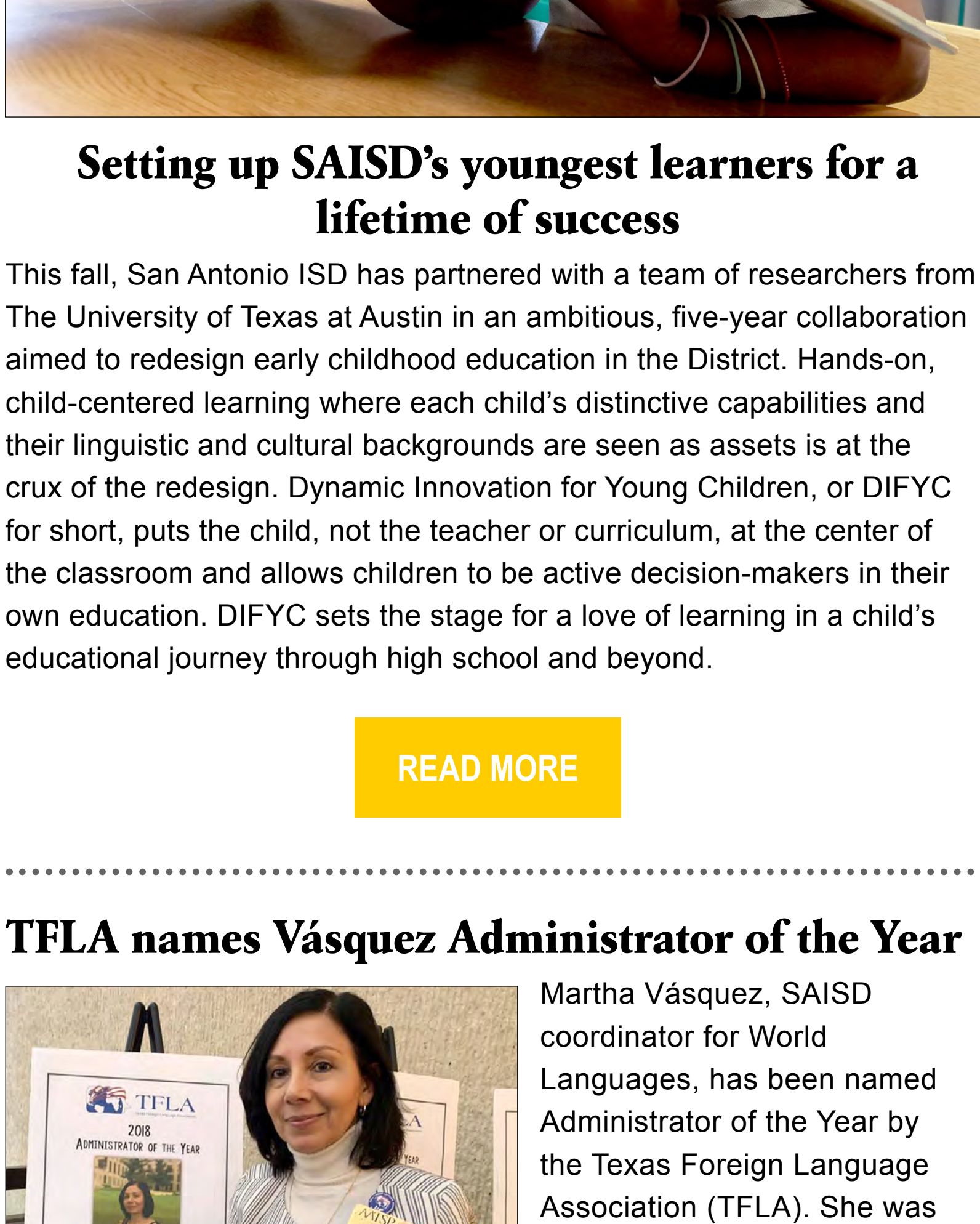


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Setting up SAISD's youngest learners for a lifetime of success

This fall, San Antonio ISD has partnered with a team of researchers from The University of Texas at Austin in an ambitious, five-year collaboration aimed to redesign early childhood education in the District. Hands-on, child-centered learning where each child's distinctive capabilities and their linguistic and cultural backgrounds are seen as assets is at the crux of the redesign. Dynamic Innovation for Young Children, or DIFYC for short, puts the child, not the teacher or curriculum, at the center of the classroom and allows children to be active decision-makers in their own education. DIFYC sets the stage for a love of learning in a child's educational journey through high school and beyond.

