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Woods' Kudos Partnership brings world into focus

Ag team wins state



Three students in the O'Connor HS Ag program are riding high with a win at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo State FFA Tractor Technician Competition.

The trio brought home the state title in their first year competing in the contest. The winning team includes Austin Clay, Noah Haycraft, and Jared Taylor.

The final competition included a written exam and evaluation of tractor components. They were given two minutes to review a service work order, and 25 minutes to complete the task.

Pictured are (from l-r, front row) Austin Clay, Noah Haycraft, and Jared Taylor; and (back row) FFA and Houston Stock Show Officials, with O'Connor HS FFA Advisor Michael Tondre on far right.

Benke earns special designation

Jennifer Benke, Director of Budget, has earned the designation of Registered Texas School Business Administrator (RTSBA) from the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO). The certification is earned through a combination of specified coursework, school business experience, and training in the area of specialization.

The world is a bit more in focus for some elementary and middle school students thanks to a long-standing partnership.

For the past four years, the Rosenberg School of Optometry at the University of Incarnate Word and Essilor Foundation have partnered with NISD to provide more than 2,000 free eye exams and eye glasses for NISD students.



This year alone, the two organizations provided ten days of eye examinations outfitting 640 students with eye glasses.

Pictured with their new eyewear are students from Adams Hill ES (from l-r, front row) E'Leiza Davis, Analyse Cantu, Max Dandoval, and Yasmin Cooper; (middle row) Drisin Vera, Marcelino Aguirre, and Liani Alcindor; and (back row) Xiomara Rodriguez, Eteban Buenfil, and Thomas Martinez.

Meet the 2015 Pillar of Citizenship



Anyone who knows William Raba knows that he is not afraid to roll up his sleeves and get the job done right the first time. He attributes his drive and desire to make the world better to his parents, Dr. Carl F. Raba, Jr. and Bunny Jean Raba, and Northside ISD.

As the president of Raba Kistner, Raba gives 100 percent to his company, but he also gives 100 percent back to his community through a variety of philanthropic endeavors.

During his years as a baseball player at Marshall HS, Raba learned the value of being part of something bigger than himself, ironically during a ceremony where he was receiving an award. He said it just clicked that his baseball recognition was about his team and not just himself.

A proud graduate of Texas A&M University where he received a degree in construction science, he continues to support the University through various fundraising efforts. In fact, he participated in bringing Texas A&M to San Antonio and Raba Kistner managed the renovation of the \$480 million Kyle Field football stadium.

Raba has been married to Merry Raba for more than 30 years. They have two children who attended Northside schools and Texas A&M University.

[Click here](#) to learn more about this Pillar of Citizenship.

In this and previous issues of INW, you met this year's Pillars of Character, each a successful Northside HS graduate with a story to tell. [Click here](#) to learn more about nominating a Pillar. Deadline is May 1.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April 2016

School Library Month

- 4-8** Kinder Roundup at all elementary schools
- 4-8** NISD Bus Driver & Assistant Appreciation Week
- 7** Career and Technology Education (CATE) Showcase and Fashion Show, 7 p.m., Holmes HS
- 10-16** National Library Week
- 10-16** National Volunteer Week
- 11** NEF Spring Golf Tournament, 9:30 a.m., Oak Hills Country Club
- 12** School Librarian Appreciation Day
- 12** Called Board Meeting, 7 p.m., CO Board Room
- 22** Battle of Flowers (schools/offices closed)
- 25-29** Special Olympics, 10 a.m., Gustafson Stadium
- 26** NISD Retiree Luncheon, 11 a.m., NAC
- 26** Regular Board meeting, 7 p.m., CO Board Room
- 27** Administrative Professionals Day
- 27** Partnerships Awards and Recognitions, 5:30 p.m., Paul Taylor Field House
- 29-30** ArtFest, Paul Taylor Field House
- 30** Solar Car Races, 9 a.m., Gustafson Stadium

Campus Roundup

McDermott ES

It is a period of educational war and testing. Students at McDermott ES are using their test-taking strategies to conquer the STAAR test. During a recent battle, Principal Belinda Trevino managed to steal secret plans to the empire's ultimate weapon, the "Death STAAR Test." The "Rebel" McDermott teachers have given students the skills needed to defeat the test, and have prepared for battle by attending the STAAR security training promising to ensure a secure testing environment and guard the testing materials.



Pictured are (from l-r, front row) Jenny Collins, Vanessa Rodriguez, Jaime Garcia, Dinorah Hernandez, and Alicia Garcia; and (back row) Kimberly Bell, Natasha Rangel, Aracely Corpus, Shirley Stewart, Veronika Velasquez, Daniella DiFuccia, Joseph Hernandez, and Scott Hennon.

Mead ES



Menchaca, Raquel Reza, Elizabeth Puente, Adrienne Cervantez, Ala'a Al-hamaydeh, Gloria Sanchez, and Yvonne Perez.

Teachers and staff members at Mead ES celebrated World Down Syndrome Awareness Day by wearing silly socks and special shirts. The date for WSD is the 21st day of the third month, symbolizing the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome which causes Down Syndrome.

Pictured are (from l-r) Eva Coultres, Jovaana

Glenn ES

Second and third grade students at Glenn ES were treated to special visitors as part of the schools "Reading with a Star" program. Rey Feo LXVIII Darren Casey talked to the students about "It Takes Grit to Be Great," the importance of going to school, and asked about college aspirations. Each student received a wristband to wear during Fiesta. *Pictured with Rey Feo and his court is Vice Principal Kristi Bolstad (center.)*



Krueger ES



Staff and students at Krueger ES dressed as their favorite story book characters, and held a school-wide parade. School namesake Dean Krueger served as parade marshal. Kindergarten and Pre-K teachers chose "Pete the Cat" as their book of choice and dressed the part. *Pictured are (from l-r) Sheree Riggs, Ashlee Madson, Cristin Baldwin, Jessica Weiland, Leslie Matus, Luanna Gracia, Melissa Garcia, and Sara Martin.*



YouTube Feature

Gifted and Talented students and Student Council members at Michael ES are providing care packages to foster children as a service project. The students made blankets and created care kits filled with hygiene products and fun activity items. The students hope this caring gesture will ease what could be a difficult transition and difficult situation in the lives of these young children. [Click here](#) to learn more.

PERK OF THE WEEK

Discounted Kenny Chesney concert tickets

Country music superstar Kenny Chesney's "Spread the Love" concert tour is coming to Texas! See him at the AT&T Stadium in Dallas on Saturday, June 4. Now through April 6, \$35 tickets are on sale for \$20 (plus fees). [Click here](#) to buy tickets using the password Love.