

Woods' Kudos

Future scientists excel at competitions

Northside students have excelled at numerous science fair competitions this spring.

Ayumi Vazquez from Rudder MS placed first in Biochemistry at the Texas State Science and Engineering Fair held in late March. Also, the team of Jacob Avina and Jailene Garcia from Health Careers HS placed third in Biochemistry. Jake Remmert from Jay Science and Engineering Academy placed second in Microbiology.

At the Alamo Regional Science Fair, students from Rudder MS and Jay Science and Engineering Academy garnered three of the four campus level awards; the Alfred G. West Award for school participation and scientific excellence in the Earth & Space, Engineering, and Environmental categories; the Charles McGibbon Award for school participation and excellence in Math & Computers and Physics categories; and the Sister Joseph Marie Armer Award for overall participation and scientific excellence.

Students at both the middle and high school level also participated in the Alamo Junior Academy of Science. [For a complete list of participants and winners, click here.](#)

Squads show spirit at competitions

NISD high school dance, drill, and pep squads have been busy this semester at various dance competitions throughout the state.

[For a list of awards and pictures, click here.](#)



NISD Middle School Choirs present:

“Together We Sing: A Night at the Movies”

**Saturday, May 11, 6:30 p.m.
Northside Sports Gym**

Celebrating its 12th year, Together We Sing is a collaborative performance bringing more than 1,300 middle school choir students from all 20 NISD middle schools together in song and dance. Join this spectacular performance as students perform the theme songs from some of your favorite movies: Ghostbusters, 9 to 5, Frozen, Grease, Stand by Me, and others. The event is free and open to the public.

Expo showcases student work using latest technology tools

Hundreds of students from kindergarten through 12th grade will be proudly showing what they have learned this year through the use of various technology devices and applications at next week's Kelly Smith Career and Engaged Learning Expo.

The Expo is scheduled on Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Northside Sports Gym. Students from more than 115 elementary, middle, and high schools will participate. The event is free and open to the public.

Schools will have tables at the Sports Gym and visitors will watch technology demonstrations, robotics demonstrations, and talk to students and teachers in an interactive and informal setting. Some programs will showcase their work outside the Sports Gym due to space constraints.

Among the topics showcased this year are mobile devices in the classroom, campus camps and clubs, project-based learning, and global learning experiences.

[For additional information, click here.](#)



News from Human Resources

Employees planning to retire before July 1 that want to be recognized in the District's Retirement and Recognition Celebration program must notify the Benefits and Risk Management Office no later than May 1. While all retirement paperwork does not need to be completed by this date, a letter of resignation must be on file for retirement purposes. Contact the Benefits Office at 210-397-8620 for more information.



GRANT OF THE WEEK

Siemens STEM Day Possibility Grant Sweepstakes

Siemens STEM Day is sponsoring a \$10,000 "Possibility Grant" sweepstakes to get the STEM technology and resources you have been dreaming of into Title 1 classrooms. Enter daily to win. Finally have the means to get the resources you need to "fab" your lab with the latest and greatest gadgets and essential technology to get your students on the path to STEM success.

[Click here for more information on the Siemens STEM Day grant](#) or contact the Grants and Recognitions Department at 210-397-8562.

May 2019

- 1-2 Career & Engaged Learning Expo, 6 p.m., Northside Sports Gym
- 4 NEF 5K Run/Walk & Family Wellness Fair, O'Connor HS
- 6-10 Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week
- 6-10 National Teacher Appreciation Week
- 8 National School Nurse Day
- 11 Texas Solar Car Races, 9:30 a.m., Gus Stadium
- 11 Together We Sing "The Movies" MS Choir Event, 6:30 p.m., Northside Sports Gym
- 14 Called Board Meeting, 7 p.m., CO Board Room
- 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day
- 16 Speech Language Pathologist Appreciation Day
- 18 Storyfest, 12-3 p.m., Neff MS
- 18 Electrify Your Strings, 7:30 p.m., Northside Sports Gym
- 19 Electrify Your Strings, 2 p.m., Northside Sports Gym
- 22 Recognition & Retirement Celebration, 5:30 p.m., Brandeis HS
- 27 Memorial Day (schools/offices closed)
- 28 Regular Board Meeting, 7 p.m., CO Board Room

Harlan HS

Students and staff at Harlan HS hosted their first Literacy Night with students from all nine feeder elementary schools invited. Approximately 300 people attended. The evening included arts and crafts, a photo booth, carnival games, and other activities conducted by campus organizations. The Harlan student thespians brought story time to life with a special guest appearance by Batman. At the conclusion of the evening, each elementary school student took home free books donated by Half Price Books.



Pictured is senior Simone Leal helping two younger students.

Warren HS

The art program at Warren HS is the only NISD school to be chosen as one of the Top 50 schools in the Vans Custom Culture Shoe Customization contest. [Click on this link to vote](#) for Warren HS to help them win \$75,000 for their art program. You can vote daily through May 3.



Vans Custom Culture was created to inspire and empower high school students to embrace their creativity through art and design and to bring attention to diminishing arts education budgets. Custom Culture is a national high school customization competition using blank Vans shoes customized around specific themes.

Construction Careers Academy

The 6th annual Construction Careers Academy Tiny Homes Showcase will be held Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The students want you to step back in time when life was a bit simpler with this year's theme of "CCA Homestead." The homes will feature a "micro bunk house" and a main "micro living quarters," as well as student projects such as chicken coops, deer blinds, garden beds, and more. The event will also include vendors, food booths, and games for children. For more information on the showcase visit www.tinyhomesshowcase.com.

PERK OF THE WEEK

Last chance, final act

Fine arts fun doesn't have to end the last day of school. The Majestic Theatre has one last discounted show, "The Play that Goes Wrong," for Northside employees. Check it out June 18 - 23. [Buy tickets here](#) using promo code: TeachOurKids.

THANK YOU!

A great big thank you to all of our secretaries, administrative assistants, receptionists, and all other administrative support professionals as we celebrate Administrative Professionals' Day on April 24.