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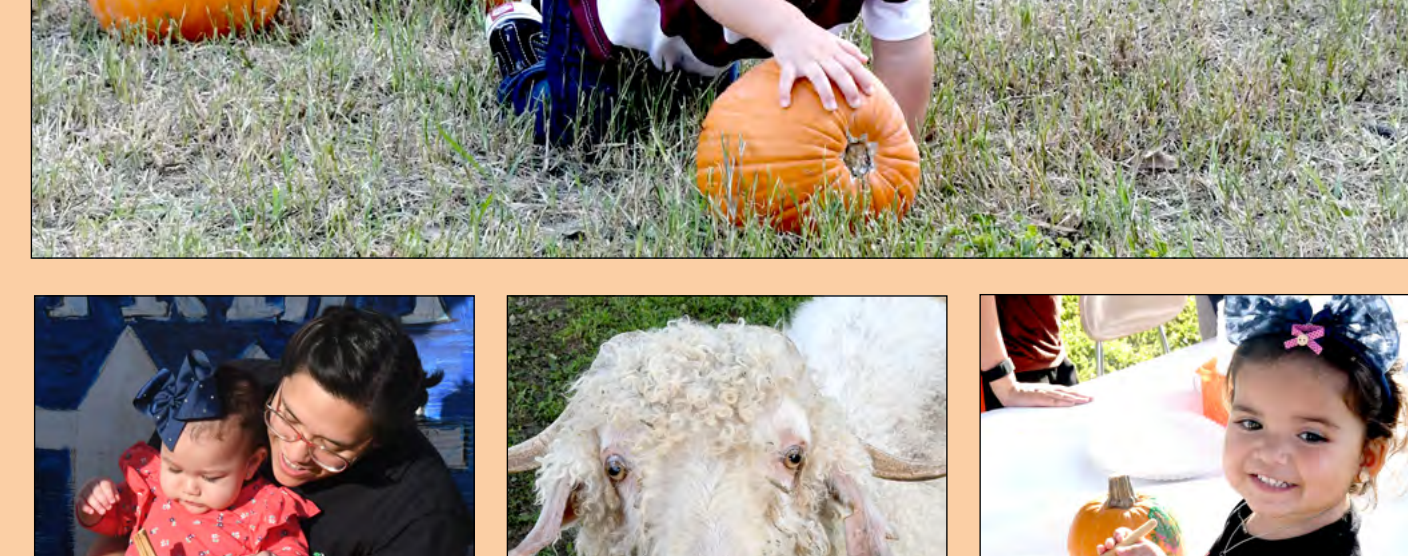
TFLA names Vásquez Administrator of the Year



