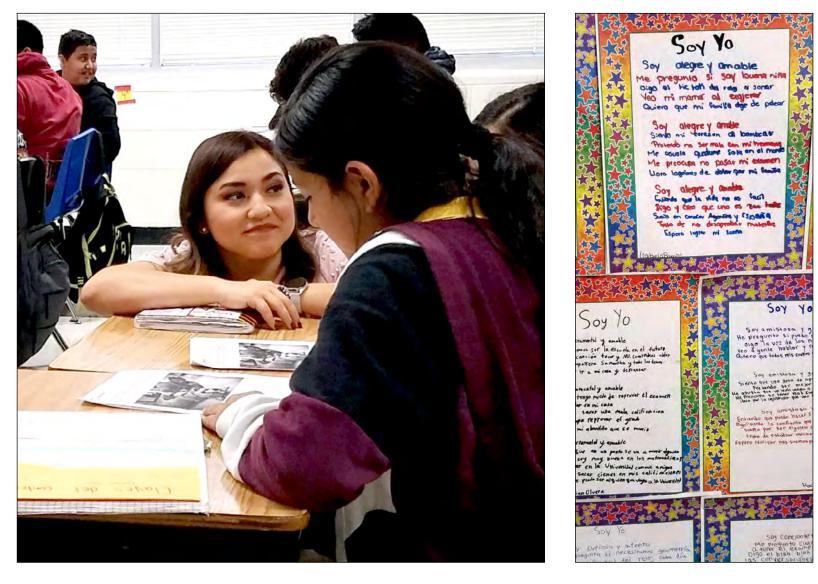


The latest news and events from San Antonio Independent School District

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Dual language program embraces language, culture

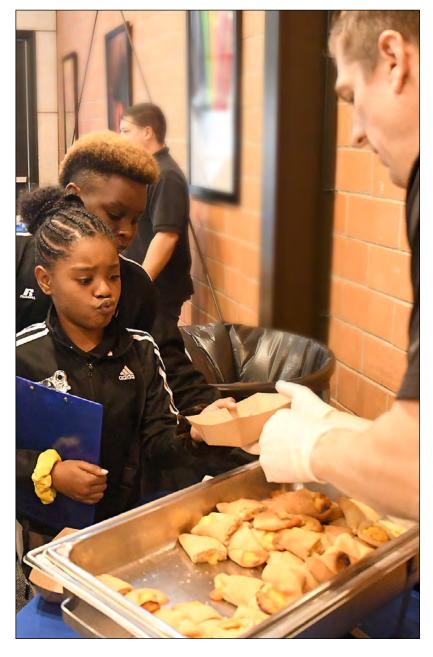
This school year, Whittier Middle School became home to the very first sixth-grade dual language program at a middle school in San Antonio ISD. The program, which is one of the District's ever-expanding dual language offerings, serves approximately 60 students, all of whose first language is Spanish.

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Students double as food critics at tasting extravaganza

Tacos and dumplings and hummus, oh my! A group of culinarily adventurous fourth and fifth graders from M.L. King Academy for Arts Integration were the first group of SAISD students to taste test these dishes, and more, at SAISD's fifth Food Extravaganza. The annual event, which began at 9 a.m., was put on by the Child Nutrition Services and hosted at the Culinary Institute of America - San Antonio. Students tasted and rated a variety of foods that may, or may not be, placed on 2020-2021 District menus depending on the feedback of the student food critics.

