

SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

# HIGHLIGHTS

OUR DISTRICT OUR STUDENTS OUR PRIDE



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Spectrum Channel 1301

### DRMS PEP RALLY



On October 8th, DRMS held a pep rally for all fall sports and a farewell and good luck on their upcoming games! We recognized the boys 7th and 8th grade Football, Cross Country, and girls Volleyball team.

### 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL WINS TOURNAMENT



The 8th grade volleyball team (blue) won their first tournament of the season on September 7th. They played again 4 other teams. The 8th grade volleyball team continues to play hard this season.

### GARFIELD MUSTANGS ZERO ABSENCE DAY



Congratulations to our Garfield Mustangs who were present on Zero Absence Day. These students were awarded a special prize to show their dedication and presence for being at school. Attendance Matters!!!! Attend TODAY and ACHIEVE Tomorrow!!!!

### SEBASTIAN DOMINGUEZ RECEIVES BIG DEAL AWARD



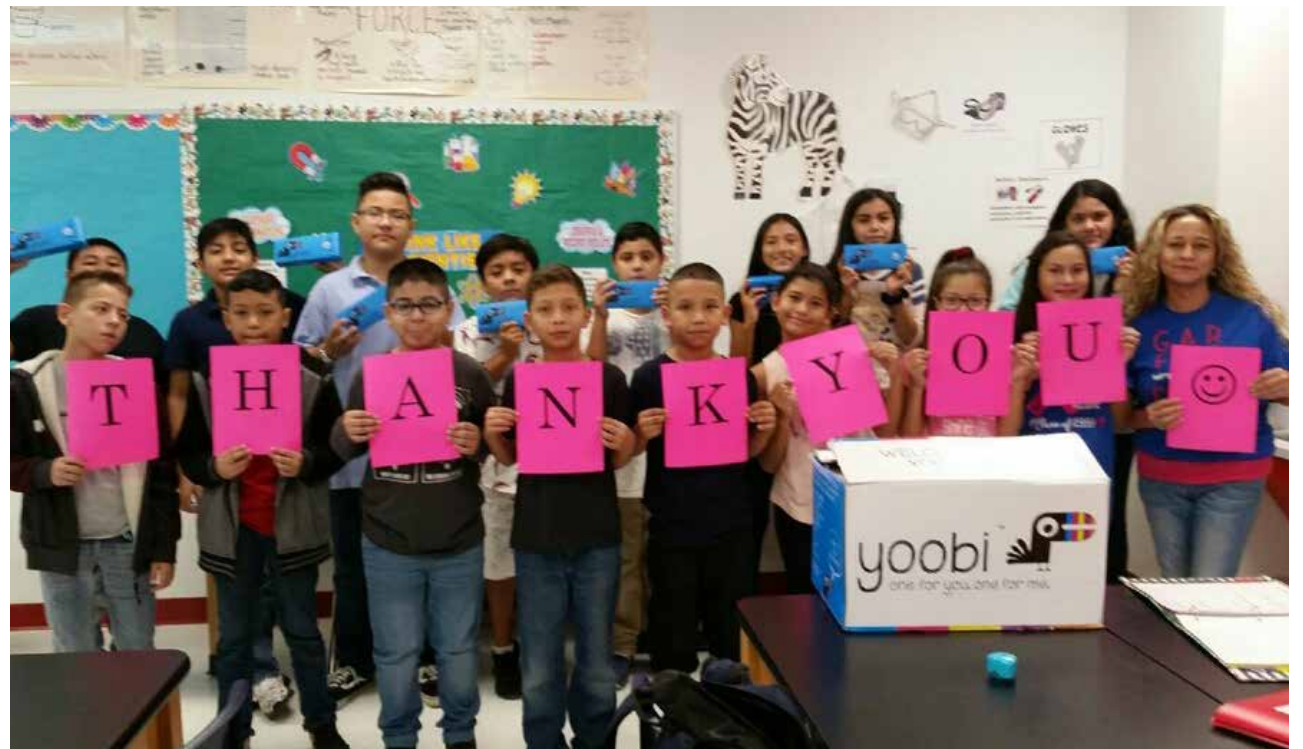
Mrs. Hill's 5th grade student Sebastian Dominguez received the BIG DEAL award for the 1st 6 weeks. His classmates voted for the student who displayed the most leadership skills, best academic achievement, and an exceptional willingness to serve others.

