

SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

# HIGHLIGHTS

OUR DISTRICT OUR STUDENTS OUR PRIDE



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# MAKING A SPLASH!

Miss Rodriguez's class at North Heights Elementary is making waves with over 50 days of perfect attendance! Students celebrated the milestone by participating in a pitch and burst game to splash Principal Soliz.



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## TIS' THE SEASON



Blended Academy was in the spirit of giving. BASAA led a campus wide food and toy drive that was raffled within the school and the community. Principal Jose Rodriguez and BASAA Sponsors Robert Lopez and Gloria Castaneda delivered the packages. BASAA also hosted their annual Loteria for the Roswell residents.

## A PENNY A VOTE



Blended hosted "A Penny A Vote". Students Manuel Esquivel and Desideria Gonzales won Valentine's King and Queen, respectively. Blended also had an auction. One student stated he was very careful and strategic on his bidding. Mr. Lopez stated that he wanted students to understand an auction and practice some math skills.

## DEL RIO NEWS HERALD PARTNERSHIP



BASAA was invited to help the Del Rio New-Herald count the Best of the Town ballots.

## DEDICATION PAYS OFF



Blended Academy hosted its first Graduation Walk. Graduates walked the halls for the last time as peers and staff cheered them on and gave high fives for their dedication.

## BROWN PLAZA CLEAN-UP



Blended Academy BASAA and students volunteered at the Brown Plaza clean-up and painting Saturday, March 3, 2018.

## WINTER DANCE



BASAA hosted a STAAR Winter Dance that had two different genre rooms and a karaoke room. President Jennifer Elias stated that they wanted everyone to feel welcomed.

## BUENA VISTA ELEMENTARY 2018 UIL CHAMPS



The Buena Vista Elementary "Dream Team" has done it again! The Longhorns earned 431 total points, which exceeded last year's total, making the victory even that much sweeter. The grand total also set a record for most points EVER brought in by a single school! The students at BV elementary are taught early on that "knowledge" is their super power! This, along with a commitment to excellence, makes for a winning combination. Principal Jennifer Sutton credited hard work and determination as the driving force behind this year's big win.

### BUENA VISTA ROBOTICS



The Mighty Longhorns really stepped up their A-Game! This year the team was awarded The Gracious Professionalism Award at the first competition. This award emphasizes the importance of encouraging high-quality work, the value of others, and respect for individuals and their community. The Longhorns also took second place out of 28 teams and was recognized with the Safety Award.

### REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE



The Buena Vista's Green Team has been working hard to save the planet one piece of paper at a time. The recycling trailer is on campus every other Friday to recycle all of their hard work. The club is under the direction of fourth grade cluster leader, Jessica Voss.

### HAVE A HEART AND DO YOUR PART



The Buena Vista STUCO encourages students to delight in giving presents to family and friends, and they also encourage them to think about giving to people who don't have as many physical blessings as they do. The generosity and gifts go miles in warming the hearts of so many in need during the holiday season.

### LEADER IN ME



Once a six weeks the Buena Vista gym explodes with pride, music, and the sound of children chanting, "Lead, learn, and leave a legacy!" Teachers and administrators morph into cheerleaders wearing costumes and pulling out some of their best dance moves. The Light House committee has done a terrific job in making sure that everyone arrives ready to entertain the crowd and encourage students to reach their goals!

## 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 2, 2018 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 and closed out week long activities. Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School thanks all parents and community members that contributed in making this event a wonderful success.

## DR. FERMIN CALDERON DRUMMING FITNESS



Thanks to the San Felipe Del Rio CISD Education Foundation, our students at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School enjoyed a unit of Drum Fitness. Drum Fitness is an innovative cardio class that promotes aerobic activity and plyometric exercises, social skills, and it is also proven to have therapeutic benefits for our students. Our students were able to work out and raise their heartbeat while incorporating music and dancing. DFC students were so excited to be a part of such an exciting unit during their physical and health education class.

