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Woods' Kudos

Young artist wins "Veg Out" contest



Nevaeh Wallace, a 5th grade student at Glenn ES, won a bike and helmet for her winning poster in the Mayor's Fitness Council "Veg Out SA!" art contest. The purpose of the city-wide contest was to promote healthy living and encourage students to eat more fruits and vegetables every day. She was one of 12 finalists, out of more than 26,500 art entries. Tami Griffin, campus counselor, assisted with the entry.

Teacher's article highlights Reddix dancers



Tiffany Burrell, a dance teacher at Stevens HS, wrote an article about her experience working with students from the Reddix Center. This heartfelt article can be found in the March/April edition of the Texas School Business Magazine. [Click here](#) to read it on page 33.

NISD schools help assemble record-breaking, mammoth periodic table

More than 100 schools city-wide participated in an attempt to break the record for the world's largest periodic table. Each element was assembled and unveiled on the football field at Gus Stadium.

Graduate students from the UT Health Science Center (UTHSC) worked with more than 100 K-12 schools from across San Antonio to create 12 by 15 feet size tarps of all 118 periodic elements. When assembled, the entire periodic table measured more than 22,000 square feet in size.

The project was part of San Antonio Science Fiesta, sponsored by the graduate school of Biomedical Sciences at UTHSC.

NISD schools participating were Krueger, May, Rhodes, and Steubing elementary schools; Bernal, Briscoe, Folks, Hector Garcia, Hobby, Jefferson, Jones, Pease, Rawlinson (two classes), Rayburn (two classes), Ross, Rudder, Stinson, and Zachry middle schools; Brandeis, Brennan, Clark, Communications Arts, Holmes, Jay, Marshall, O'Connor, Stevens, Taft, and Warren high schools; and Northside Alternative High School.



Pictured is the element for Strontium created by Ross MS students and Science teacher April Rodriguez.



The record-breaking, mammoth periodic table.

NISD honors "simply the best" teachers!



As elementary and secondary campus educators of the year walked into the Brennan HS auditorium to Tina Turner's "Simply the Best" blaring, they were given the red-carpet treatment with whirling spotlights, cheering family members, and co-workers holding signs and banners.

The event was the annual Educators of the Year Celebration, which honors campus educators of the year, and surprises the District-level winners. The First-Year and Veteran Elementary Educators of the Year, and Northside's nominee for the 2016 Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching were recognized on March 1, and the First-Year and Veteran Secondary Educators of the Year were honored on March 2.

At each event, student entertainment was provided to honor and recognize teachers. For the elementary celebration, the Brennan HS "Bear Facts" performed; and at the secondary event, the choir from Krueger ES performed.

[Click here](#) for the list of District winners; and for the list of campus educators of the year, [click here](#).

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Art students sweep Cavaliers Art Contest



NISD elementary students were winners and stars during the press conference announcing the winners of the 2016 Texas Cavaliers River Parade Art Contest. NISD students earned a total of \$19,000 for their school's art programs.

When her name was called as the grand prize winner, Natalie Tan, a fifth grader at Locke Hill ES, had a look of shock and surprise on her face.

"We were all so surprised and happy," said Principal Cathy Cowan. "She is an amazing young artist and we are so 'Northside Proud' of her."

Three other NISD elementary students were named finalists in the competition. They were Giselle Rodriguez Chavez, Adams Hill ES; Emily Sanchez, Lewis ES; and Julian Breyman, Helotes ES. Each finalist received \$3,000 for their school's art program and a one-week summer scholarship to the Southwest School of Art.

As grand prize winner, Tan received a total of \$5,000 for her school's art program, a summer art program scholarship, and a year of free Whataburgers. Her artwork will be featured on the river parade's program and she will ride on the Grand Marshal's float in the 2016 Texas Cavaliers River Parade on April 18.

Pictured with her winning artwork is Tan and her art teacher, Carolyn Berry. For additional information, click here.

Students read across Northside, Seuss-style

In the words of Dr. Seuss, "The more that you read, the more things you will know; the more that you learn, the more places you will go!"

Students across Northside participated in Read Across America (RAD), an event that takes place annually honoring Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2.

"This day is about developing a love of reading, and our teachers do it every day," says Dr. Linda Mora, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. "This special day is a fun way to show students that reading is exciting and can take them to all kinds of magical places."

Here are a few examples of what schools did to "Read Across Northside."

Northwest Crossing ES

Book characters came off the pages at Northwest Crossing ES. "Celebrities" included Waldo, Viola Swamp, Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly, Mouse (If You Give a Mouse a Cookie), and Pete the Cat. *Pictured are (from l-r) kindergarten teachers Britney Bone, Shannon Acap, Rebecca Salinas, Raeanna Flores, and Abigail Ruiz.*



Myers ES



Dr. Seuss was on the loose at Myers ES. Students and staff participated in daily activities centered on Theodore Geisel's (Dr. Seuss) books. The highlight of the week-long celebration was a campus parade showcasing many of the characters from the books that students and staff have come to love. *Pictured are a few "things" that popped into the celebration, (from l-r) Mary Saenz, Reading Specialist; Rachel*

Olivarri, 4th grade teacher; Sandy Anderson, Reading Specialist; Marlene Rodriguez, 4th grade teacher; and Katy Stout, GT Specialist.

Michael ES

Third grade teachers at Michael ES dressed up as the fish from Dr. Seuss's "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" to celebrate the beloved author's birthday. Students loved learning from their teacher-fish as they celebrated the joy of reading. *Pictured are (from l-r) Samantha Redinger, Amanda Middleton, Chelsea Brooks, Melissa Ramon, and Lindsey Henderson as they entered "Michaelville."*



PERK OF THE WEEK
Head to Devine for a Spring EGGstravaganza
 Drive out to the country March 12-13 and March 19-20 for Devine Acres Farm's Spring EGGstravaganza. Enjoy traditional farm activities, egg hunts, bubble wand buckets, music, storytelling, hayrides, catch-n-release fishing, great food, and an Easter Bunny for photos. [Click here](#) to hunt for more details.

NISDtv YouTube Feature
 Real life heroes visited 300 San Antonio area schools, including all of Northside's elementary schools for "Heroes for Health" rallies. Law enforcement officers, fire fighters, first responders, military personnel, and community leaders talking to children about the importance of staying fit and eating healthy. San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor was one of many speakers at Carson ES. "Heroes for Health" is a public school initiative created by the Bexar County School Boards Coalition and Go Public campaign. [Click here](#) to watch what happened at this fun event.