

# HIGHLIGHTS

OUR DISTRICT OUR STUDENTS OUR PRIDE



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Movie and Lunch with the Superintendent



At Lamar Elementary, 307 students had perfect attendance for the 2nd six weeks. As a reward, students earned lunch and a movie at the Student Performance Center. We are so proud of our students and hope to have even more students able to participate next six weeks.



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## LONNIE GREEN GOES BACK IN TIME - 1950'S



On November 1st Dr. Lonnie Green went back in time to the 1950's and celebrated the 50th day of school. Staff and students participated in dressing the part.

## LONNIE GREEN CROSS COUNTRY TRACK MEET



On November 14th students of Dr. Lonnie Green participated in the Cross-Country Elementary track meet held at Ram stadium. Various students participated from kinder-6th several runners in each division received medals and participation ribbons. Trophies were awarded for 5th grade girls team champs, K & 1st Grade boys team champs, Largest School Participation, 2nd & 3rd grade girls' team champs, and 4th grade boys team champs. Way to go Team LG! One Team One Dream! Dr. Lonnie Green would like to give a special thanks to the sponsors; Texas Community Bank, Coach Vicky Perez, CC staff and Runners/Booster Club for putting all their hard work into this successful event.

## LONNIE GREEN ROBOTICS



Saturday, December 3rd Dr. Lonnie Green competed amongst other elementary campuses in the 2016 Robotics Competition at Del Rio Middle school. Our future engineers showed excellent sportsmanship towards other schools. The team also showed determination while competing. Thank you Mrs. Salas for gathering the team in a huddle for a pep talk and also expressing how proud everyone is for their hard work and dedication.

Congratulations goes out to Mrs. Gurley, Mrs. R. Castro-Chavez, Mr. Dominguez and Coach Padilla. Congratulations to Mrs. R. Chavez as she was awarded with the mentor of the year award. Dr. Lonnie Green has been the recipient of this award for the last 3 years! One team one dream at Dr. Lonnie Green!

## CREATIVE ARTS CLUB



Lamar's Creative Arts Club is led by Mrs. Venegas and Ms. Vasquez. Students come together weekly to learn about artists and practice their art skills. Students and parents love to see the displays that change weekly in the office hallway.

## ROBOTICS ROUND-UP FINALISTS



Lamar's robotics team is top notch. Students meet throughout the week to build, practice and collaborate. This project, which is led by Ms. Dovalina & Mrs. Gonzalez, is a district-wide project that Lamar students love. At the first competition, Lamar students were Round-Up Finalists.

## BEST PARTICIPATION SMALL SCHOOL



During the district cross-country meet, Lamar students ran their hearts out. Many children finished the evening with a medal around their neck. Lamar students earned a trophy for having the highest participation in the small school category. They were led by Coaches Avalos, Contreras and Jenkins.

## UIL READY WRITING



Lamar Elementary hosted the UIL Ready Writing competition this year. Students from around the district came together to compete and show off their writing skills. After the competition, students were treated to lunch at Mr. Gatti's Pizza. Lamar Elementary students, along with their sponsor, Ms. Nevarez are very excited to compete in this year's competition.

### DRHS PEP RALLY



If you have never attended a DRHS pep-rally lead by Coach McCrea, then this should be on your bucket list. There is no doubt that the high energy and enthusiasm he presents makes a positive impact on our students. At every pep rally, Coach McCrea gives one of his inspirational speeches to the packed crowd of excited and pumped up DRHS family. This Pep Rally held October 20th was a great way to send off our students to Laredo. Way to Go, Coach McCrea!

### ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY VISITS DRHS



On October 13th, the DRHS Little Theatre was buzzing with excitement when Angelo State University visited Del Rio High School dual credit students. DRHS has partnered with ASU to offer our students the opportunity of earning college credits before graduating from high school. This makes for an easier transition from high school to college, thus making the goal of earning a degree more attainable.

### HOMECOMING 2016



Homecoming 2016 was a night to remember. That evening, members of the community escorted the Del Rio High School football team across the field as they embarked on their next win. There was great excitement when DRHS dominated over South San High School with a final score of 52-7. This definitely set up the anticipation for an exciting away-game.

### HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN



Homecoming 2016 is the most anticipated event held at Del Rio High School. During October 10-14th, students at DRHS celebrated Homecoming week by participating in campus based, fun activities. This all culminated in the selection of the Homecoming King and Queen. Throughout the week, students had the opportunity to vote king and queen. Since homecoming is all about school spirit, the students elected to the court are usually pretty involved in school activities. This year our Del Rio Homecoming king and Queen are Jerry Hernandez and Briana Pulido. Congratulations to all who participated.