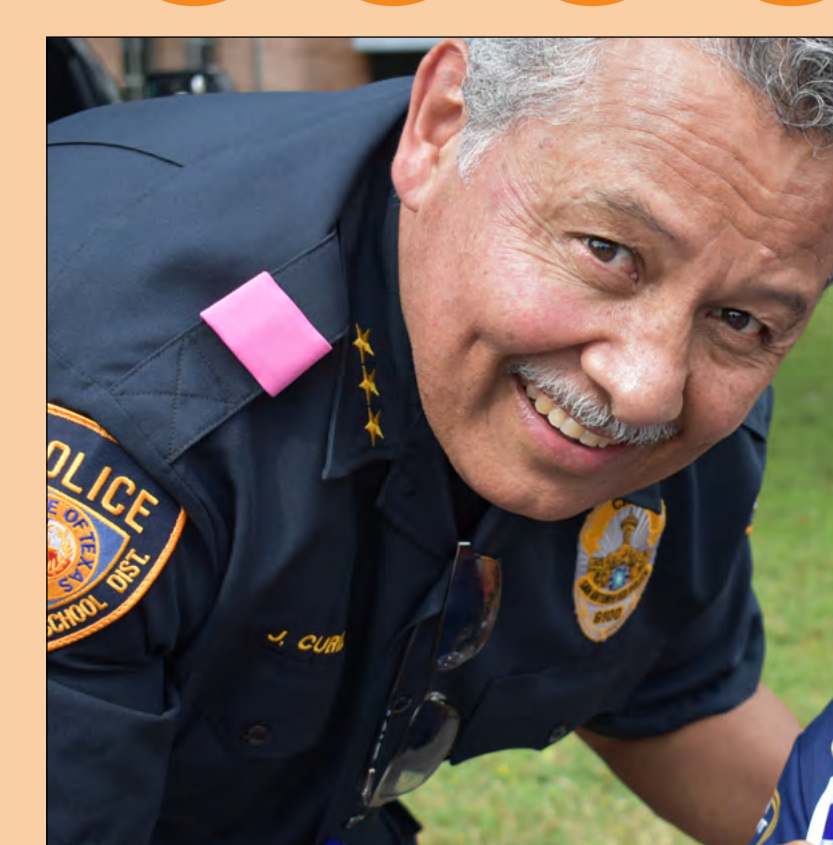
Martha Vásquez, SAISD coordinator for World Languages, has been named Administrator of the Year by the Texas Foreign Language Association (TFLA). She was honored at the Association's annual conference held this year in downtown San Antonio.

