

## Around the District

**Mardi Gras under the stars.** Students in the **Jay HS** Creative Arts programs will hold "Mardi Gras Under the Stars," an evening of fine entertainment and exquisite Cajun/Creole cooking on Friday, Feb. 4, from 6-9 pm. Jazz music, vocal performances, dramatic performances, and much food will be a treat for all who attend. Pre-sale tickets are \$5 and tickets are \$7 at the door, and includes gifts of Mardi Gras beads and chocolate coins for all attendees. To view the exquisite menu and for more information, go to [www.nisd.net](http://www.nisd.net) and view the story under Events and Announcements.

**Wall of Fame.** As part of its newly launched Employee Recognition Program, **Technology Services** announced the first quarter 2004-05 individual and team award recipients. Read all about these outstanding staff members at [www.nisd.net/technology/recognition.htm](http://www.nisd.net/technology/recognition.htm). Honorees receive certificates and are recognized via the Technology Services website, the "Wall of Fame" at NLC Building D, and an e-mail to all Technology Services staff.

**Reading for others.** The students in **Kathi Murphy-Burton's** second grade class at **Oak Hills Terrace ES** met their goal of reading 100 books in the Classroom Care Program. This resulted in Scholastic Books donating 100 books to children in need.

**Students helping others.** Northside students were well represented at the Mental Health Association's mental health day at Macy's. **Josh White** and **Nick Thacker**, students at **Marshall HS**, provided musical entertainment; students from the **Northside Children's Center** were offered VIP passes to meet with gold-medal swimmer Ian Crocker who suffers from depression; and honor students from **Rawlinson MS** provided assistance.

**Roundup training.** **Lori Gallegos**, Principal at **Villarreal ES**, and students **Daniel Corona (Sul Ross Learning Tree)** and **Esmeralda Avila (Rayburn Learning Tree)** joined State Representative Joaquin Castro as the closing keynote speakers at the 2004 Fall After School Training Roundup. They spoke to over 500 conference attendees about the positive academic and enrichment opportunities they have experienced through the Learning Tree programs at their campuses.

**Students helping students.** NJHS students from **Jordan MS** visited two third grade classes at **Evers ES** as part of a community service project to spread their joy of reading to their younger peers. They arrived with books to read, placemats, and "Little Jaguars" tee-shirts. Jordan MS teachers **Kim Sanchez** and **Susan Brogdon** are NJHS sponsors.

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**Mama Goose.** Fran Rhodes, namesake of **Rhodes ES**, became Mother Goose during the school's Book Character Parade for NISD's Children Book Week. She was escorted by "King" Bob King, CMC teacher and NISD 2003 Elementary Teacher of the Year.

**Students take ownership of their schooling.** The streets around **Zachry MS** were filled, and the hallways were packed with parents and students on their way to a successful evening of student-led conferences. Students took ownership for their work and were able to articulate their responsibilities to their parents. Principal **Javier Martinez** reported a huge success.

## Free Income Tax Filing Online.

Bring your W-2 form and other info to **Sul Ross MS** Cafeteria any Monday through Friday from 3:45 p.m. to 8 p.m., or Saturdays between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Business and community partners will assist you in electronic income tax filing now through April 15, 2005. Partners include Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union (Summit Branch) and "Making Connections" -City of San Antonio. Call Sul Ross Campus Partnerships Coordinator **Irene Alvarez** at 397-6398 for more information



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