### GARFIELD SNACK SQUAD



All teachers and staff deserve a snack break, and Garfield Elementary has their very own Snack Squad. Student Council representatives take the time to deliver delicious snacks to Garfield's hard working staff.

### PROMISE LAND CHURCH DONATES YOوبي SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO GARFIELD



Mrs. Jimenez and her 5th grade class say "Thank You" for the Yoobi school supplies. These boxes were filled with school supplies for our teachers and students. The supply boxes were graciously donated by the Promise Land Church.

### GARFIELD MUSTANGS WIN ANDALE DEL RIO SHOOT OUT



Congratulations to our Garfield Mustangs who took the 1st place win in our local Andale Del Rio Shoot Out competition. Thank you students, parents, coaches, and staff who participated in making our victory win!

### GARFIELD TAKES 3RD PLACE AT HOMECOMING PARADE



Congratulations to Garfield Elementary who took 3rd place at the homecoming parade. Thank you to all teachers and students for making this a successful event.

## SFDRCID CELEBRATES DISTRICTWIDE "PINK OUT" DAY



San Felipe Del Rio CISD celebrated the districtwide "Pink Out" Day on Wednesday, October 2nd. The 7th Annual Pink Ribbon Event took place that same day with two sessions: one at Irene Cardwell Elementary School Cafeteria at 2:30 p.m. and a second one at the SPC Training Room at 4:15 p.m. Jillian Mata from Val Verde Regional Medical Center was the guest speaker.

## 3RD ANNUAL 3D MAMMOGRAM SCREENING EVENT



The 3rd Annual 3D Mammogram Screening mobile Event took place October 14th through October 16th at the front of the SPC Building. District staff was encouraged to participate in all events. Early detection saves lives!

The American Cancer Society Guidelines for Early Detection of Cancer recommends the following:

- Women ages 40 to 44 should have the choice to start annual breast cancer screening with mammograms (x-rays of the breast) if they wish to do so.
- Women age 45 to 54 should get mammograms every year.
- Women 55 and older should switch to mammograms every 2 years or may continue yearly screening.

## LAMAR STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ANDALE HEALTH FAIR



Students at Lamar Elementary and their principal, Ms. Maryvel Flores participated in an obstacle course challenge against other elementary schools. A big thank you to Coach Irma Avalos for leading our kiddos.

## FIRE PREVENTION MONTH AT LAMAR ELEMENTARY



Students at Lamar Elementary had some special guests on Tuesday, October 15th. Members of the Del Rio Fire Department and Sparky were on hand to give lessons to students in fire prevention and fire safety.

## FUN IN MRS. P. VILLARREAL'S 5TH GRADE SCIENCE CLASS



Students in Mrs. P. Villarreal's 5th grade science class recently participated in a lab to explore conductors and insulators. Through hands-on experiences students were to determine if items provided to them were conductors of electrical currents.

## LAMAR S.T.E.A.M. TEAM: EXPLORING CHEMICAL REACTIONS



Students participated in an activity called Elephant Toothpaste to explore chemical reactions. Students were provided various ingredients and watched them react with one another creating a foam substance. Students enjoyed exploring its texture. Lamar S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) is led by Ms. Adriana Vasquez.

## LONNIE GREEN ENJOYS ANDALE DEL RIO COMPETITION



Andale, Del Rio - 4th and 5th grade students enjoyed some friendly competition against other SFDRCID Elementary Schools at the citywide Andale, Del Rio Event Saturday, October 5th.