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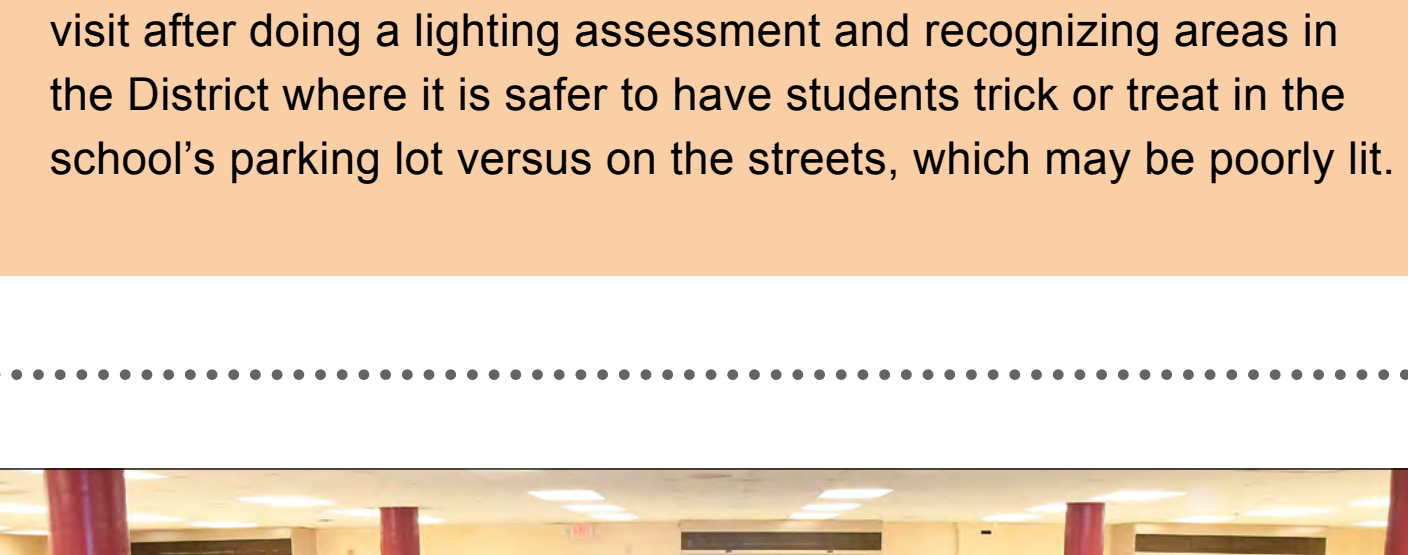
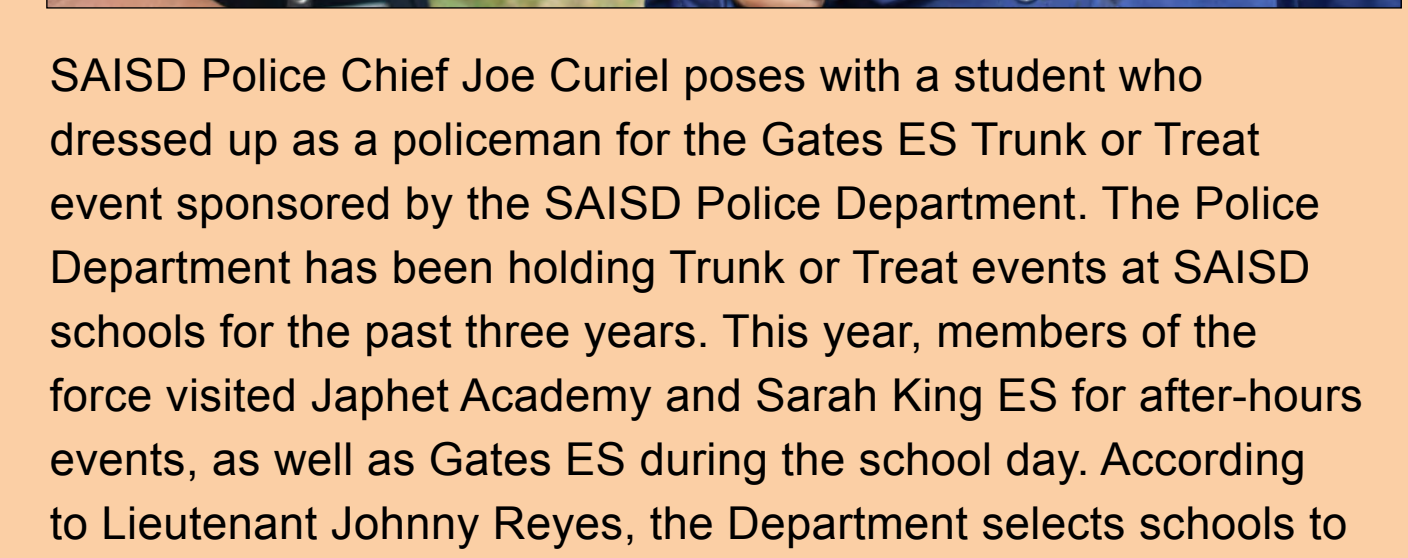
CELEBRATING THE SEASON



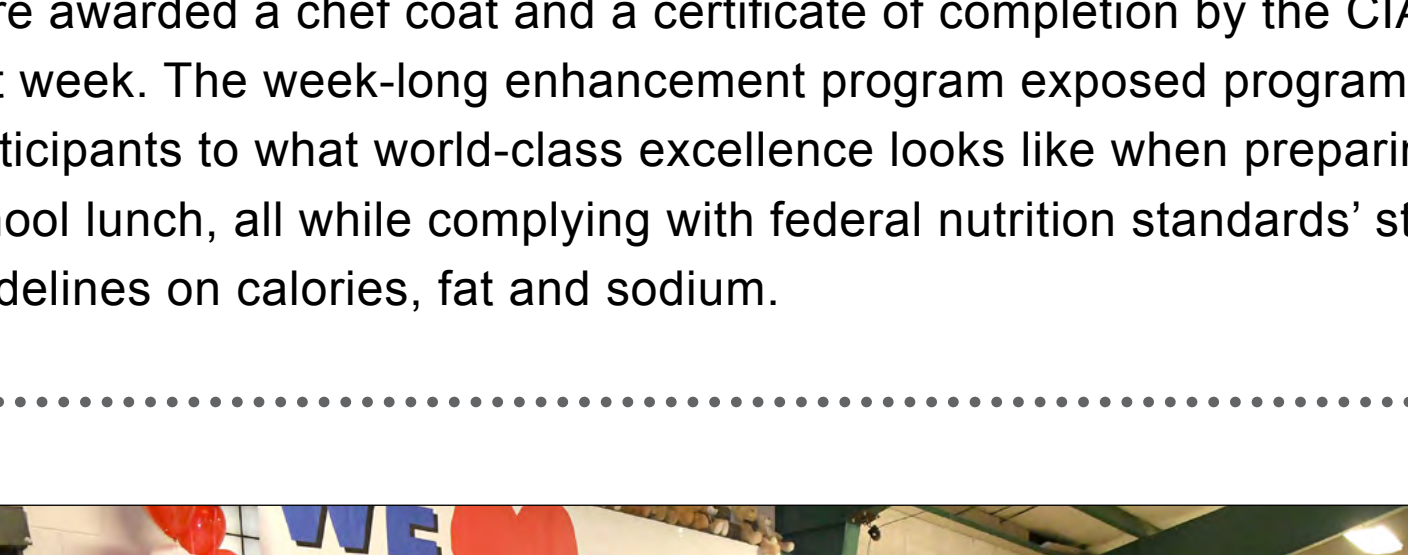
Highland Park Elementary held a Storybook Character Parade this week to promote literacy and the love of reading. Students and teachers dressed as their favorite storybook characters, carrying the books in which their characters were featured.



