-Millionaire"! That's a multi-million word reader! Go Marisa! Marisa's next goal...THREE million words read!

## GARFIELD FITNESS



Fitness is the "life game" at Garfield. The Garfield coaching staff, who are David Gomez, Rudy Vasquez, Janie Flores, and Robert Cardenas are testing the students to find out their fitness levels for the Fitness Gram program. The coaches play fun games with the students that involve running, walking, jogging, pull ups, push-ups, and other fitness activities all year to prepare for their Fitness Gram. Also, with the healthy initiatives the district has put in place, including the food the cafeteria provides, this will help the students work towards during a healthier lifestyle. Go, Garfield GREATNESS!"

## GARFIELD PERFECT ATTENDANCE



Present!! That's what all of Mrs. Laura Garcia's 4th grade students have been saying at Garfield for the past 30 plus days straight!! Mrs. Garcia's class has been working hard at being present in school every day all year. They are on a "Present Streak" with the added incentives that Mr. Jimenez, Garfield's principal, has been giving. The students know that to learn they must be in school, and the more they're in school, the more they learn. With the continuous encouragement and loving manner of Mrs. Garcia, her kiddos are looking forward to another 30 days! The incentives from Mr. Jimenez help too. Go, Garfield 4th graders!!

## BUENA VISTA SHINES AT DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR



Congratulations to the winners of the SFDR District Science Fair! Lucas Preedom took first place among Kinder – 2nd grade division for his Physical Science project, “Candle Science”. In the 3rd – 5th division, Curtis Preedom won first place in Behavioral Science with his project, “Are You Sure?”, while Danika Maddox won third place with her project, “Do You Smell What I Smell?” Luke Stich took second place in Botany with his project, “Plants and Music”, while Isabella Sanchez won third place in Chemistry with her project, “Lemon Lime Power”. These leaders are definitely “leaving a legacy” at Buena Vista Elementary!

## BUENA VISTA’S ROYAL COURT



This February, Buena Vista’s Student Council ran a contest to see who could win the titles of King and Queen of the Court. Students of all grade levels competed to get the most votes from their peers and community to be recognized as Buena Vista royalty. Student Council and Buena Vista’s Robotics team synergized to sponsor a 2 day dance for all students. Students were able to dance, eat and celebrate with each other which grew the school’s leadership environment through Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw. At the end of each dance, the winners claimed their new titles were announced. The competition was held between kindergarten through second grade and third grade through fifth grade. First place winners were named the King and Queen of the school, second place winners were given the title of Prince and Princess and third place winners became the Duke and Duchess. The winners for K-2 were as follows: Buena Vista’s new King and Queen are Adam Garza and Nayeli Salazar. The Prince and Princess are Cesar Alvarez and Dariela Perez. The Duke and Duchess are Miguel Martinez and Autumn Mitchell. The winners from third to fifth grade are as follows. King and Queen are Jaxon Meadows and Isabella Sanchez and the Prince and Princess are Matthew Garza and Ariana Erickson. Congratulations to all students who participated include our runner ups, Morgan Hulseley and Miranda Rodriguez as well as all the members and sponsors of Buena Vista’s Student Council and Robotics team for hosting a successful event!



## DEL RIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES



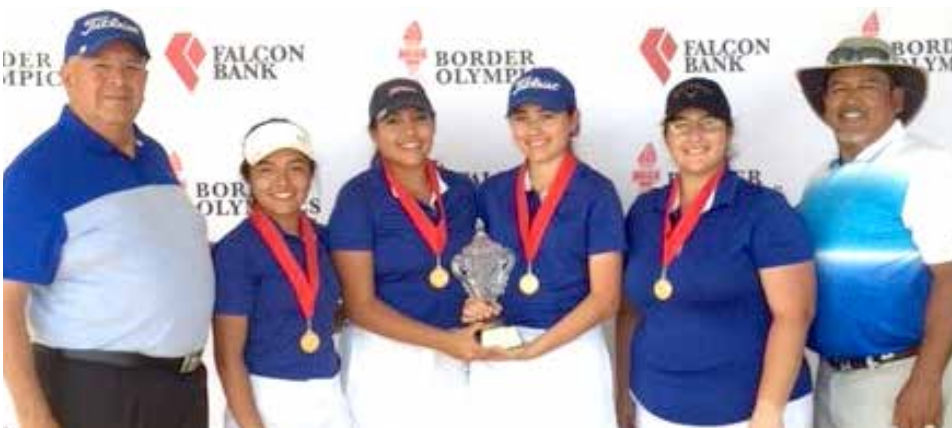
This year we were fortunate that two Del Rio High School Athletes were nominated for the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches (TASCO) scholar athletes. Our two receipts of the honorable award were Miranda Ortiz and Megan Boenicke who were recently nominated to the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches (TASCO)- All Academic Team. The students were selected for their class ranking and GPA.