## ROVIN CHEF



Ten lucky students at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary school were chosen to participate in the Rovin Chef Program on February 16, 2018. This program is an exciting hands-on cooking class that took place after lunch time. The children had the opportunity to tour the "back of the house" in the cafeteria, learn how to properly sanitize and wash their hands, store food and take temperatures.

## SCIENCE FAIR



Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School held their annual science fair on January 23 and 24, 2018. Over the two days, students from all grades levels had the opportunity to tell all about their findings to volunteer judges from our beautiful community. 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.

## VALENTINE'S DAY



Congratulations goes out to Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary School's Valentine's Day Court. The group of royalty was crowned by our outgoing Queen, Mia Ojeda and King, Xavier Perez at the Valentine's Day dance afterschool on February 14, 2018. This year's court is as follows: Queen: Nevaeh Luna, King: Luis Robles, Princess: Sabrina Flores, Prince: Jaxon Meadows, and Duchess: Lilyana Sanchez. The Student Council

## A HATFUL OF SEUSS



Ruben Chavira Elementary School knows how to CELEBRATE! In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2, R.C.E. students and staff dressed up like the Cat in the Hat, wore wacky clothes, donned hats, crazy socks and moustaches and READ all the Dr. Seuss books they could find! All the spirited activities brought awareness to the importance of reading. "You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book." Dr. Seuss

## WE'VE GOT THE BEAT!



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## MEET MRS. MANSION



"Seek opportunities to show you care. The smallest gestures often make the biggest difference." -John Wooden

Mrs. Abigail Mansion is one of the newer faces at R.C.E. and her presence has made the biggest difference. Mrs. Mansion is a sweet, beautiful, and joyful face that lights up the lives of students, parents, and the staff at R.C.E. When you see Mrs. Mansion, both in and out of the school setting, you see spunk, enthusiasm, and a heart of gold with an overall happiness towards life. Inside the classroom, her genuine personality impacts each one of her students. You hear constant laughter and see respectful and happily working faces. Her love for teaching and her students is displayed day in and day out. She comes to us from her hometown of El Paso, Texas, where a passion for teaching began at a young age. Mrs. Mansion is married to her high school sweetheart and will soon be celebrating their two year anniversary. She developed a passion for teaching early because she comes from family where almost all members are educators. We are thrilled to announce Mrs. Mansion, as the 2018 Teacher of the Year, for Ruben Chavira Elementary.

## CARDWELL CELEBRATES 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL



Cardwell students wore a t-shirt with one hundred items to celebrate one hundred days of learning. Throughout the school day, children practiced counting to one hundred through various fun activities including a 100th Day Walk.

## CHARACTER BOOK PARADE



Cardwell celebrated Read Across America Week with a parade. Children and staff dressed as a book characters to promote reading. A total of 472 families are reading at the Cardwell library with over 57,100 books read from the beginning of the year.

## FAMILIES READING TOGETHER AT CARDWELL



Families meet one evening per month to read with their children and participate in school readiness activities.

## FATHERHOOD TRAINING AT CARDWELL



Cardwell fathers participated in a STEAM night facilitated by the Cardwell Fatherhood Council and Mr. Pete Talamantez. Children and their fathers bonded to enrich the parent-child relationship through a variety of activities promoting high order thinking skills.

## PLANET HEROES AT CARDWELL



Cardwell students learned about the importance of recycling as part of a scholarship awarded to Mrs. Saucedo, Mrs. Nunez and Mrs. Escanuela by the Del Rio Education Foundation. Their motto is "Save the Day. Don't throw it away!"

## H.E.B. TOP READERS RECOGNITION



H.E.B. hosted a reception for Ms. Amanda Padilla and Mrs. Chavell Guterrez' class as recognition for reading 3,500 books. Way to go Cardwell Cubs!

