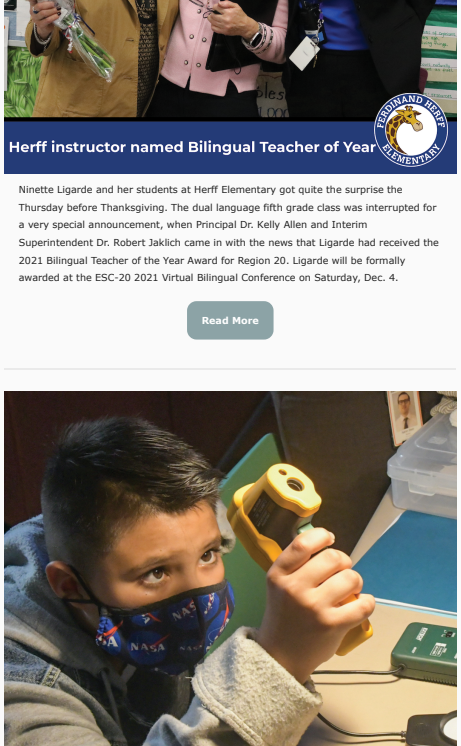
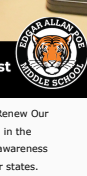


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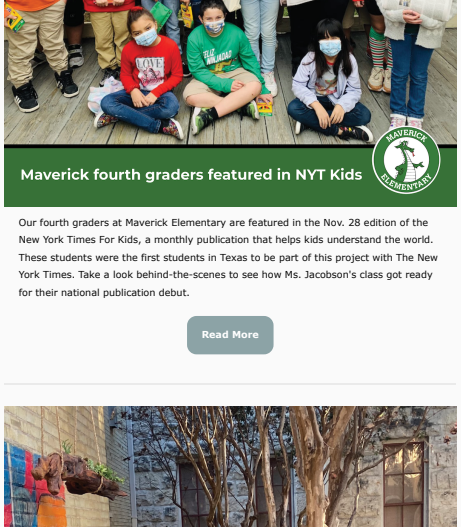


Herff instructor named Bilingual Teacher of Year



Ninette Ligarde and her students at Herff Elementary got quite the surprise the Thursday before Thanksgiving. The dual language fifth grade class was interrupted for a very special announcement. When Principal Dr. Kelly Allen and Interim Superintendent Dr. Robert Jaklich came in with the news that Ligarde had received the 2021 Bilingual Teacher of the Year Award for Region 20. Ligarde will be formally awarded at the ESC-20 2021 Virtual Bilingual Conference on Saturday, Dec. 4.

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Poe wins national Renew Our Schools contest

They won! Poe Middle School was named the winner of the Fall 2021 Renew Our Schools competition. They were the only school in Texas to participate in the competition, where they earned points for actual energy savings and awareness activities. They were competing against three other schools from other states.

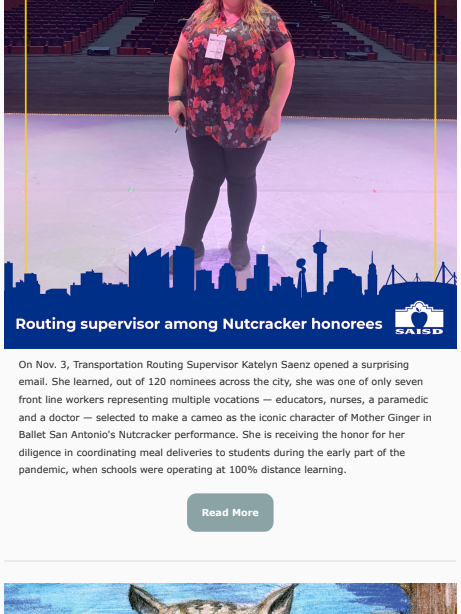
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Maverick fourth graders featured in NYT Kids

Our fourth graders at Maverick Elementary are featured in the Nov. 28 edition of the New York Times For Kids, a monthly publication that helps kids understand the world. These students were the first students in Texas to be part of this project with The New York Times. Take a look behind-the-scenes to see how Ms. Jacobson's class got ready for their national publication debut.

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Cooper Academy building an Urban Zen Garden

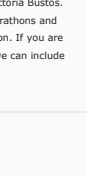
A team of teachers is leading a project to bring an Urban Zen Garden to the Cooper Academy courtyard, which is surrounded by three century-old buildings on campus. The garden will contain a traditional Japanese Zen Garden and fountain, along with spaces for interaction as well as reflection.