### HOMECOMING SENIOR WALK



Homecoming festivities closed with the Senior Walk and a gathering on Ram field for a student led prayer. The community, parents, students, and staff were there to view a great presentation by all of the 2017 Senior Class.

### MIDNIGHT MADNESS



"Midnight Madness" was held at the Del Rio High School gym on October 19th, 2016. Traditionally, this is a celebration of our Queens Basketball Team and their exceptional basketball skills. It is a night greatly supported by our community sponsors who contributed to the fun and prizes. Midnight Madness began at 8 p.m. and ended at 11 p.m. This was a great way to celebrate the beginning of basketball season for our DRHS Queens.

## DIABETES AWARENESS



The “Everything you need to know about Diabetes and Risk Factor Screening Event” took place on November 2nd at 4:15 p.m. in the SPC Conference Room. Attendees learned about types, causes, management and living life with Diabetes from Krystal Antu, Nutritionist from VVRMC. Mr. Kelly Haight, Eyetopia Representative, introduced a free vision CDC Pre-diabetic screening. In addition, VVRMC provided free glucose testing.

Pre-diabetes means your blood glucose (sugar) is higher than normal, but not yet diabetes. Diabetes is a serious disease that can cause heart attacks, stroke, blindness, kidney failure, or loss of feet or legs. Type 2 diabetes can be delayed or prevented in people with Pre-diabetes through effective life style programs.

## WEEKENDS AND COLD, RAINY WEATHER DOES NOT HOLD BLENDED ACADEMY BACK



Blended Academy Student Advocate Association (BASAA) worked for one week on their project to display in front of the civic center. BASAA member, Juan Luevanos, said he wanted to make sure that Blended Academy was well represented in the city Christmas Decorations. He said his job was the painting.

Sponsors, Robby Lopez, Gloria Castaneda, Mariza Sanchez, and Eliza Diaz made sure their students work was on display Friday evening. "Students knew they would be testing the following week and would not be able to stay after school to work on the project so they were committed to finish on Friday," stated Mr. Lopez. "Our students were so dedicated that there was no way we would allow the weather or end of daylight hold us back from putting up for their project. We had multiple vehicles shining their lights so that we could see what we were doing."

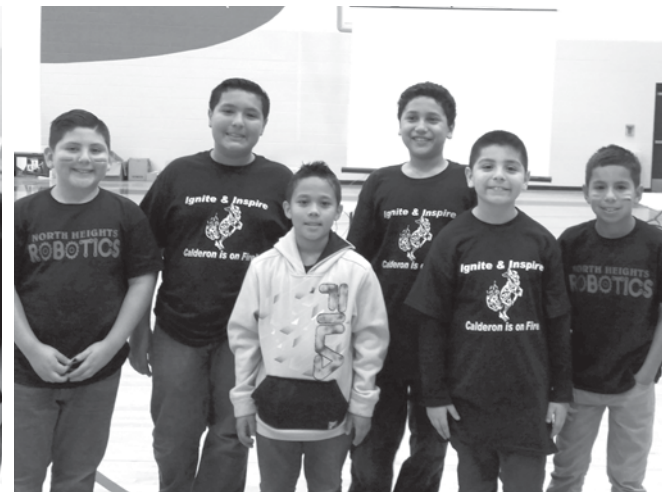
Mr. Rodriguez says that the commitment, dedication and enthusiasm his staff and students have makes him proud. "Especially when I drive by and see the set-up. It is nice seeing everyone coming together to help our students. Community members, teachers and parents all come together."

Rain, night, weekends nor cold weather seems to hold Blended Academy students back.

Seven Blended Learning Academy students gather at school on Sunday, December 5, 2016 to study from 5:30-7:30PM. Mrs. Castaneda had a study hall available for the students that wanted to study for the Algebra I EOC. Principal Mr. Rodriguez expressed he thought none of the eleven students would show up due to the drizzle and cold weather. "I am very impressed with the dedication that these students have. I have never in my education career seen students come to school on a Sunday evening," stated Mr. Rodriguez when asked why on a Sunday, student Delilah Garcia, said, "Because my teacher Mrs. Castaneda was out of town dropping off her daughter at the airport. She was pretty busy, but still made time for us. So of course, I was going to show up no matter how the weather was."