## CARDWELL LITERACY FESTIVAL



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## DEL RIO FRESHMAN SCHOOL & EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL ATTEND SCIENCE FAIR



Students from Del Rio Freshman School and Early College High School recently competed at the Alamo Regional Science and Engineering Fair in San Antonio, TX. Students presented projects in various categories and competed against the top entries from the region. Attending the event were Mia Arredondo, Micaela Cabello, Celeste Cantu, Macie Casson, Hannah De La Mota, Reginaldo De Luna, Emmalee Diaz, Valeria Fernandez, Hector Garcia, Sebastian Gonzalez, Cristian Montoya, Kate Perry, Anna Rodriguez, Richard Roman and Carolina Sanchez. Fifteen students attended the fair, and each one received recognition for their entry.

Receiving awards were: Carolina Sanchez-Behavioral and Social Science (5th place), Reginaldo De Luna-Engineering (5th place), Mia Arredondo and Valeria Fernandez-Team Competition (4th place), Anna Rodriguez-Behavioral and Social Science (Honorable Mention), Richard Ramon-Biochemistry (Honorable Mention), Hector Garcia-Botany (Director's Award), Celeste Cantu-Medicine and Health (Honorable Mention), Sebastian Gonzalez-Medicine and Health (Honorable Mention), Hannah De La Mota-Environmental Science (Honorable Mention), Emmalee Diaz-Environmental Science (Honorable Mention), Macie Casson-Chemistry (Honorable Mention), Cristian Montoya-Physics (Honorable Mention), Kate Perry and Micaela Cabello-Team Competition (Honorable Mention).

DRFS would like to thank Mrs. Min Beto and Mrs. Rebecca Ortiz for accompanying the students on the trip and encouraging participation from their students.

## DEL RIO HIGH SCHOOL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS



The CTE program, located at Del Rio High School, offers onsite curricula for students interested in becoming Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). The Health curricula program opens career paths in Emergency Medical Technology Basic (EMT-Basic) and Paramedic (EMT-Paramedic) programs. DRHS students are eligible for EMT certification, and they could continue their study for the Associate of Science (AS) degree by taking courses in general education and EMT supervision. The curriculum of particular interest to this study was the EMT-Basic Dual Enrollment program that began through a partnership between the community college (SWTJC) and Del Rio High School.

In addition to the curriculum, students are encouraged to make real connections as they prepare for this challenging career. EMT teacher, Nicholas Velasquez, along with district administrators were instrumental in acquiring an ambulance for the students that absolutely engages students in a meaningful experience.



**NORTH HEIGHTS BLACK HISTORY ASSEMBLY**



Celebrating in the month of February, Mrs. Benson, teacher at NHE, put together a Black History Assembly to honor diversity and culture. Guest speaker Roger Blanks, along with Student Council representatives, took students through a timeline of African American historical figures that have helped shape America today.

**NORTH HEIGHTS TRANSFORMS INTO SEUSSVILLE**



In honor of our love for reading, and alongside the birthday of Dr. Seuss, NHE transformed into Seussville! Our second annual carnival was held for our students and their families. From free games, food and costume contests, it sure was a delight to synergize!

**NORTH HEIGHTS 100'S CLUB**



Welcome to the 100's Club! Students in Miss Campos' class surpassed their AR goal by aiming to read 100 books in the 4th reporting period. Eight students in her class met that goal and have joined the 100 Book Reading Club. Pictured from left to right are: Ivan Lumbreras, Braelynn Birch, Aryanna De Leon, Aubrey Levrie, Jake Denney, Airabella Lashmit, Rolando Thomas, and Beatrice Hernandez.

**50 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE**



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## ALAMO REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR



Del Rio Middle School students participated in the Alamo Regional Science and Engineering Fair in San Antonio. The following students are the winners: Miguel Flores, Charlotte Barksdale, Kennedy Trevino, Reagan Trevino, Ana Rendon, David Zamora, Amy Morin, Yasmin Cardenas, and Nathaniel Rubio. Congratulations to all participants.