## ANNOUNCEMENT LEADERS



Announcement Leaders - Harlow Rieman, Camila Fernandez and Camila Delgado lead our announcements every morning. They are responsible for the Pledge of Allegiance, the Texas Pledge and the Panther Pledge. They also take the lead in announcing daily reminders in the event Mrs. Pond is not available.

## STUCO THANKS FIREFIGHTERS



StuCo officers - Our wonderful Student Council Officers thanked local Firefighters during our Fire Prevention Program for K-2 students.

## AWESOME PAWSOME ATTENDANCE



Mrs. Castillo's Class - Congratulations to Mrs. Castillo's first grade class for their Awesome Pawsome Attendance during the first six weeks of school.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SPARKY VISIT NORTH HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY



Be alert and prevent fires! The Fire Department along with Sparky visited North Heights Elementary on Thursday, October 3rd to educate the students about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from a fire.



Students at North Heights Elementary participated in a Fire Prevention Week presentation by the Del Rio Fire Department.

## TWINKIES SHOWING RAM SPIRIT DURING HOMECOMING CELEBRATION



First graders, MeryDee Hernandez, Reagan SeeFelt, Anthony Revelez and Jesus Torres Jr. showed their Ram Spirit by dressing up as Twinkies during the week-long Homecoming celebration.



## THE ARRAY BAKERY



Third grade students from Mrs. Montoya's math class put on their chef hats to practice different multiplication strategies through real-world application in "The Array Bakery."

### SFMMS HOLDS OPEN HOUSE



San Felipe Memorial held its Open House on Thursday, October 3rd. It was a tremendous turnout, with hundreds of 6th grade students and their families visiting their classrooms and their awesome teachers.

### SFMMS SHOW RAM SPIRIT DURING HOMECOMING WEEK



The students and staff at San Felipe Memorial Middle School showed their Ram Spirit during Homecoming Week. From "pajama day" to "trend day", Team SFMMS showed their pride and their support for the Del Rio Rams. Go, Rams, Go!

### SFMMS STUDENT COUNCIL HOLDS "LOCK-IN" EVENT



The SFMMS Student Council held a "lock-in" on Friday, September 20th. This team-building event was full of activities, encouraging students and sponsors to interact more with each other on a social level and foster school spirit.

### SFMMS PARTICIPATES IN DISTRICT'S "ROVING CHEF" PROGRAM



Students at San Felipe Memorial participated in the District's "Roving Chef" program, an exciting, hands-on cooking class providing them a first-hand experience into the many options and professions in the Culinary Arts field.



## THE DRHS MIGHTY RAM BAND HAS BEEN A FINALIST IN TWO BANDS OF AMERICA REGIONAL CONTESTS



The DRHS Mighty Ram Band has been a finalist in two Bands of America Regional Contests this school year. The band placed 8th in the Bands of America McAllen Regional Finals and placed 7th at the Bands of America Midland Regional Finals.

## ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR



Congratulations, Ms. Ruby Adams, on being selected the Elementary Principal of the Year! In her four years as principal at Cardwell Head Start & Pre-Kindergarten, she has been instrumental in supporting staff, parents and students with placing a focus on learning. Way to go, Ms. Adams! We are proud of you.

## CARDWELL CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



Students and staff dressed up in traditional cultural attire to learn about different cultures and celebrate diversity.

## AMIGO DENTISTRY STAFF & MR. TOOTH VISIT CARDWELL



Amigo Dentistry Staff and Mr. Tooth taught Cardwell Cubs how to properly brush their teeth with a fun and innovative lesson. Children received a toothbrush and toothpaste as they began daily tooth brushing at school. Thank you, Dr. Hunt, for making this possible.

### TACKLE BREAST CANCER RALLY



Cardwell hosted the 7th Annual Pink Ribbon Event on Wednesday, October 1, 2019. Families and staff gathered to learn about the American Cancer Society Guidelines for early detection of breast cancer.