Manuel Esquivel stated, "Why not come if they are offering me more help? I even skipped menudo my family was making in Jimenez, Coahuila, and that menudo is good. But it was worth it."

## DR. FERMIN CALDERON ROBOTICS



The Robotics teams led by their sponsors, Mrs. M. Fortunato and Mrs. A. Reed, worked very hard this school year. They centered their season on team work. DFC Robotics competed in one scrimmage and the final local competition this school year held on Saturday, December 3, 2016. At the last competition, the team was awarded the Judges' Award for always displaying a hard-working and positive attitude, working together, and never giving up on their challenges. The InstinctBots were selected to compete in an alliance in the final competition. They won 1st place with the North Heights and Ruben Chavira teams in that alliance. Dr. Fermin Calderon is very proud of the Robotics team for learning, building and above all working as a team and never giving up! Way to go DFC Robotics!

## SFMS RED RIBBON WEEK



## SFMS SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS



Congratulations to the winners of the San Felipe Memorial Middle School Science Fair. The winners will continue to compete in the Alamo Regional Science & Engineering Fair in San Antonio. 1st Row L-R: Rebekah Patiño, Damaris Contreras, Eliza Gutierrez, Marina Jimenez, Makayla Lewis and Daniela Ramon. 2nd Row L-R: Emily Arredondo, Alex Cardenas, Damian Espinoza, Tristan Keller, Daniel Peterson and Jaqueline Ortiz. 3rd Row L-R: Selena Solis, Lauren Castro, Joelda Alcaraz, Brianna Castro, Brianna Huston and Dallas Smith Tamayo. A good job was done by the Science Department headed by Lily Jimenez.

## BUENA VISTA ELEMENTARY PERFECT ATTENDANCE



Students from Buena Vista Elementary with Perfect Attendance for the 2nd six weeks were treated to a Movie Matinee and lunch at the Student Performance Center on Tuesday, December 6, 2016. It was a great day for all who attended. Keep up the great attendance Boys and Girls!

### NHE CHEERING ON OUR RAMS



Students who participated in the Elementary Cross Country meet cheered our Rams on to victory at a pep-rally before their first playoff game.

### NHE MCTEACHER'S NIGHT



NHE staff participated in McTeacher's Night earlier in the month of December. McDonald's sponsored a door decorating contest. Students and teachers decorated their doors to build excitement for the event. Judges from McDonalds spent hours judging the entries. Four classrooms won Happy Meal Parties. Congratulations to Ms. Ross's class, Ms. Rodriguez's class, Mrs. Montoya's class and Mrs. Fernandez's class!

### NHE VOLLEYBALL



Staff members formed a volleyball team as way to unwind and synergize after school. Their first game was played against DRFS staff members.

### NHE SOLAR SYSTEM



5th grade students in Mrs. Dovalina's science class recreated models of planets and moons during a Solar System unit of study.

### NHE ROVING CHEF



Students with perfect attendance were selected to participate in the District's Roving Chef Program. These students learned how to make homemade personal pizzas.



## CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND CAROLS

HOORAY! IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY



## BUDDIES, YES! BULLIES, NO!



RCE hosted a Christmas Crafts and Choir Night this week for families of Kinder and first grade students. Organized by Mrs. Carrie DeLaRosa, the night offered holiday music and activities to promote holiday spirit. Thank you to all the families and staff that attended and made the night JOLLY!

