History students advance to state competition

Twenty-six NISD students qualified for state history fair competition after success at the regional level. They represent five high schools and one middle school.

This year’s theme is “Triumph and Tragedy in History” and advancing projects include papers, documentaries, performances, websites, and exhibits.

Texas History Day state contest is Saturday, April 27 at the University of Texas at Austin and Bullock Texas State History Museum. The first and second place winners at the state contest will advance to the National History Day competition this summer.

Click here for the winners.

Middle school teacher named among best in state

Jodi Ramos, an English/Language Arts teacher at Stevenson MS, is a finalist for the prestigious H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards, recognizing her as one of the best educators in Texas.

The surprise announcement was made Tuesday morning by Superintendent Brian Woods, Principal Julie Schweers, H-E-Buddy, and H-E-B representatives.

As a finalist in the “Lifetime Achievement” category for secondary teachers, which honors teachers with more than 20 years of experience, Ramos was presented with a $1,000 check for herself and $1,000 for her campus.

Ramos is among 40 finalists in the state. Nominations were submitted earlier this year by H-E-B customers, employees, and community members and a team of judges narrowed the field to the finalists. She will now travel to Austin in May to be interviewed by a panel of judges before the grand prize winners are announced. If she is named the winner, she receives an additional $25,000 check for herself and a $25,000 grant for her school.

The H-E-B Excellence in Education program was launched in 2002 in cooperation with Texas Association of School Administrators to honor outstanding educators.

Take command and support local public school districts

Fill the Alamodome for Go Public Night at the San Antonio Commanders vs. Salt Lake Stallions football game this Saturday, March 23. Area educators, their families, and friends will get to see Texas Superintendent of the Year Dr. Brian Woods do the coin toss to start the game.

Students wearing their school t-shirts to the game will participate in the Go Public pregame parade on the field. Be sure to check-in at 6 p.m. at the table outside Section 101.

The game is at 7 p.m. at the Alamodome. Purchase buy one, get one free tickets here.

Raba student wins Fiesta art contest

A fifth grade student from Raba ES is the grand prize winner in the 2019 Texas Cavaliers River Parade Art Contest.

Brooke Baker is one of five NISD elementary student finalists. A total of 11 finalists from across the city were selected.

Other NISD finalists were Mia Andrade, Valley Hi ES; Lillian Gonzales, Braun Station ES; Randihima Wians, Steubing ES; and Kaylee Abing, Cole ES.

Each finalist received $3,000 for their school’s art program and a one-week summer scholarship to the Southwest School of Art. Each runner up received $1,000 for their school’s art program. NISD had four runner-up winners also.

As grand prize winner, Baker received a total of $5,000 for her school’s art program and a summer art program scholarship. Her artwork will also be featured on the river parade’s program and she will ride on the Grand Marshal’s float in the 2019 Texas Cavaliers River Parade on April 22. She also receives one year of free Whataburger.

For other NISD winners and additional details, click here. Pictured with Baker are her parents and art teacher Katrina Gonzalez.
Local heroes inspire thousands of children

More than 51,000 elementary students from across Northside ISD and thousands more from across the city of San Antonio were inspired by local heroes during “Heroes for Health Day,” a collaborative effort across the county to stress the importance of health and fitness for children.

Heroes came in all sizes from high school students and NISD staff members to men and women from local fire and police departments and the military. The event was organized by the Bexar County School Boards Coalition and the “Go Public” campaign.

All 79 NISD elementary schools participated. Pictured is a sampling of activities:

**Blattman ES**

NISD Executive Director of Athletics Stan Laing and Shavano Park Firefigher/EMT Bendele exercised alongside the Blattman Bear and Clark HS Cheerleaders showing the students at Blattman that exercise and good eating habits go hand-in-hand for healthy living.

**Mead ES**

Members of the San Antonio Police Department, Fire Department, and military took on an obstacle course with students at Mead ES as part of their Heroes for Health showcase. The victors in the race were the students but the message of the day was that they were all winners when living a healthy lifestyle.

**Scobee ES and O’Connor HS**

Cadets with the O’Connor HS AFJROTC demonstrated the benefits of exercise to their younger counterparts at Scobee ES during an assembly in the gym for Heroes for Health.

**Mireles ES**

Even a canine hero was front and center at Mireles ES during the school’s Heroes for Health activities. Pictured are members of the San Antonio Police Department, Drug Enforcement Agency, campus patrol, and staff.