## ROTC MILITARY BALL



It was a night of splendor for the many ROTC Cadets who attended their Annual Military Ball held at Laughlin AFB. The night concluded with the selection of the Del Rio High School ROTC Royal Court. Pictured are Damion Martinez, Belia Guzman, Vicente Rodriguez, Savannah Figueroa, Gary Bylander, Samantha Daniels, Nathan Bylander and Aaliyah Akins.

## GIRL'S GOLF TEAM



The tradition continues for our Del Rio High School Girl's Golf Team as they once again were the Back to Back Border Olympics champions. Pictured are Coach Valdez, Andrea Gonzales, Alexis Escamilla, Jecette Castaneda, Angelica Calderon and Coach Cardenas.

## MCTEACHER NIGHT



On March 2, 2017 Del Rio was the host of the first ever successful Del Rio High School McTeacher night that will provide incentives for our Del Rio High School Students. Pictured are Del Rio High School principal Dr. Perez, McDonald's owner Mrs. Pacheco and one of our many parents that attended the evening.

## UIL INVITATIONAL MEET



This year Del Rio High School participated in the UIL Invitational meet in San Antonio at Ronald Reagan High School. The team proved successful and included the following UIL winners Zachary Engle, Lois Umali, Samantha Medrano, Mariana Rendon, and Nyssa Rodriguez, whom all placed. Congratulations to the entire team who successfully placed at the competition.

## DR. FERMIN CALDERON CAREER DAY



Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary had Career Fair Day on Friday, December 9, 2016. 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 members of The Edge 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 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 community has some fine future leaders.

## 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 March 3, 2017 by inviting local celebrities to read to our students.

Students on the campus wore hats and shirts as seen on many of the books including Thing 1 and Thing 2 characters and The Cat in the Hat. Many community members volunteered to read some of the author's most famous books, including Green Eggs and Ham and There's a Wocket in My Pocket.

The event was part of the national Read Across America Day. Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School thanks all parents and community members that contributed in making this event a wonderful success.

## DR. FERMIN CALDERON DENTAL PRESENTATIONS



Representatives from the Laughlin Air Force Base Dental Clinic visited Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School on Thursday, February 23, 2017 to talk to students in Kindergarten and 1st grade about good dental hygiene as part of 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 goody bag 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!

## MAGIC SHOW AT CARDWELL



Cardwell hosts Spikey Mikey, a magician, to entertain and reinforce valuable lessons about friendship, self-esteem and anti-bullying

## CLOSING THE GAP TROPHY WINNERS



Cardwell students and staff proudly accept the Closing the Attendance Gap trophy for the second six weeks in a row.

## CARDWELL CUBS VISIT SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY



Cardwell students visited Sul Ross State University as part of the STEAM initiative. During the visit, they had an opportunity to conduct a science experiment in the university science lab and tour the campus with volunteer college students. Dr. Quiz, who has been instrumental in making this learning experience possible for the past six years, taught Cardwell Cubs how teleconferencing works. Thank you Dr. Quiz and Sul Ross students.

## CARDWELL LITERACY FESTIVAL



Cardwell families who attended the literacy event participated in small group science, music and movement, math, science, and literacy school readiness activities. Parent received an information packet of home activities to reinforce learning goals.

## IMPROVING SCHOOL READINESS AT CARDWELL



Cardwell teachers visit various kindergarten classrooms to observe teaching strategies and student engagement with the content. They also meet with district kindergarten teachers to discuss revision of school readiness goals to improve student achievement through curriculum vertical alignment.

## PROMOTING ATTENDANCE AT CARDWELL



Cardwell students have been rewarded for reaching campus perfect attendance goals. Mrs. Jo Saucedo's class enjoys a pizza party at Peter Piper Pizza and Mrs. Sandoval's class have fun at the jumping castle. Way to go, Cubs!

## READ ACROSS AMERICA AT CARDWELL



Read Across America at Cardwell included dress up days, a parade, a story book hat decorating contest and various learning activities to promote reading. To kick off this week, Cardwell hosted a Families Reading Together event. Pictured are some of the winners of the hat decorating contest.