## DEL RIO MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMIC U.I.L.



Del Rio Middle School's Academic U.I.L. team begins competing in January. The team currently competes in two different leagues: S.T.A.L.L. (South Texas Academic & Literary League) and TMSCA/MESAC (Texas Math & Science Coaches Association/ Math, English, Science Academic Competitions). These students earned four 1st place trophies (STALL), one 2nd place trophy (TMSCA/MESAC), and one 3rd place trophy (TMSCA/MESAC). These students work diligently to achieve great success at every meet. They compete in events such as Poetry, Modern Oratory, History, and Spelling. Students are also eligible to qualify to compete at the State level in the subjects of Number Sense, Calculator, Math, and Science. Del Rio Middle School will be well-represented next month with 13 students advancing to the state level.

## 2ND ANNUAL HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION



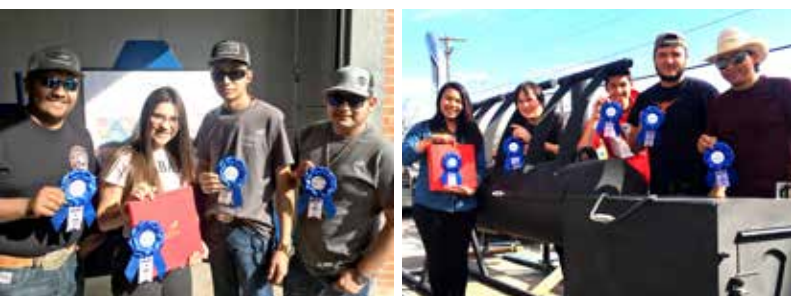
DRMS 8th grade English Language Arts department held the 2nd Annual Holocaust Commemoration Ceremony on Wednesday, February 14th, where close to 750 8th grade students were able to hear the first-hand accounts of survival from Holocaust Survivor Rosa Blum. Mrs. Blum, 90, shared her story of survival and strength with the students and shared her beautiful message of hope and zest for life. The students took away so much more than an appreciation for her message but a request from Mrs. Blum to go home and hug their parents and tell them how loved they are. Mrs. Blum touched the lives of DRMS students and it is a memory that will forever be cherished. The ceremony took place after the students spent the 4th six weeks learning of the power of persuasion used throughout WWII and reading the drama of the Diary of Anne Frank. Through this first-hand account students were able to have a full understanding of the Holocaust. They did not only learn about the literary and historical facts of WWII and the Holocaust but were actually able to meet history personified.

## OSCAR RODRIGUEZ WINS 1ST PLACE



DRHS is proud to announce that athlete Varsity thrower Oscar Rodriguez continues to put Del Rio High School on the map by winning 1st in the discus competition with a throw of 147'6 feet. He is a great role model and always helps out his younger teammates. Most importantly, he puts academics first by doing an awesome job in school.

## U.S.A. SKILLS & LEADERSHIP RESULTS FOR WELDING ARE ASTOUNDING



The C.T.E. Welding students traveled to San Antonio in January to the District 11 Skills U.S.A Skills & Leadership Competitions. They brought home 31 first place awards, 2 seconds, and 1 third.

All of the students will advance to the Texas State Skills U.S.A Skills and Leadership Championships in Corpus Christi April 5th through 8th 2018.

## DRFS AND DRHS COMPETE IN VASE ART COMPETITION



The following DRFS and DRHS students competed In the Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE) art competition for Region 15 on Saturday and were awarded metals under the direction of Mrs. Calvetti . These students competed against 19 other schools in the region.

The following team members represented freshman campus and received a top score of a four: Moises Adan, Christian Cerda, Michelle Payne, Kate Pendergrass

The following students with the second highest score of three were the following: Emily Oyama, Vanessa Cisernos

The following student with the third place score of a two: Kayla Moncada

The following team members from Del Rio High School and received a top score of a four: Angel Briones, Aryn Castorena, Daniel Jimenez, Kayla Duckworth, Marcus Castilla, Rebecca Vazquez, Xochitl Samaniego

The follow team member from Del Rio High School received a second highest score of a three: Emily Duran

Our top winner of the event for Del Rio with an score of an four and points of sixty plus which qualifies her for state competition on April 27-28 in San Marcos, Texas is: Miranda Martinez who was under the direction of Mrs. Calvetti. Mrs. Calvetti would like to thank all members for their hard work during the months of training.