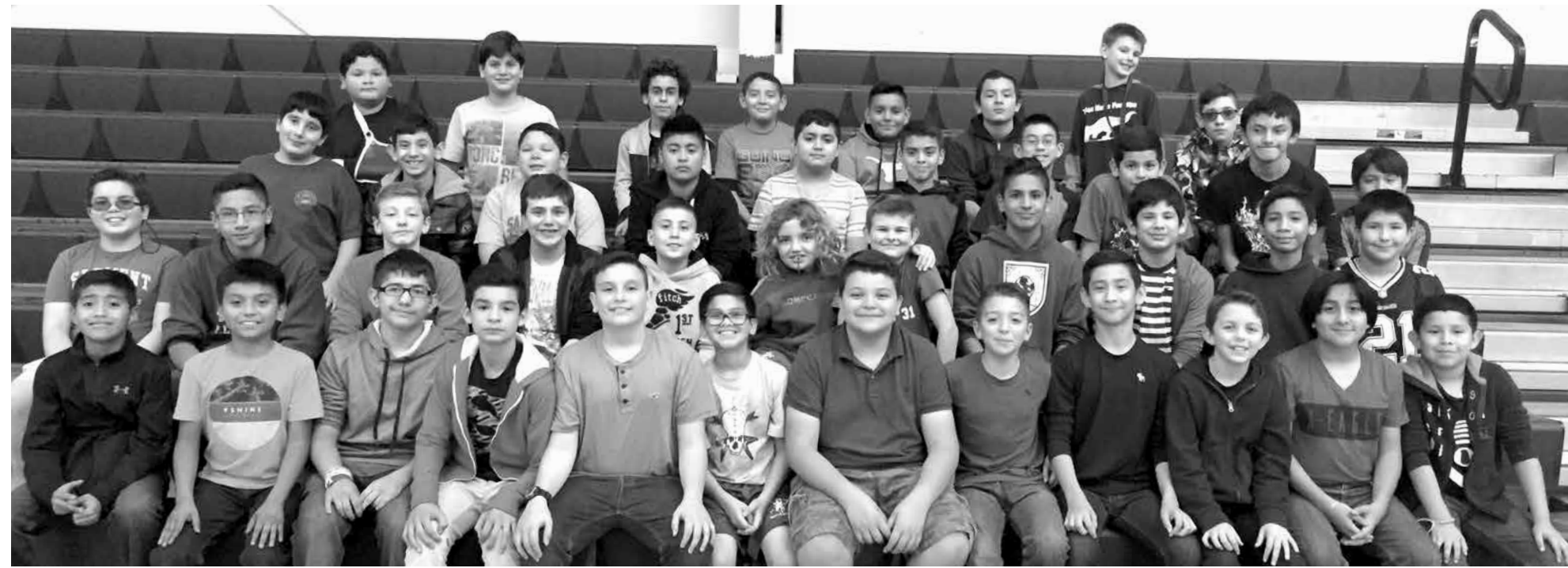
## CITY OF DEL RIO IN OUR SCHOOLS



Ruben Chavira Elementary School third grade students were thrilled to have the opportunity to attend a presentation on natural gas offered by the City of Del Rio Natural Gas Division Public Awareness and Natural Gas Educational Program. The program consisted of a visit from "Kindle the Flame", a short movie, "Natalie & Gus Explore the World of Natural Gas," and an interactive game in which students were awarded "Kindle the Flame" plush dolls for answering questions. The objective of this session was to explain where natural gas comes from, the uses of natural gas, how to detect a leak and what to do if you suspect a leak. The presentation was an excellent hands-on experience with real life exposure without the danger. We thank the City of Del Rio for their support of education!

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, Ruben Chavira Elementary School's counselor, Mrs. Debbie Escamilla, invited Mr. Wayne Richardson of BCFS to speak to the students about bullying. Mr. Wayne (as the children call him) discussed starting every day with positive energy and being a buddy not a bully. The spirited presentation encouraged children to be part of the solution and not part of the problem. Through hands-on, high-energy, interactive activities students explored creative ways to prevent bullying in our school and community. RCE appreciates Mr. Wayne Richardson and his involvement in our school. The partnership Ruben Chavira Elementary School has with BCFS strengthens students' abilities to handle various life challenges. As our students, who are our future community leaders, take these lessons to heart the world will become a friendlier and safer place.

# SFMS CROSS COUNTRY MEET



SFMS had 165--6th grade students participate in the Elementary Cross Country Meet on November 14th, all-time record for our campus. Coach Marisa Soto won the Girls' Team trophy & Participation Trophy and Coach Ray Suarez won the Boys' Team Trophy. Wonderful work!