## SFMS ROBOTICS



We are so proud of our three Robotics Teams at SFMS: Wrecking Bots, E-lemon-ators and War Bots. The three teams have advanced to Regional Competition in San Antonio on Sunday, March 12th. Sponsor is Nerissa Winn and Co-Sponsors are Maria Alarcon and Alma Rojas.

## SFMS PARENTAL MEETING



SFMS Parent Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16th was presented by BCFS's Raquel Torres and Claudia Lopez: "Drug Prevention for Parents". We had an excellent turn out, visuals were provided and great information was shared.

## SFMS SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS



On Tuesday, February 21st, 8 of our students were able to make a healthy pizza with District Chefs Jennifer and Ivan. They learned about ingredients, calories and how to prepare. These students won this opportunity for being present at SFMS on Zero Absence Day. Students are: Isabella Narvaez, Paola Cervantez, Aubrey Salas, Jose Rangel, Melvin Morales, Isaac Ruiz, Cesar Diaz & Michael Quicksall.

## SFMS LOVES OUR RAMS



On February 7th, SFMS StuCo, students and staff attended a Rams Varsity Basketball game to show their support. We are grateful to have been given this opportunity.

## NHE PERFECT ATTENDANCE



Perfect Attendance - North Heights celebrates having 602 students with perfect attendance for the 4th six weeks in Kinder – 5th grade! We honor these students by putting their name in a raffle for gift cards. The following students were recognized prior to the awards assembly: Kinder – Luis Oviedo Calamaco and Rolando Thomas, 1st Grade - Jesse Calderon and Natalee Galindo, 2nd Grade – Corey Ker and Mauro Martinez, 3rd Grade – Sofia Rodarte and Anthony Villanueva, 4th Grade – Damion Bagneschi and Angel Gonzales, 5th Grade – Leonardo Estrada and Valeria Perez. We continue to promote learning and attendance and look forward to our continued success. Great job, Chiefs!

## NHE CARNIVAL



NHE synergized with parents and students in a campus wide celebration of beloved children's storybook author Dr. Seuss. Each grade level organized Seuss themed games and booths for students and parents. A fun time was had by all.

## AUTHOR READING



Students in Mrs. Montoya's 1st grade class collaborated on a writing project. The writing project titled "We Lead the Future". The project was published into a hard bound class book. The authors then hosted a book reading for their parents.

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE



The District is recognizing all students who had Perfect Attendance for the 1st semester with a magnetic decal! What a celebration to honor 249 students with perfect attendance for the 1st semester! Great job, team!

## THE DEXTERS



The Dexters, Ruben Chavira Elementary School's after school science club, is on the go! The students in the club participated in a STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) project by creating their own balloon race cars. In cooperative groups, students designed their own race cars using limited resources. Upon completion, the students competed their cars against each other. The young engineers solved various problems that arose and learned about factors that affect the speed of the vehicles. The club sponsors, Ms. Michele Tschetter and Mrs. Kelly Lujan, said watching the enthusiasm and inquisitiveness of the children was the greatest part of the project.

## R.C.E. SYNERGIZES



At Ruben Chavira Elementary School everyone is a LEADER. Weekly synergy rallies create an opportunity for the RCE family to come together and recognize accomplishments and create new goals. The rallies help promote the Leader In Me culture throughout the school and provide a chance for student leaders to take an active role in school activities. The energy from these school wide gatherings has made a positive impact on motivation and climate at the school.

## WELCOME TO RCE – WHERE KIDS LOVE TO READ!



"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child." These wise words are from the one and only Dr. Seuss. Ruben Chavira Elementary School celebrated the love of reading and Dr. Seuss' birthday during Read Across America Week. Read Across America is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually the week of March 2—Dr. Seuss's birthday. Across the country, thousands of schools and libraries participate by bringing together kids and books. RCE also involves PARENTS. During the week, not only did students dress up and partake in Dr. Seuss themed activities, they also had the privilege of inviting their parents to their class to share a book.

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## LONNIE GREEN - BMX SHOW



Students of Dr. Lonnie Green were rewarded with an automatic free pass to the BMX show for having 100% attendance for the 4th six weeks on Tuesday, February 28th! Awesome participation from assistant principal, Mr. Ortiz and librarian, Mrs. Gurley! Thank you to Mr. Robert Castillo's BMX Freestyle Team and to Mrs. Corbell's FCCLA club for sponsoring this event.