

## Woods' Kudos



### We have a state winner!

Juliana Garza, a kindergarten student at Scobee

ES, may be small in stature but is a big winner.

She is the state winner of the "Don't Mess with Texas" art competition in the kindergarten category.

Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) and the Texas Department of Transportation received more than 3,400 entries and winners were chosen by a panel of judges. Garza's winning entry will be featured in the 2020 Don't Mess with Texas calendar.

## HCHS student attends camp at Rice

Victor Tejeda, a tenth grade student at Health Careers HS, was among a select group from around the state to attend the prestigious Tapia Say STEM Camp at Rice University. (STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and math.) Aimed toward rising 8th through 12th grade students, the week-long residential experience contains challenging hands-on STEM projects, like building miniature wind turbines out of household items. Students also enhance their communication skills by learning how to simplify complicated STEM ideas via graphic drawings and oral presentations, all while experiencing life on a college campus.



## High School teacher among best in San Antonio

Jaime Frias, a Career and Technical Education (CTE) teacher at Communications Arts HS, was named the 2019-2020 EXCEL Award winner for Northside ISD. The announcement was a surprise

to Frias, who was told to bring her students to a campus wide assembly.

The band played, the cheerleaders danced, and Principal Lisa Baker introduced Sarah Forgany, KENS 5 morning anchor, who explained the real reason they were at the campus.

The EXCEL Award is given to outstanding teachers in San Antonio by KENS 5 TV and Credit Human representatives, who joined the assembly and presented Frias with a silver apple and a \$1,000 check.

Pictured are (from l-r) Lisa Baker, principal of Communications Arts HS; Dr. Brian Woods, superintendent; Jaime Frias, EXCEL Award winner; and Sara Forgany, KENS 5 TV.

[Click here for the complete story.](#) [Click here for pictures from the presentation.](#)



Pictured are 8th grade AVID students in Price's class.

## Threads needs volunteers and donations

The Northside Threads: For Families by Families (aka Threads) clothes closet is looking for volunteers and donations.

Threads is a clothing closet that is housed at the Northside Family Engagement Center. It exists to support Northside families and

provide clothing to students enrolled in NISD schools in an effort to help children be present more days in school and to help them be successful in their studies.

Threads also creates opportunities for students, staff, families, and community members to give back by volunteering and donating.

After hearing about the need for new or gently used jeans, Adriana Price, an AVID teacher at Stevenson MS, told her students about the need. The response was so great, she eventually had to shut down the donation period as within only four days she had collected more than 330 pairs of jeans and pants and had run out of room to store them.

"This donation to Threads is wonderful," says Yolanda Chapman, Family Engagement Coordinator who oversees Threads. "However, we will always need more."

Last year, Threads served almost 900 students. Each left with five new pairs of socks and underwear, and five gently used tops and pants, which equates to thousands of articles of clothing.

To volunteer or learn where to donate, contact Threads at 210-397-8930.

**NISD video of the week**

Teachers and students are seeing double and sometimes even triple at Powell ES. There are seven sets of twins and one set of triplets on campus. [Click here to watch how school is doubly fun for these sets of siblings.](#)

**PERK OF THE WEEK**

**Pamper your pet**

PetSuites San Antonio Airport is offering all NISD employees 10% off all services. From doggy daycare, pet boarding for both cats and dogs, and grooming services, all four-legged friends will have a 'paw'some experience. Use promotion code: PSTeacher10%Discount.

**Enrollment Fairs slated**

Despite the outside temperature, fall is around the corner and so is the annual enrollment period for insurance. Annual Enrollment will run from Oct. 7 to Oct. 25. Below is a schedule of enrollment fairs available to employees with questions. Flu shots will also be available at each fair.

| Date    | Location      | Time             |
|---------|---------------|------------------|
| Oct. 7  | Jay HS        | 12 - 6 p.m.      |
| Oct. 8  | Stevens HS    | 12 - 6 p.m.      |
| Oct. 9  | Warren HS     | 12 - 6 p.m.      |
| Oct. 10 | Harlan HS     | 12 - 6 p.m.      |
| Oct. 14 | NAC           | 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. |
| Oct. 15 | NAC           | 12 - 6 p.m.      |
| Oct. 16 | Brandeis HS   | 12 - 6 p.m.      |
| Oct. 17 | O'Connor HS   | 12 - 6 p.m.      |
| Oct. 21 | Testing Annex | 12 - 6 p.m.      |
| Oct. 22 | Testing Annex | 12 - 6 p.m.      |
| Oct. 23 | Testing Annex | 12 - 6 p.m.      |
| Oct. 24 | Testing Annex | 12 - 6 p.m.      |

**Around The DISTRICT**



**Rudder MS**

It was Chromebook distribution day at Rudder MS with sixth graders receiving them for the first time. Last September, more than 900 students were given Chromebook computers to use during the school day and to take home to continue their learning. The Chromebooks were funded by a Texas Education Agency Technology Lending Grant. The purpose of the grant is to fund technology devices for equitable student access to instructional materials off campus. Pictured are (from l-r) Allison Ramirez-Ramirez, Jacqueline Duarte-San Miguel, and Stephanie Puebla.



**Burke ES**

Students and staff at Burke ES celebrated International Dot Day by practicing their letters and creating dot art.

Dot Day was inspired by Peter H. Reynolds' book *The Dot*, a story of a caring teacher who dares a doubting student to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to "make her mark." What begins with a small dot on a piece of paper becomes a breakthrough in confidence and courage.

Pictured making her own mark is Pre-Kindergarten student Kynleigh Marsh.

**GRANT OF THE WEEK**

**H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards**

H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards are designed to honor outstanding public school professionals and to thank them for their dedication and commitment. Through this program, H-E-B seeks to pay tribute to those educators who go the extra mile each and every day to serve their students and their communities and who inspire others to do the same. [Click here for more information on the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards](#) or contact the Grants and Recognitions Department at 210-397-8562.

