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SAISD launching first P-TECH program in city

On Monday, San Antonio ISD announced it will debut the first Pathways in Technology Early College High School, known as P-TECH, in San Antonio. Cyber P-TECH at Sam Houston High School will have a focus on preparing students with the skills, credentials and an industry-specific associate degree necessary for high-wage, high-demand careers in cybersecurity.

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Leadership Officer Training Corps program expanding

Earlier this week, the nation celebrated Veterans Day, acknowledging the men and women who served in our armed forces. Some of these veterans may have been a part of their alma mater's Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program or Junior ROTC (JROTC) program. And now through SAISD's expanding Leadership Officer Training Corps (LOTC) program, additional middle schools are offering the elective course that focuses on leadership and character-building, both of which are useful in the military, college, and in life in general.

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Honoring our service members

Schools across SAISD celebrated Veterans Day in a variety of ways. Jefferson High School JROTC students *(top and left below)* held a ceremony at the school's flagpole as well as participated in the Brooke Army Medical Center 3rd Annual Veterans Day Ceremony. Highland Park Elementary *(right below)* honored veterans with a presentation of colors from Brackenridge High School's JROTC and Honor Guard. Mission Academy students and staff *(bottom)* honored local military veterans for their patriotism, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for their country during a ceremony at the school.

Students integral in District menu development

Delicious scents filled the air last week at Cooper Academy as the

SAISD Child Nutrition Services held the department's fourth annual Food Extravaganza. From hatch chili cheese tamales to tender baked chicken drumsticks to whole grain beef and cheese burritos, students from elementary, middle and high schools had a chance to savor the flavors of the newest products on the school menu market, while giving their opinions on what dishes should be served at SAISD in the 2019-2020 school year.

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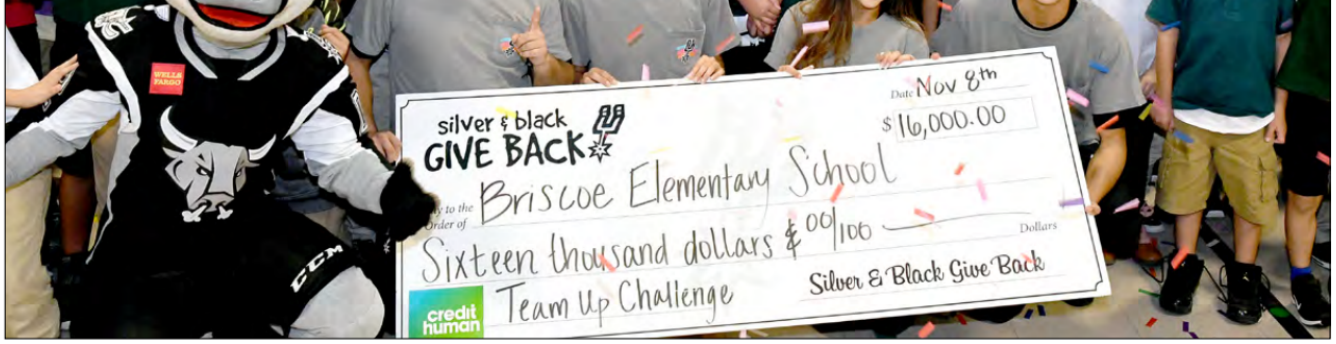

Silver and Black Give Back to two SAISD schools

Briscoe Elementary and the Advanced Learning Academy at Euclid have been awarded substantial grants for projects that will benefit their schools. Silver and Black Give Back, the philanthropic arm of Spurs Sports and Entertainment, and the Team Up Challenge, awarded Julian Martinez, a fifth-grader at Briscoe, $16,000 to start a food pantry on his campus. ALA received $11,000 to give its third-graders the opportunity to write, create and produce puppet shows, which they will perform at other elementary schools in the District.

Spanish Spelling Bee champions

1st Place
Cesia Martinez, fifth grade Washington ES

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This week, students of all age levels competed in Spanish Spelling Bees across the District. "This is a great opportunity for our students to show their abilities, improve their academic language, and learn about healthy competition while boosting their confidence and demonstrating pride in their Spanish language skills," said Martha Vasquez, World Languages coordinator. Below is the list of winners. Congratulations to all participants!