### CARDWELL PROGRAM GOVERNANCE TRAINING



Members of the newly elected Head Start Policy Council and Governing Body participated in a workshop to review Head Start Performance Standards and become familiar with their duties and responsibilities to better serve children and families.

### BCFS STRENGTHENING CARDWELL FAMILIES



Cardwell hosted the first of a series of parent trainings focused on strengthening families to help families develop family unity and positive relationships. Trainings will be offered on a monthly basis by BCFS.

### FAMILIES READING TOGETHER



Cardwell kicked off this year's Families Reading Together afterschool program. Numerous families gathered to read and create a home library out of a cardboard box. Reading has never so much fun!

### ZERO ABSENCE DAY AT CARDWELL



In an effort to instill the importance of school attendance, the Cardwell Zero Absence Day Committee provided students and parents an opportunity to take a Hollywood style family portrait prior to the start of the day. Everyone dressed in their Sunday best and created beautiful memories.

## IN IT TO WIN IT, EVERY DAY!



The annual homecoming float is a representation of what Blended Academy stands for. We are in it to win it every day. Students, parents and staff blended their creativity and hard work to create the first place entry in two days.

### 'SEE YOU AT THE POLE'



On September 25, 2019, students gathered for the 29th Annual 'See You at the Pole' event birthed from a student-led Discipline Now prayer movement in Burleson, Texas. BASAA Co-President, Emilio Rodriguez, led students in prayer at the pole.

### VISITING ASU



Ten students were attended a college tour at ASU with Gear Up. Students were exposed to the many opportunities the world has to offer.

### BASAA RETREAT



BASAA hosted its annual leadership retreat with a Lion King theme instilling its values- leadership, service and inspiration. Members are required to attend the retreat. Co-President, Alleena Soto, said she was surprised on how much was put into the retreat and that she learned so much from the activities.

### JULY STEM CAMP 2019



July STEM Camp 2019- Sixty five new and returning students at Roberto "Bobby" Barrera Elementary attended a 2 day camp to learn about STEM.

### UIL SPONSORS AT ROBERTO "BOBBY" BARRERA ELEMENTARY



UIL Sponsors at Roberto "Bobby" Barrera Elementary get the 3rd-5th graders hyped up about our competition season.

### HOMECOMING



Roberto "Bobby" Barrera Elementary Homecoming Float "Wreck-it Ralph" encouraged the Rams to "wreck-em".

### SPARKY AND THE LAFB FIRE DEPARTMENT



Sparky and the LAFB Fire Department visited Roberto "Bobby" Barrera Elementary for Fire Prevention Week.

## OUR PRINCIPAL IS PAW-SOME!



Mrs. Maria Correa, principal of Ruben Chavira Elementary School, has found a unique way to highlight some of her great achievers. She has identified PAW-SOME students that are deserving of special recognition. With a custom yard sign and a personal visit with the family at home, Mrs. Correa is making sure the student, the family and the neighborhood know what a remarkable job the student is doing. This is PAW-sitively spectacular!

## TODAY A READER, TOMORROW A LEADER (AND MAYBE AN AUTHOR)!



Ruben Chavira Elementary School staff recognizes that reading is an integral part of a child's education. The students just care that it is FUN! R.C.E recently hosted its first Reading Night in the school library. Students and their families gathered to share the love of books with one another. As a special treat, Lillie Gamez, a local published author, shared her books and artwork with the students. During her presentations, students were encouraged to explore their creativity and create illustrations for one of her stories. She is a true inspiration for our budding authors and illustrators.

## "GRANTING" OPPORTUNITIES



The Education Foundation recognizes the innovative ideas teachers have to enhance the educational experience for our students. The foundation's hard work, determination and generosity allows the inventive ideas of teachers to become a reality. This year, six projects were funded for Ruben Chavira Elementary School's students. Mr. Anthony Leonor and his "creation studio" will allow students to express themselves and be leaders. The Creation Studio Project will help students demonstrate their mastery of various content area TEKS.



