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Folks' Kudos

Mary Hull student is a winner in poster contest



Erin Rodriguez, a third grader at Mary Hull ES, placed second in her division in the Fire Prevention Poster Art Contest. This is a city-wide event, sponsored by the San Antonio Fire Department to bring awareness about fire safety at home. She was awarded a trophy, several board games, and art supplies.

Winning design and slogan will be seen at NISD 2012 Special Olympics



Angel Lopez, a student at May ES, is the winner of the District-wide Special Olympics T-Shirt design contest. Receiving Honorable Mention for their designs were Duran Evans and Katie Burriss, both from The Reddix Center. In addition, the winner of the Special Olympics "Together" slogan is Aidan Moran from Glenoaks ES. His slogan, "Together, we make the impossible POSSIBLE!" will appear on the NISD Special Olympics posters. Both Honorable Mention designs will appear on the poster as well. Pictured (from l-r) is Cindy Adams, May ES Special Olympics coach; Angel Lopez, T-Shirt design winner; and Sandra Bonnett, May ES Principal.

Kuentz currently ranked 19th for recycling efforts



Students at Kuentz ES are taking part in the Dream Machine Recycle Rally, a program designed to raise awareness about recycling and give schools a chance to win \$50,000!

Fifth grade teacher Isabel Anaya and her group of Ecofriends collected #1 plastics and aluminum cans in an effort to earn the "green" prize for the school. So far, thanks to lots of community support, Kuentz is ranked 19 out of almost 400 schools across the country!

They would love to put YOUR recyclables to good use! Bag up your #1 plastic bottles and non-alcoholic aluminum cans, and drop them off at the school to add to their count. Contest runs until April. Please visit www.dreammachinerecyclerally.com for more information.

Lewis & Vale take home the trophies!

Drum roll please!

The total raised by Team Northside for the Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes is \$90,388 (and rising!) The total number of teams was 121 with 2,530 participants.



Two trophies were awarded to schools during the November Principals' meeting. The Largest Team trophy went to the Lewis Leopards of Lewis ES with 112 walkers. The largest donation trophy went to the Striding Stingrays at Vale MS who raised \$3,679.

"We had a goal of \$50,000, and what our staff, students, and community have done is just amazing," said Dr. John Folks, Superintendent. "Diabetes is a devastating illness that affects our District tremendously; not just children, but staff members and families. I am so proud of everyone who came together in their support to find a cure and hopefully one day stop this disease."

Pictured is Lynda DeMasco, principal of Lewis ES, and Erika Foerster, principal of Vale MS.

Words on parade at Ott ES

Fourth graders at Ott ES held their annual Vocabulary Parade following a week of themed vocabulary activities. The students were introduced to 150 new vocabulary words and each student selected one to dress as for the parade. After the parade, the students participated in a vocabulary hunt, where they solved riddles by looking for the vocabulary clues on other students' costumes.

Pictured are (from l-r) Dane Hansen as "rickety," Kennedie Jimmerson as "useless," Dakota Rowley as "vigilant," Maria Carrillo as "energetic," Hunter Yzaguirre as "essential," Catherine Sikes as "humble," and Araceli Perez as "feast."



WOW!

In one month, NISD employees viewed more than 206 million Internet pages that consumed a cumulative 229,788 hours of time!

PERK OF THE WEEK

Deals for educators from McCombs P.I.E. Program

If you are planning to purchase a car at any McCombs car dealership, mention that you are a NISD employee and ask for the form that will result in \$100 being donated in your name to the Northside Education Foundation. In addition, the McCombs Partners in Education (P.I.E.) program offers educators fleet prices and \$9.99 oil changes. Be sure to log onto <http://redmcombspie.com> and check out the many deals from business partners ranging from 15 percent off at Tapatio Springs' Sunday Brunch to half-priced tickets for the San Antonio Raceway.

Brennan drama students go on tour in NISD

Drama students at Brennan HS performed their rendition of "The Tortoise and the Hare" for their elementary and middle school feeder campuses. Students from Theatre Arts II-IV performed at Lieck, Hoffmann, Behlau, Ott, and Forester elementary schools, and Luna MS. More than 1,000 students had the opportunity to see the thespians perform.

Pictured are Rachel Rodriguez, Taylor Miller, Sarah Ruiz, Joshua Hauger, Kelsey O'Connor, and Matthew Balderas. Theatre teacher is Jose DeHoyos.



Councilmember celebrates GenTX week at Villarreal

City Councilmember Cris Medina visited Villarreal ES to celebrate Generation Texas week and to encourage students to stay in school, set goals, and believe in themselves.

"I believe in you and your ability to do great things in the future," Medina said.

Medina told the students about his pursuit of higher education. Since graduating from Somerset HS in 1998, he has earned an associate's degree in government from Palo Alto College, an associate's degree in air transportation from the Community College of the Air Force, and a bachelor's degree in political science from UTSA. He is currently pursuing his master's degree in public administration from St. Mary's University.

Medina certainly epitomizes the Villarreal ES motto of "start strong, stay strong, finish strong!"

Pictured with Medina are Vice Principal April Mata, fifth grade teacher Cheryl Perez, and fourth grade students (from l-r) Silkia Rodriguez, Graciela Salas, Marissa Portales, Gabriella Valdez, and Allison Saldana.