## STATUS UPDATE AND iRAM



Del Rio High School is proud to provide Status Update and iRam for all of the school community. Both programs are produced by the students in the CTE Media Tech Program. They highlight events and sound advice for students, families, and the community. For instance, the latest episode of Status Update takes a look at Battle of the Bands, the latest CTE Fair, PSAs on "Texting and Driving" and what to do when "Arriving Late to School." Media Tech sponsors are Jessica Guanajuato and Robert Rodriguez.

## LAMAR ZUMBA NIGHT



After school, teachers, administrators, parents and students of Lamar Elementary enjoyed Zumba Night. This was hosted by the PE department with the help of a volunteer from The Edge. Everyone enjoyed a fast paced workout with lots of laughs. After the one hour class, the instructor talked to the group about healthy eating.

## LAMAR RECEIVES PARK SERVICE LESSON



Our 5th grade students from Lamar Elementary received an informational lesson this week from the Parks Service. A park ranger came and talked to the students about science in Del Rio. Students enjoyed the presentation and learned so much from our community member. Students look forward to an upcoming fishing trip with the park rangers that will take place towards the end of the school year.

## LAMAR HABITAT



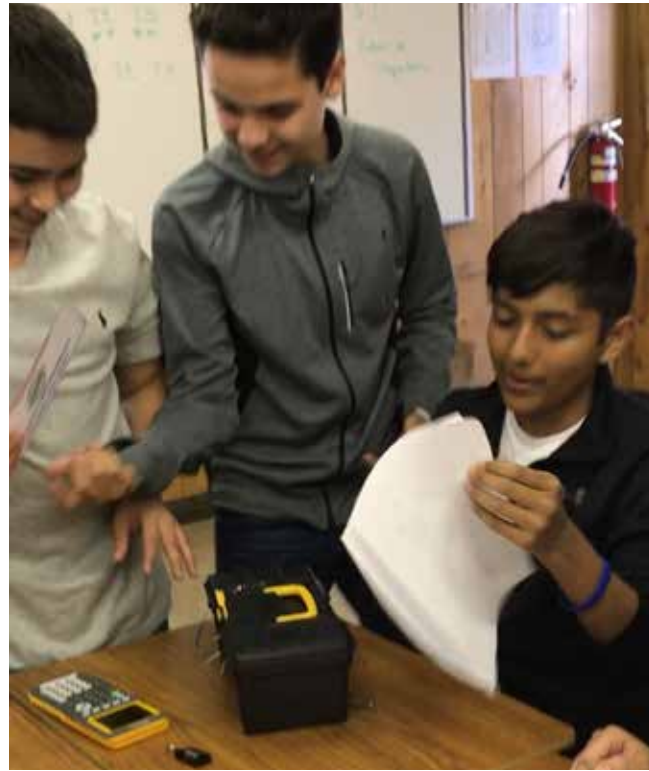
With spring approaching, students and staff are beginning to work on the Lamar Habitat. This project, which is sponsored by the Education Foundation, is a fun learning experience for all ages. Students and staff volunteer their time on evenings and weekends to get the habitat ready for planting.

## LAMAR PONY PALS



A new club at Lamar Elementary is Pony Pals. Students work together to show what Leader in Me is all about. From creating a Buddy Bench to school-wide clean-ups, these students show what leadership is all about. Pony Pals is open to students of all ages and teaches students how to be a "pal" to their peers.

### EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL - "ESCAPE THE BOX"



Early College High School students work diligently on "Escape the Box" activities in Mrs. Costilla's math classes.