## DFC HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES



The Diamond Dancers Club and Honor Student Council participated in this year's DRHS Homecoming parade to support the Varsity Rams in their fight against the LBJ Wolves! Both clubs dressed in their colorful and themed gear not just that night, but throughout the themed week celebration. DFC supports the Del Rio Rams and Queens of all ages in their competitions throughout the school year! We would like to thank DFC's Student Council and Diamond Dancer sponsors for making this a fun event and for the hard work in making it happen! Thank you also goes out to the Del Rio High School Student Council for their invitation to participate in these fun activities every year!

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FAMILY STRINGS NIGHTS AT DFC



As part of the Education Foundation grant process, district strings teacher, Mr. Timothy Garza was awarded funding to begin a strings family night at DFC. Pictured here is the group's first meeting. Mr. Garza's used the time to explain the reason for the group. His mission is to teach parents how to play a strings instrument alongside of their child. The end result will be a concert in which the group will showcase their learning. The group meets on Wednesdays afterschool to learn and practice skills. DFC thanks the SFDRICISD Education Foundation and Mr. Garza for creating this opportunity for the families!

## DFC PTO DONATIONS



The DFC PTO has been hard at work to support the vision and mission of the school they so love. This year, PTO is hosting a Coyote HOWL'o'ween fall festival on Friday, October 25, 2019 from 5:30-7:30 pm to continue supporting the families and teachers. Pictured are our 5th grade teachers as they were able to use their festival funds to purchase items to use in class. The 5th grade teachers also used the funds to purchase programmable robots. DFC would like to thank the DFC PTO officers, Michelle Cervantes, Jessica Hernandez, and Jay Hernandez for their hard work and support of the staff and families at DFC. We would also like to thank the families and community that supports DFC. Go, Coyotes!