Earlier this month, ALA held a Noche de Colores Platica on campus. The Dia de Los Muertos/Tri-Centennial-themed night focused on the arts and included host stations and booths with art activities and information from the Carver Community Center, Artpace, the Briscoe Museum, the McNay, the San Antonio Museum of Arts, the Southwest School of the Arts, San Anto Cultural Arts, as well as some student-led stations, which engaged the whole family.



The Future Farmers of America (FFA) student organization at Burbank HS held its third annual Pumpkin Patch Festival for families at the Burbank farm. Activities included a petting zoo, costume contest, pumpkin painting, cookie decorating, a bouncy house, games, food, music and hay rides.



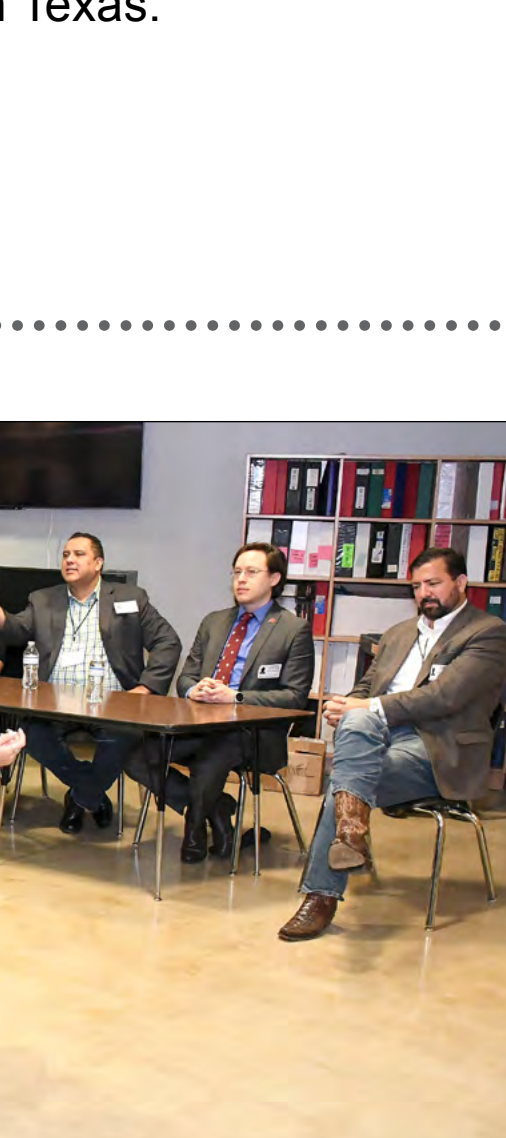
SAISD Police Chief Joe Curiel poses with a student who dressed up as a policeman for the Gates ES Trunk or Treat event sponsored by the SAISD Police Department. The Police Department has been holding Trunk or Treat events at SAISD schools for the past three years. This year, members of the force visited Japhet Academy and Sarah King ES for after-hours events, as well as Gates ES during the school day. According to Lieutenant Johnny Reyes, the Department selects schools to visit after doing a lighting assessment and recognizing areas in the District where it is safer to have students trick or treat in the school's parking lot versus on the streets, which may be poorly lit.