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NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

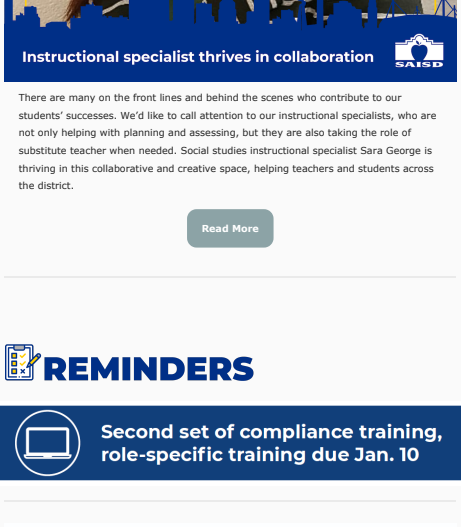


Spanish Spelling Bee winners qualify for region



Forty-six campuses from across the district met at Hawthorne Academy before Thanksgiving to compete in the district's annual Spanish Spelling Bee competition for a chance to move on to regional competition on Feb. 2, 2022 at the ESC-Region 20 headquarters. In each category — elementary, middle and high school — the top five students were honored, with the top in each category qualifying for the regional event.

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Routing supervisor among Nutcracker honorees



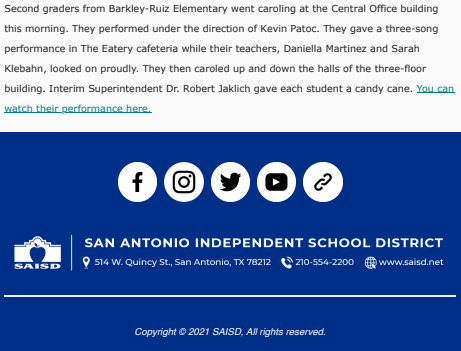
On Nov. 3, Transportation Routing Supervisor Katelyn Saenz opened a surprising email. She learned, out of 120 nominees across the city, she was one of only seven front line workers representing multiple vocations — educators, nurses, a paramedic and a doctor — selected to make a cameo as the iconic character of Mother Ginger in Ballet San Antonio's Nutcracker performance. She is receiving the honor for her diligence in coordinating meal deliveries to students during the early part of the pandemic, when schools were operating at 100% distance learning.

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Winning winter cards available for purchase

Every year San Antonio ISD students in grades Pre-K through 12 enter the Winter Card Contest for the chance to win cash prizes and art supplies, and to have their design featured in SAISD's Winter Card set! This year, the theme was Animals in Winter, and this topic allowed for cross-curricular collaboration as students learned about animal habitats, hibernation, and adaptations to the cold weather. They also learned about art materials and techniques. Shown above is the winning entry for Division II: Elementary, 3-5, submitted by fourth grader Miah Rodriguez from Beacon Hill Academy, learning with art teacher Robin Rea. The work of 17 talented students from 13 different schools was honored. You can order an assortment of these cards to spread the cheer this winter. [To see all the winners and ordering details, click here.](#) Stop by Printing Services — on the first floor of Central Office — to place or pick-up your order. Deadline to order is Monday, Dec. 13.

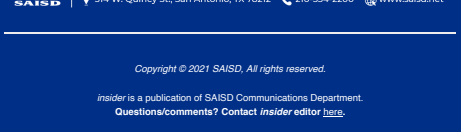


Who is running the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon?



The San Antonio Rock 'n' Roll Marathon is Sunday Dec. 5. Who will be there? Running is a fantastic form of exercise that supports your physical and mental wellness. Several members of our counseling staff are running, including Douglass Elementary Counselor Natalie Flores, Young Women's Leadership Academy Counselor Jessica Cavazos, and even Executive Director of Student and Academic Support Services Victoria Bustos. Between the three of them, they have amassed more than 60 half marathons and several full marathons as well. Pictured above is Flores' medal collection. If you are planning to run in the full or half marathon, email the editor [here](#) so we can include you in our coverage after the event.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Instructional specialist thrives in collaboration

There are many on the front lines and behind the scenes who contribute to our students' successes. We'd like to call attention to our instructional specialists, who are not only helping with planning and assessing, but they are also taking the role of substitute teacher when needed. Social studies instructional specialist Sara George is thriving in this collaborative and creative space, helping teachers and students across the district.

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REMINDERS

Second set of compliance training, role-specific training due Jan. 10

SLEEVES UP TO HELP END THE PANDEMIC

Upcoming vaccination and booster clinics
For staff, families and students ages 5 and up

It's Fast, Free and Easy!

For more information and to register please visit saisd.net/vaccines

San Antonio ISD is continuing to offer vaccination opportunities for staff, families, and its students. We are constantly updating our vaccines page as clinics with various community partners are scheduled. Check out the page to find out the latest schedule and to register for a vaccine.

[Vaccine Clinics](#)

Cybersecurity training due Dec. 15
(see email from SAISD CYBERSECURITY TRAINING on Oct. 15 for your unique link to the KnowBe4 site)

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

[Click to read Dr. Jaklich's most recent letter](#)

CLOSING SHOTS

Second graders from Barkley-Ruiz Elementary went caroling at the Central Office building this morning. They performed under the direction of Kevin Patoc. They gave a three-song performance in The Eatery cafeteria while their teachers, Daniela Martinez and Sarah Klebahn, looked on proudly. They then caroled up and down the halls of the three-floor building. Interim Superintendent Dr. Robert Jaklich gave each student a candy cane. [You can watch their performance here.](#)