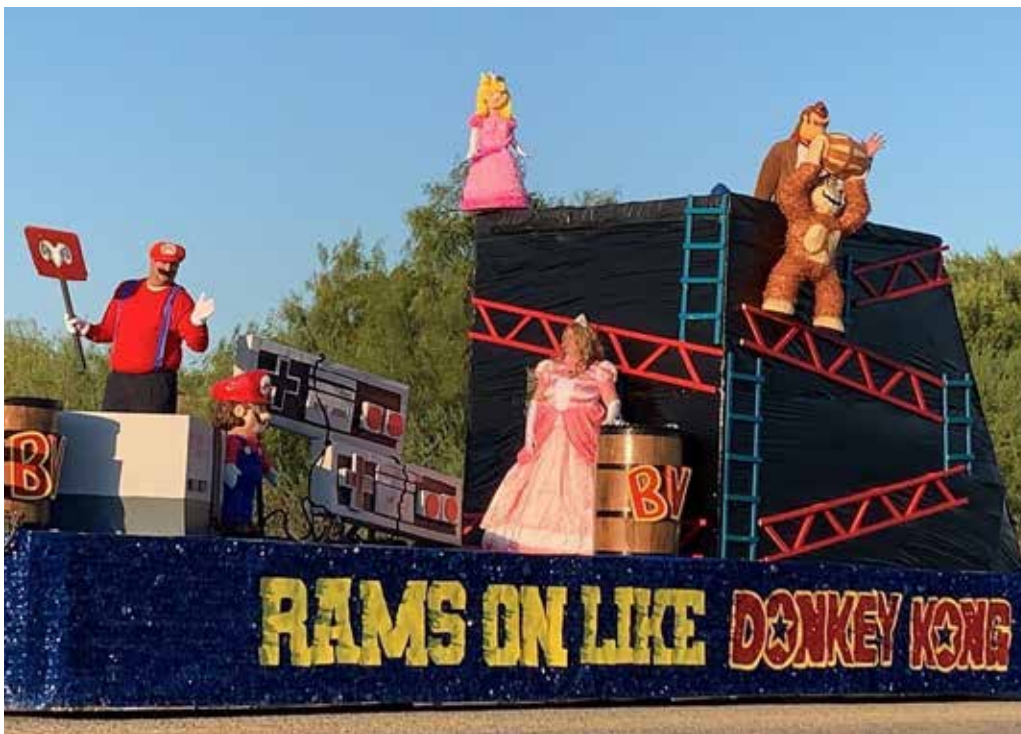
## BUENA VISTA TAKES THE 1ST PLACE ATTENDANCE TROPHY



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

The Buena Vista Longhorns encourage regular school attendance because it is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. The enormous trophy will sit in the foyer as a reminder to all the staff and students that their commitment to education has not gone unnoticed.

## 1ST PLACE PARADE FLOAT



Buena Vista Elementary took 1st place for the float that best embodied this year's theme, "Video Games." The entry was inspired by Donkey Kong, the arcade game released by Nintendo in 1981. The STUCO committee and its officers spearheaded the huge project, but the grand success came from the family members who so generously gave of their time. The sponsors would like to give a big shout out to three dads who went above and beyond to make sure the float was first place worthy; Jon Harris, Eloy Hernandez, and Victor Villarreal! "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

On October 10, 2019 the district challenged all the elementary schools to a Zero Absence Day. The Mighty Longhorns took on the challenge, and showed up ready for victory. This win is especially sweet because Buena Vista's student enrollment is higher than any other elementary school in the district.

### UIL CHAMPS

It is with great excitement and eagerness that Buena Vista kicks off the 2019 UIL journey for excellence. UIL is designed to motivate students as they acquire higher levels of understanding, and it provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of a specific skill. Hard work and dedication will be the driving force behind this year's win! The Mighty Longhorns are the reigning UIL Champs.

Knowledge Is Our Superpower, What's Yours?

**DRHS HOMECOMING 2019**



Del Rio High School student council hosted the 2019 Homecoming festivities the week of October 7th -11th. There were 18 different clubs/organizations that were represented this year.

**DEL RIO HIGH SCHOOL HELD THE PINK OUT PEP RALLY**

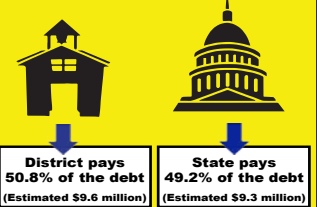


Del Rio High School held the PINK OUT pep rally on Oct. 4th. DRHS breast cancer survivors were honored for their fight and victory against cancer. Alejandra Torres-9 years, Lynda Davis-20 years-1st diagnosed and 16 years-2nd diagnosed, Janie Villarreal- 11 years, Linda Flores- 18 years, Vanessa Martinez-4 years, Pamela Ochello- 8 years.



**2019 Bond Election**  
**THE FACTS**

State to pay an estimated **\$9.3 million** towards the bond



If the bond is approved, the construction of a new elementary school would address increased housing development within the District.



If the bond is approved, the District would be eligible to receive over \$9 million in State aid; thus reducing the District's portion of the bond to an estimated \$9.6 million for a new elementary school.

**\$0.0570 Increase**

The property tax increase required to fund the \$19 million bond is \$0.0570

**House Bill 3**

This summer, House Bill 3 was passed by the 86th Legislature. It required the compression, or reduction, of the 2019 school tax rate by Sept 1st. Using the state's new formula, SFDR CISD's overall tax rate was lowered by \$0.0925 (9 cents). In 2020, HB3 will decrease by another \$0.0135 cents.



~~**\$1.1598**~~  
2018 Overall SFDR CISD Tax Rate



**\$1.06173**  
2019 Overall SFDR CISD Tax Rate

Early voting begins Monday, October 21, 2019

**ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

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