Nutrition managers awarded chef coats from CIA

SAISD child nutrition managers who completed training at The Culinary Institute of America (CIA) at San Antonio over the summer were awarded a chef coat and a certificate of completion by the CIA last week. The week-long enhancement program exposed program participants to what world-class excellence looks like when preparing a school lunch, all while complying with federal nutrition standards' strict guidelines on calories, fat and sodium.

Care Bear assembly

Briscoe Elementary school students presented blankets and stuffed bears to the San Antonio Police Department during their annual Care Bear Assembly held last week. Officers will use the gifts when they are out on a call and a child is involved. Additionally, students walked special green bears to a San Antonio police officer in order to honor fallen officers.



District recognized for building healthy environment

SAISD was one of five school district across Texas awarded the 2018 School Health Advisory Council Award at the Healthier Texas Summit held Oct. 25-26 in Austin, TX. The award was sponsored by It's Time Texas, a statewide nonprofit organization that focuses on dramatically improving the landscape of health and wellness in Texas.

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Positive role models promote higher education

The Avanza Network, a nation-wide non-profit organization, brought together more than 25 MIT Latino alumni to visit 15 SAISD schools and promote higher education. Groups of four to five alumni conducted presentations and panel discussions at each of the schools visited and shared their own educational experiences as Latinos. The group is passionate about inspiring the next generation of Mexican-American and underprivileged students to pursue their dreams through a strong education while providing a support network along the way. The schools visited included Advanced Learning Academy, Brackenridge HS, Burbank HS, CAST Tech HS, Edison HS, Fox Tech HS, Highlands HS, Sam Houston HS, Jefferson HS, Lanier HS, St. Philip's ECHS, Travis ECHS, Whittier HS, Young Men's Leadership Academy and Young Women's Leadership Academy.



Class collaboration cumulates in gallery art exhibition

In a joint project between 8th-grade U.S. history, English, and makerspace classes, Advanced Learning Academy students had the chance to exhibit their work during their *Some Are More Equal Than Others* exhibition held at The 1906 Studio on Oct. 30. "The students used their robotics skills to create an interactive art piece that links an issue in today's San Antonio with an issue that existed in the Gilded Age," said Meghan Harrington, history teacher at ALA. "A project like this makes learning more meaningful for kids. Instead of them just learning about the Gilded Age in isolation in a history classroom, now they are able to connect it to other areas of their life like the writing they are doing in English class, and the skills they are learning in robotics. That is what happens in the real world, nothing exists in a vacuum."



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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 provided at no cost to families at the following high schools: Brackenridge, Burbank, Edison, Highlands, Jefferson, Lanier, and Sam Houston.

Final community meeting for Bond 2016

Brackenridge High School
Nov. 6 | 5:30 p.m.
Library

[LEARN MORE ABOUT BOND 2016 HERE](#)

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LAST CHANCE!

The District's United Way campaign ends today. To direct a gift or a portion of a gift to the SAISD Foundation, which directly benefits SAISD schools and students, designate code #8031. All employees giving \$20 or more to the Foundation will receive a thank you gift, and those giving over \$100 will receive the Foundation's SAISD Texas T-shirt.

SAISD GOAL: \$205,000

This week's closing shot

In celebration of Dia de los Muertos, the Pearl and four different SAISD campuses collaborated on a student altar that contained elements created by 1,300 K-8th-grade students from Bonham and Hawthorne academies, Lamar Elementary and Twain Dual Language Academy. The students' altar, along with variety of other altars created by members of the San Antonio community, will be on display at the Pearl tonight from 4-9 p.m. and tomorrow from 5-9 p.m.

