Woods’ Kudos

Students advance to national history fair

Eight Northside students qualified for national history fair competition after success at the state level. They represent three high schools and one middle school.

This year’s theme is “Taking a Stand in History” and advancing projects include a paper, documentary, performance, and website.

Those advancing are Yen-Wen Gaines, Thao-Nhi Tran, and Cristan Gomez, Rudder MS; Linda Liu, Health Careers HS; Kumaran Arulmani, Tuan Pham, and Matthew Perz, Brandeis HS; and Jorge Martinez, Jay Science and Engineering Academy.

National History Day competition is June 11-15 at the University of Maryland.

Help pass the torch to new teachers

As we bid farewell to Northside teachers retiring this year, we welcome a new crew of first year teachers this summer. At the August Elementary New Teacher Academy, the Northside Education Foundation (NEF) will host a free teacher school supply pick ‘n’ pull program called “Passing the Torch.” NEF is now collecting relevant, personally-owned instructional supplies and materials from retiring teachers, or any teacher that would like to donate. Click here for more information.

CCA in middle of tiny home movement

For the third year in a row, Construction Careers Academy (CCA) is a part of the tiny home movement sweeping the nation. Their annual Parade of Homes Showcase, scheduled for Saturday, May 20, will feature homes that are 160 to 224 square feet of compact living.

The homes will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They come complete with a sleeping area, bathroom, loft, kitchen, living area, and an outdoor living space. The homes are designed and constructed by a team of student engineers, architects, construction managers, electricians, plumbers, and carpenters in the CCA program.

Scheduled to speak throughout the day are HGTV’s Zach Griffin from Tiny Home Nation, Mayor Ivy R. Taylor, and a number of speakers in the tiny home industry. For additional information and to view pictures of the homes, which are said to be designed with an “international flair,” click here.

The construction of the homes and Parade of Homes Showcase serve as a culmination of all the seniors have learned during their four years at CCA.

The homes will be auctioned to the general public beginning at 1 p.m. Homes can be viewed by interested bidders from May 15-19 by appointment only. The event is free and open to the public.

NEF puts the “fun” in fundraiser

There was running, walking, cheering, dancing, jumping, laughing, high-fiving, and sweating at the Northside Education Foundation (NEF) 5K Walk Run held this past weekend at SeaWorld as thousands of people came out in support of the annual fundraiser.

An estimated 3,500 runners and walkers participated in the event, sponsored by CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System. In addition to a scenic and brisk run or walk through the park, participants were able to visit with dozens of different vendors. In addition, children under the age of ten participated in the free Kids Fun Run.

The 5K top male and female winners both represented Boone ES. Fifteen-year-old Kruz Malesich, a freshman at Brandeis HS, was first across the finish line with a time of 16:42. His mother, Lisa Malesich, nurse at Boone ES, was close behind with a time of 18:39.

The campus with the largest team was Jordan MS with 140 registrants; and the largest non-campus team was Northside Learning Center with 118 registrants. For the second year in a row, Oak Hills Terrace ES won the spirit award.

A popular activity was the Mascot Superhero Strut/ Pose contest, where mascots from various campuses showed their best “superhero and Northside Strong” moves. The winning mascot was the Linton Longhorn. Pictured are (from l-r) the Mary Hull Roadrunner, the Ott Trailblazer and baby Trailblazer, the Linton Longhorn, Apple Junior, the Carnahan Cardinal, Apple Annie, and Apple Eddie.
Linton ES

Staff and students at Linton ES celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week with a different theme each day. The week ended with a celebration of the 1980’s. Teachers, students, and even a few parent volunteers joined in the fun and dressed for the occasion. Pictured are some of the participants.

Fields ES

Artists at Fields ES participated in the 2017 Be Kind to Animals poster contest sponsored by the Helotes Humane Society. Pictured is (front row, center) Aracelie Hinojosa, a fifth grader, who placed first in the competition, and Joaquin Cipriano Noes Villarreal Mendoza, a fourth grader (pictured front row left) who received an honorable mention. Also pictured is Art Teacher Laura Hoffmann, representatives from the Helotes Humane Society, and a couple of four-legged friends. As winners, the pair received certificates and goodie bags, plus got to name the puppies that they are pictured holding and were available for adoption. The winning posters will be featured on the Helotes Humane Society’s website until the end of the year.

Krueger ES

Krueger ES held a Fairy Tale STEM Night featuring grade-level STEM activities, such as “A New Bed for Goldilocks” and “Rapunzel Engineers and Escape.” Other exhibits included the robotics team from O’Connor HS, and the school’s first Cardboard Arcade.

Pictured is Maggie McCall, a second grader, running her booth, “Lion Live Feeding.”

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For that special occasion

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