**DR. FERMIN CALDERON THANKSGIVING DONATIONS**

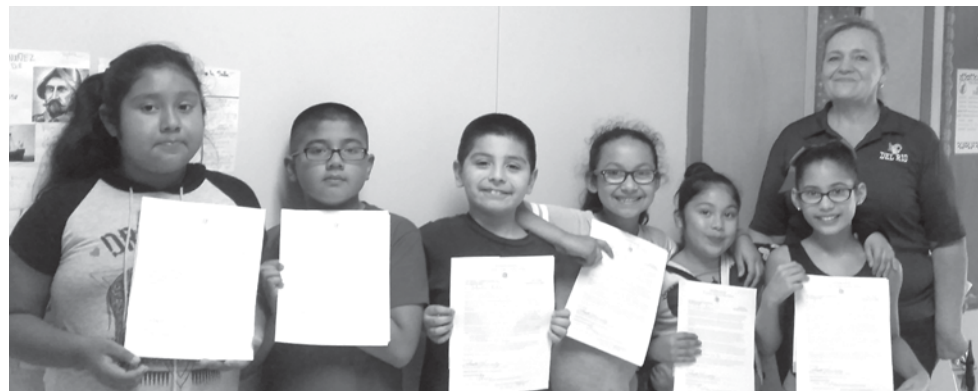
The Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary Honor Student Council held a canned food drive to help families in need for the Thanksgiving holiday. With more than 500 food items donated, the Student Council was able to donate 25 food baskets just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. DFC would like to thank our parents, students and staff for having big hearts and for their participation in the donations. We are VALUABLE, We are POWERFUL, We are LIMITLESS....We are CALDERON!!

**JUNIOR DEPLOYMENT AT LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE**

Students from the district were invited to participate in a mock deployment at Laughlin Air Force Base on Saturday, November 5, 2016. The students took part in a deployment scenario where they were removed from their families for the day and had the opportunity to tour the military base. During their Junior deployment, the students visited many of Laughlin's departments such as the fire station, the police station, the gym, health clinic and were even able to see a military dog demonstration. The students were welcomed back by their families and support personnel with a luncheon in their honor. We would like to thank Laughlin Air Force Base for inviting students from SFDRICISD to participate.

**DR. FERMIN CALDERON THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON**

Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary hosted its Annual Thanksgiving luncheon on Thursday, November 17, 2016. The Coyote Café was full of school children and families taking the opportunity to sit down and enjoy not just each other's company but also a delicious Thanksgiving meal. The food was provided by the wonderful DFC cafeteria staff and SFDRICISD's Food and Nutrition Services department. The luncheon was a huge success and parents were delighted to spend time with their children during this special occasion.

**DUKE UNIVERSITY OPPORTUNITY AT CALDERON**

Fourth and fifth grade students at Dr. Fermin Calderon were invited to participate in the Talent Search Program from Duke University. The program identifies students who are performing significantly above grade level and give those students an opportunity to participate in the PSAT 8/9 test at the 4th – 6th grades. This enables them to participate in practice test through the high school level. Good luck to our students. We are very proud of their accomplishments at such an early age!

**DRUG FREE AT DR. FERMIN CALDERON ELEMENTARY**

The students at DFC participated in activities that promoted a drug free life. During that last week in October, the students and staff participated in daily Red Ribbon activities. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a YOLO writing contest, dress up in different themes and were treated to a special Border Patrol presentation. The Border Patrol drug dogs and their handlers demonstrated their skills to the children. Thank you goes out to the local Border Patrol for their help in educating our children about the dangers of illegal drugs and also to our school counselor, Mrs. L. Hernandez, for organizing the week long events.

### FRIENDSHIP FRIDAY AT CARDWELL



Students learned about the friendship between the Native Americans and the first settlers by reenacting the first Thanksgiving. They also had an opportunity to read in and around an authentic teepee.

### RED RIBBON WEEK AT CARDWELL



At a school-wide pep rally, Cardwell students learn from DRHS varsity football players and Coach McCrea of the importance of staying drug free.

### CARDWELL TOP READERS



Mrs. Escanuela and Mrs. Zapata's class earned a Peter Piper Pizza Party for reading 2000 books.

### FAMILIES READING TOGETHER AT CARDWELL



The Cardwell Head Start & Pre-K Program's major focus on school readiness is the driving force in event planning for families. The numerous and wide variety of parental involvement activities is a result of an increased focus on oral language development and early literacy. Program management and team leaders

have collaborated on planning innovative ways to reach not only program families but the community. One of the special events, "Families Reading Together" is held once a month and encourages families to participate in reading activities while they also engage in a literacy focused art project. Families have worked

together to create their own season themed book marker and their very own Home Library Box. Recently, families attended a Teddy Bear Picnic in the campus cafeteria where families were invited to bring a blanket and a teddy bear to share their favorite storybook.

## EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL



Early College High School is excited to announce that they will be getting their own school number for the 2017-2018 School year! Students and parents met with Superintendent, Dr. Rios, on Tuesday, December 6 in the Little Theatre. All are looking forward to continue building this college going culture and camaraderie to support each other for all the great things to come!!! We are PROUD of each and everyone of our ECHS students and teachers!!!

