

Woods' Kudos



Marshall culinary students "cook up a win"

For the third year in a row, a culinary team from Marshall HS is headed to state competition after a fifth place finish at a recent Texas ProStart competition.

Texas ProStart is an industry-based culinary arts and hospitality program and curriculum. Teams compete in restaurant management or culinary.

The top six teams from the culinary & management category from each regional competition qualify to compete in the Texas State ProStart Invitational. The state finals will be held March 24 at St Philip's College. The winners will represent Texas at the National ProStart Invitational.

At the competition, culinary teams develop a unique menu for a three-course meal, complete with recipes and food costs, and prepare that meal in 60 minutes using two butane burners – with no electricity or running water. They are evaluated on their menu, degree of difficulty, food safety and sanitation, knife skills, cooking procedures, food cost, teamwork, taste, and presentation of their meal.

Culinary team members are Julissa Marques, Tia Hall, Sean Luc Kinble, Fausto Gonzalez, Denver Lopez, and Trinity Garcia. Instructor is BJ Salter.

Students can earn scholarships to continue their post-secondary education.

Northside and United Way are the Heart of the Community

Valentine's Day may have been last week, but you can still give from your heart to the United Way through the District's annual campaign.

The campaign kicked off Feb. 7, a few months later than its usual date, as a result of Hurricane Harvey and the outpouring of support to our friends and neighbors along the Gulf Coast. Last year, Northside employees raised more than \$190,000 for United Way agencies across Bexar County.



United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County

The new date caused some changes in the payroll deduction schedule. The minimum donation for payroll deduction is \$7 for monthly employees over five months for a total of \$35 during the months of May – September. The minimum for bi-weekly employees is \$5 for six pay periods during the months of May – July. The deadline to donate is March 6. The easiest way to donate is through the payroll deduction **form**.

Kuentz ES goes for the gold in Winter Olympics

The Winter Olympics are currently underway in PyeongChang, South Korea but a little closer to home are the Kuentz ES Olympic Games! During PE classes, students have been going for the gold and competing in events like curling, biathlon, snowboarding, and more.

They also learned how Olympic athletes train, stay hydrated, and eat healthy. PE teachers are Laura Sowers-Decker and Jeff Dillahunty.

Pictured in a team skiing challenge are 5th graders Mirandah Trueba, Eva Capriatti, Rebecca Buchhorn, and Francheska Zwiener.



Campus Roundup

Northwest Crossing ES

Kindergarten students in Shannon Acap's classroom at Northwest Crossing ES celebrated the Chinese New Year by making scrolls and dragons. The Chinese New Year, also called Spring Festival, was celebrated Feb.



16. Students received red envelopes and gold coins which symbolize good luck.



Steubing ES

During Random Acts of Kindness Week, the Steubing ES Student Council served up a kind gesture for their hard-working cafeteria staff. In a role reversal, the students made the staff a salad lunch to show their appreciation. They even set the table, pulled out chairs, and cleaned up after the meal. Other grade levels presented the cafeteria staff with sweet treats throughout the week.

Pictured are cafeteria staff Noor Hassan, Rosario Velasquez, Manager Stephanie Roper, Norma Reyna, and Diana Aquayo. Student Council members are Victoria Afnani, Kathleen Pauley, Hannah Pauley, Kaitlyn Reyes, Zain Taqi, and Zane Webb. Counselor is Alicia Flores.

Leon Valley ES

The NFL is always in season when it stands for Night of Family Learning! Leon Valley ES recently hosted their annual STEM night with learning & games for the entire family. Over 300 parents and students turned out to celebrate math and science through games and fun activities. Lakeshore Learning Store, CPS Energy, and Alamo Colleges were also on hand to provide valuable resources and teachable moments. Students enjoyed traveling to the solar system in the planetarium, playing math games, and conducting science experiments. The event was organized by Math Specialist Ernesto Macias and Science Specialist Veronica Booth. Touchdown!



Pictured is second grader Shawday Quintanilla.

Communications Arts HS

Communications Arts HS sophomore Ciara Casarez received the High School Honorable Mention award at the 37th Annual Tejano Conjunto Festival Poster Contest sponsored by the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center. Her poster was selected from 101 submissions reviewed by local professional artists, art instructors, and arts administrators. She was recognized at a press conference and received a \$50 prize.



We're getting up close and scientific at Sul Ross MS in this week's "This Is Northside." Our high school athletes are speaking 2 Words and building character with a special guest speaker. And finally, we'll introduce you to some budding journalists. We'll show you where you can "read all about it."

[Click here to watch.](#)



Grant of the Week

Oriental Trading Company Grant

Oriental Trading Company supports organizations and programs in the following areas: Education, Youth, Healthcare, and Human Services. In particular, organizations and programs that serve to improve the lives of children and youth, with an emphasis on education and youth programs or which are dedicated to improving or providing healthcare and human services. Applicants can submit a request for donations for upcoming events. For more information, contact the Grants Department at 210-397-8562.

PERK OF THE WEEK

Get a winning smile

Bandera Orthodontics offers state-of-the-art orthodontics and more. NISD employees with a valid employee ID can receive \$500 off a full orthodontic treatment. [Click here](#) for office location and to schedule an appointment.