Elementary School Level

1st - Cesia Martinez, fifth grade Washington ES
2nd - Marcos Montalvo, fifth grade Herff Academy
3rd - Karen Ramirez, fifth grade Graebner ES
4th- Ashley Saldivar, fourth grade Smith ES
5th- Dorian Bermudez, fifth grade Arnold ES

Middle School/Academy Level

1st - Paola Jauregui, Young Women's Leadership Academy
2nd - Alyssa Aguilar, Bonham Academy
3rd - Valeria Corona, Riverside Park Academy
4th - Briana Guerrero, Woodlawn Academy
5th - Gabriela Orta de la Torre, Beacon Hill Academy

High School Level

1st - Alizon Crisanto, Young Women's Leadership Academy
2nd - Dafne Espadas, Jefferson HS
3rd - Ruth Villicana, Young Women's Leadership Academy
4th - Crystal Reyes, Burbank HS
5th - Tania Rodriguez, Fox Tech HS

New play space at Sarah King

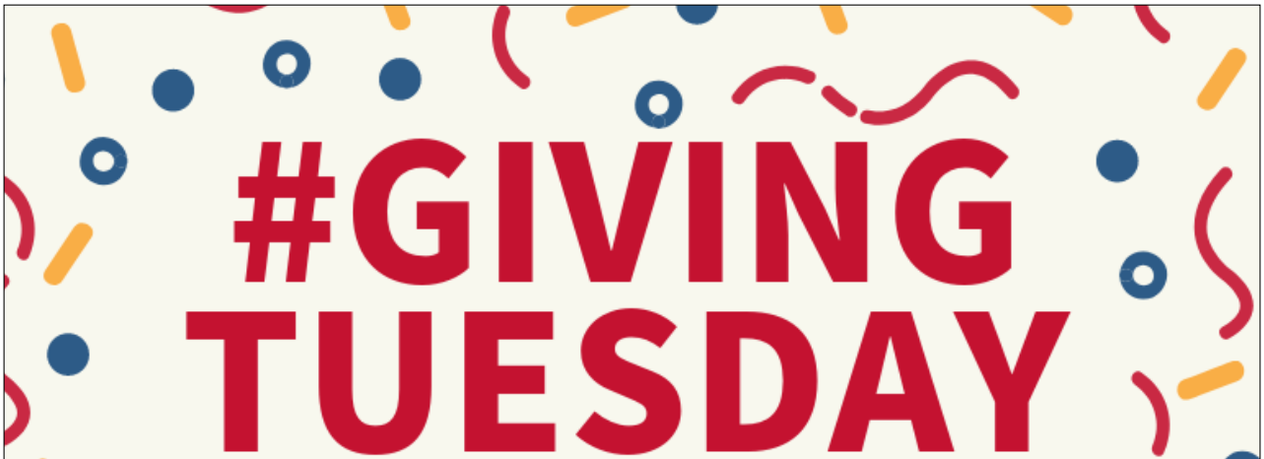
Sarah King Elementary is the recipient of a Kingdom for Kids playground, in partnership with Rick Cavender, Kingdom for Kids, and City Year. Construction began this past Saturday at 8 a.m. as community and campus volunteers began to build the new playground, soccer field, basketball courts, garden, and reading amphitheater complete with murals. The group held a celebratory ribbon-cutting ceremony with music, games and food.

Restored fountain now flowing

This past Saturday, the Jefferson High School Historical Preservation Society rededicated the Student Council Fountain on campus. The fountain, which was a gift from the Class of 1932, hasn't functioned for several years so the Jefferson Historical Preservation Society took up the cause and raised $183,000 to restore the historic treasure.

NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2019 SAISD ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME HONOREES

Nominations for the 2019 San Antonio ISD Athletic Hall of Fame are now being accepted. Nominees include former athletes, administrators, coaches, or special contributors.
The official nomination form is located at
www.saisd.net/athletichalloffame
Completed nomination forms can be mailed to the SAISD Athletic Office at 110 Tuleta Dr., San Antonio, TX., 78212 or emailed to saisdathletics@saisd.net. The submission deadline is March 1, 2019. For questions, call (210) 554-2655.



Experience SAISD!

On Dec. 1 at the Freeman Coliseum Expo Hall C, explore more than 90 schools and programs for students in grades PK-12. The first 500 families will receive a free gift! Information on extracurricular programs, after-school programs, dual language programs, special education and more will be provided as well as information on all SAISD schools. Enjoy free admission, parking, food, drinks, student performances, face painting, books and more. Shuttle service will be provided at no cost to families at the following high schools: Brackenridge, Burbank, Edison, Highlands, Jefferson, Lanier, and Sam Houston.

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This week's closing shot

Thanks to a $22,000 grant from the San Antonio River Authority, Lamar Elementary School is the recipient of a brand new water garden! The water garden, or bioswale, was completed last week and is constructed of layers of sand, silt and rubble, which slowly absorbs water to allow absorption rather than permitting the water to run off into the streets and sewer system. As the water filtrates through the bioswale, it is cleaned via natural processes. Architects included boulders and rubble on the surface to serve multiple purposes, including water diversion and an outdoor learning area for students to also sit, jump, climb and play. Paths made of rock run through the plant life encouraging students to further explore the area. The water garden will create and encourage biodiversity, including frogs and birds.

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