## GARFIELD UIL COMPETITION



Garfield students have been working towards a Win-Win for the UIL Competition this December. The students have been practicing their hearts out to strive for a Win, not only for themselves personally, but for Garfield Elementary as well! With all the studying and practicing the students have been doing all their skills are a Win-Win situation because it makes the students brighter with all the newly learned skills they'll have to attack any assignment the teachers give them! Go Team Garfield!! We are GREATNESS, we are FAMILY, we are...GARFIELD!!

## GARFIELD ROBOTICS COMPETITION



Synergizing was the key to Garfield when they competed at the Elementary Robotics Competition this fall. Led by their guest leaders Mr. Tom Aguirre and Ms. Erica Barrera, the students worked together because it was better in helping each other learn all about programming and how the robots worked. These students may have a future career in engineering with their experience gained from the robotics club! We are GREATNESS, we are FAMILY, we are...GARFIELD!!!

## MR. CASTILLO'S CLASS - PERFECT ATTENDANCE



Mr. Castillo's Class – Garfield's 5th Grade students from Mr. Carlos Castillo's class were leading the way in being Proactive in attending school so they would earn the Perfect Attendance rewards for having consecutive attendance days. Garfield's principal, Mr. Sergio Jimenez, has challenged every student at Garfield to meet their attendance rewards. Every class is eager to live up to, not only Mr. Jimenez's challenge for perfect attendance, but Dr. Rios' challenge so they can receive their rewards. Go Garfield students in getting to school!!!! We are GREATNESS, we are FAMILY, we are...GARFIELD!!!

## MILLION WORD DUO



Garfield's students are leading the way in reading by reaching the Million Words Read goal their principal Mr. Jimenez set out for them! Logan "Cody" Farrell is Garfield's first Million Words Read achiever and Marisa Westlake is our second. We're looking to fill the board with our Garfield students flipping as fast as they can through the pages as they work to achieve their goal by keeping their "End in Mind" of becoming a Millionaire!! Million Word Reader that is!!! We are GREATNESS, we are FAMILY, we are...GARFIELD!!!

## GARFIELD CROSS COUNTRY PARTICIPANTS



Garfield students were "running their hearts out" at the District Elementary Cross Country meet. Garfield's boys were keeping the "End in Mind" as they brought home a 1st Place win at the end of the competition. We're so proud of ALL our students who competed!!!! We are GREATNESS, we are FAMILY, we are...Garfield!!!

## 4TH GRADE READY WRITERS



Garfield's 4th Grade Ready Writers were Putting First Things First as they prepared to show off their writing skills at the UIL Ready Writing Competition. The students were super excited to compete and look forward to positive results from their performance of their pencil work! We are GREATNESS, we are FAMILY, we are...GARFIELD!!!

DEL RIO HIGH SCHOOL - ATHLETIC AND ACADEMIC DISTRICT SELECTIONS



Our Queens Volleyball Team 29-6A All Academic and All District Selections are below.

- All Academic: Vanessa Rojas (Senior), Lizbeth Hernandez (Senior) & Parker Alsup (Sophomore)
- Outstanding Blocker of the Year: Clarissa Rosales (Junior)
- First Team All District: Brianna Perez (Junior)
- Second Team All District: Leslie Villarreal (Junior)
- Honorable Mention: Vanessa Rojas (Senior), Lizbeth Hernandez (Senior) & Kaylah Perez (Junior)

Also, attached are our Football 29-6A All Academic and All District Selections.

We had 19 boys make the All Academic Team, 9 make 1st Team All District, 6 make 2nd Team All District, and 6 make Honorable Mention.



29-6A All Academic Selections

Del Rio	Grade	Devin Brown	11
Greg Torres	12	David Ritchey	12
Anthony Hurley	12	Erick Moreno	12
Jaime Rico Perez	12	Dizan Rodriguez	11
Tyler Hopkins	12	Jesse Barragan	11
Esteban Arizpe	12	Javi Gonzalez	12
Larry Galindo	11	Ricardo Gonzales	11
Jacob Keaton	12	Mills Cauthorn	12
Eric Garcia	11	Anthony Maldonado	11
Albert Vasquez	12	Gaston Flores	12

## DEL RIO HIGH SCHOOL - STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET



Our Cross Country Boys Team finished 14th at the State Cross Country Meet. Max Smith was our top boy finisher in 29th place. Megan Boenicke finished in 64th place in the State Meet 6A Girls Race.