### GARFIELD ELEMENTARY BLACK OUT



### GARFIELD ELEMENTARY COLLEGE AWARENESS



Sul Ross University visited with fifth grade students at Garfield Elementary as part of College Awareness week.

Third grade students at Garfield Elementary participate in Black Out AR Night.

## GARFIELD ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL



Garfield Elementary Student Council pictured with Mrs. Ristow, Sponsor. Student council organizes and participates in many activities both on and off campus. Thanks for all you do to make Garfield a better place!

## PROUD MUSTANGS



Pictured are the proud Garfield Mustangs who placed in the top 3 at our Garfield Elementary school science fair.

## MILLION WORD READER



Garfield's very own FIRST Million Word Reader for the 17-18 school year, Francisco Zertuche is pictured with Mrs. Rubio, Principal.

## UIL AND ROBOTICS TEAMS



Garfield Elementary placed third in the UIL competition in December 2017. Mrs. Rubio, Principal, treated them to a pizza party.

## SEMINOLE CANYON VISIT

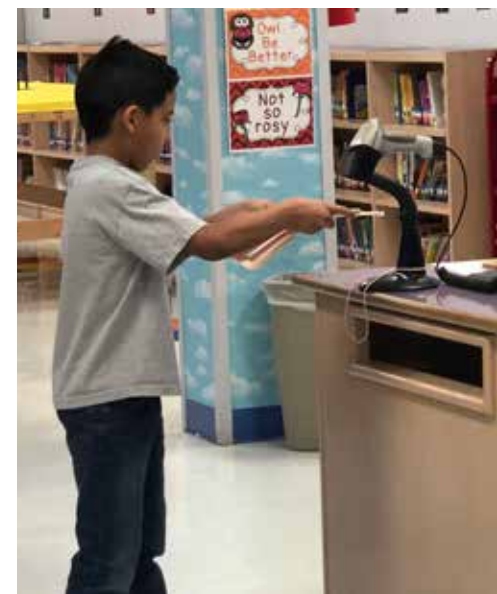


Fourth grade students from Garfield visited Seminole Canyon and learned about pictographs and life from the past.

## DR. LONNIE GREEN PANTHERS ARE UP TO AMAZING THINGS



These past couple of months have flown by and the Dr. Lonnie Green Panthers are up to some AMAZING things on and off campus! Fourth grade students had the opportunity to learn about landforms, hunting and gathers, and erosion during their annual trip to Seminole Canyon. Mrs. Shafer has put together LG's AR Test Fest once again where students and parents are encouraged to come read and test, with a nice treat to end the night. Rounding out the 4th 6 weeks, Ms. Lanette Rodriguez's Kindergarten class ended with 548 AR points, having passed 1,274 AR tests, and they've read OVER HALF A MILLION WORDS (508,413 to be exact)! Way to go, Ms. Rodriguez's class! Last week, we celebrated Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' birthday by having students dress with crazy socks, wacky hair or clothes, as the Lorax and of course, as the Cat in the Hat!



SFMMS U.I.L



Congratulations to the SFMMS U.I.L. Team who won a 3rd Place Sweepstakes trophy at a TMSCA Regional Meet in San Antonio on March 3rd, 2018. Congratulations to all participants and sponsors. 8 SFMMS Students advancing to the UIL State Meet in San Antonio on April 21st are: Axel Cannon - Number Sense & Mathematics, Rachel De La Mota - Number Sense & Calculator, Liliana Hajek - Number Sense, Hector Rodriguez - Number Sense, Juan Vera - Calculator, Hunter Quist - Calculator, Brendan Pulliam - Calculator, Jesus Rodriguez - Calculator. Proud Sponsors: David Velky (Number Sense), Dolimer Sanchez (Calculator/Mathematics)



**Dinner on the Creek 4**  
**San Felipe Springs Golf Course**

**Friday, April 13, 2018 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm**

Donation: \$50, dinner & drinks Must present ticket upon arrival  
 In case of inclement weather, the dinner will be re-scheduled

