

## Woods' Kudos



### NISD artists receive accolades in Fiesta contest

Eleven NISD high school artists received Artistic Merit designations in the Battle of Flowers Association Band Festival Cover Contest. The students were honored at a reception in the San Antonio Garden Center this past weekend.

Winners included Hope Price, Clark HS; Sophia Nicoletta, Harlan HS; Christine Tomasino, Health Careers HS; Dalila Castaneda, Victoria Gomez, and Sara Lancaster, Jay HS; Chassidy Sung, Viviana Valenzuela, Margarita Vias-Bernal, Taft HS; and Jarely Avalos and Katrina E. Macias, Warren HS. *Pictured are some of the winners at the announcement.*

### Animal artists among top in contest

Two NISD artists are in the running for the top prize of the 2019 Society of Animal Artists Scholarship Program. Jurors selected a first place winner but had a three-way-tie for second place. Winners will be announced in September. Tabata Castro from Stevens HS and Sierra Dreamkowski from Jay HS are in the top four. Their campuses will both receive \$1,000 for their art programs.

Awards of Merit will be given to Korina Burciaga, Stevens HS; Priscilla Dominguez, Jay HS; and Kathryn Taylor, Taft HS. There were 67 entries from 13 schools and 57 students.



### Students embrace child abuse awareness campaign

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month, and many NISD campuses participated in the Cardboard Kids Campaign sponsored by ChildSafe, San Antonio's child advocacy center.

To bring awareness to this urgent issue, ChildSafe created the Cardboard Kids Campaign. Cardboard Kids are 2-foot tall cardboard figures shaped like children that represent one of 5,588 confirmed victims of child abuse or neglect in Bexar County last year.

Schools, businesses, and families were encouraged to decorate and display their own Cardboard Kids on "Reveal Day" on April 4. Participants were asked to take a picture and use social media to encourage conversation on how to stop child abuse in our community.

*Pictured are some of the Cardboard Kids created by students at Northwest Crossing ES.*

### NISD salutes our super partners!

More than 300 campus volunteers and business partners were recognized at the District's annual Partnerships Recognitions and Awards celebration held at the



Northside Sports Gym. District-wide winners were selected from among campus winners and were individually recognized at the event by NISD Superintendent Brian Woods and members of the Board of Trustees.

District Partner-of-the-Year winners will now compete at the state level in the Texas Association of Partners in Education (TAPE) awards contest.

The event was held in conjunction with the annual ArtFest, a showcase of student artwork from across the District.

[For a complete list of winners, click here.](#)

Businesses interested in partnerships with Northside ISD can visit the Partnerships Coordinator on a campus, call the NISD Partnerships Office at 397-8599, or [visit the Partnerships website.](#)

[Pictures from the event can be found here.](#)

### **NISD video of the week**

This week's featured video introduces Priscilla Prather, a Family and Consumer Science teacher at Folks MS, who was named Northside's nominee for the Trinity Prize. [Click here to learn more about this outstanding NISD teacher.](#)

### **PERK OF THE WEEK**

#### **Financial security solution**

Financial Education Services is offering NISD employees and their family members \$50 off their membership plan activation fee for credit repair service. The plan offers 12 services designed to restore, build, and protect your financial future. [Take the first step here.](#)

### **GRANT OF THE WEEK**

#### **Crayola's Creative Leadership Grants**

Crayola's Creative Leadership Grants program provides grants for innovative, creative leadership team building within elementary and middle schools. Each grant-winning school (up to 20 grants awarded) receives \$2,500 and Crayola products valued at \$1,000. [Click here for more information on Creative Leadership Grants](#) or contact the Grants and Recognitions Department at 210-397-8562.

#### **Teacher Transfer Request process for 2019-2020**

Current teachers who wish to transfer campuses for the 2019-2020 school year must qualify and complete the Teacher Transfer application. Starting on April 8 through May 3, the application will be available at [nisd.net/jobs](http://nisd.net/jobs).

Teacher Transfer information and qualifications can be found on the Human Resources webpage via [Employee Connection](#).



#### **Villarreal ES**

Villarreal ES held its first ever Autism Awareness Assembly and Walk with teachers, students, staff, and parents coming together to learn about autism and about respecting differences among all students.

Several teachers shared their stories about family members with autism. A video was shown and the Applied Learning Environment (ALE) teacher shared important facts related to this condition. Afterwards, the entire school, led by the ALE class and armed with small bottles of bubbles, walked in honor of those affected with autism blowing bubbles along the way. Bubbles were used, as they are often part of therapies with autistic children.

The event was organized by second grade teacher Maritza Kubaci.



#### **Fisher ES**

Project ACORN at Fisher ES has been recognized by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) as a Certified New Wildlife Habitat Garden. NWF celebrates this effort to create a garden that supports monarch butterflies and other local wildlife. Every garden provides natural sources of food, water, cover, and a place to raise young inhabitants in a native environment that conserves water and doesn't rely on pesticides. *Pictured are members of Project ACORN and teachers Alejandra Esperza and Carmen Martinez.*