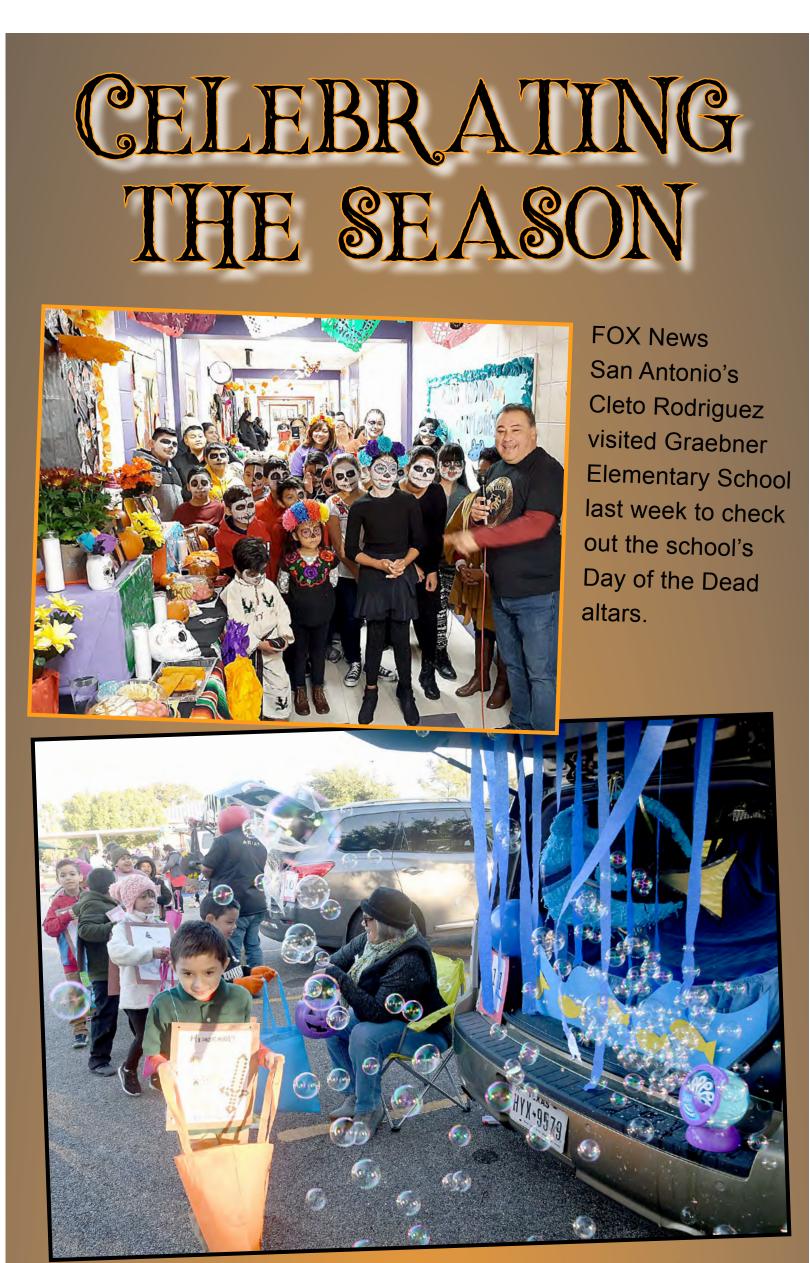


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CORE4 STEM provides hands-on learning with local professionals, companies

More than 1,100 San Antonio ISD seventh and eighth grade students participated in the three-day CORE4 STEM event held at the Freeman Expo Hall. The event, sponsored by the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, is a celebration of education and career opportunities in STEM. CORE4's mission is to stimulate students' interest in the sciences and lead them to discoveries about their own potential in these areas. The event provides immersion in the excitement, surprise, and fun inherent in the sciences. Student participants had the chance to interact with STEM technology including heavy equipment from HOLT CAT, state-of-the-art automotive technology from Toyota as well as the chance to interact with an additional 50 local companies that specialize in STEM.



Students at Maverick Elementary School had the chance to participate in the school's Trunk or Treat event. Parents and teachers set up on campus to hand out treats to the students.



Chef Edna Miggins, owner of Panifico Bake Shop, visited Lanier High School's advanced culinary arts class last week. The chef demonstrated to students how to make Pan de Muerto, a type of pan dulce traditionally baked in Mexico during the weeks leading up to the Día de Muertos, which is celebrated from Oct. 31 to Nov. 2.

Five student altars were unveiled on Nov. 1 during The Pearl's Dia de los Muertos celebration. The altars were created by students from the **Advanced Learning** Academy, Bonham Academy, Brackenridge High School, Briscoe **Elementary School**, Harris Middle School, Hawthorne Academy, **Twain Dual Language**

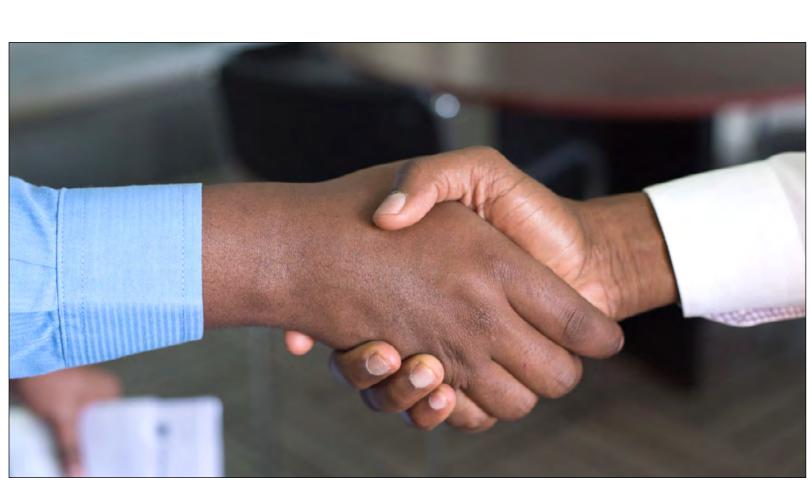




Students across the District participated in Storybook Parades, dressing as characters from their favorite books. Shown above are scenes from J.T. Brackenridge, Kelly and Wilson elementary schools and Irving Dual Language Academy.



Be A Buddy, Not a Bully performance at Briscoe Briscoe Elementary School was one of only five schools in San Antonio that was chosen to participate in the H-E-B Buddy League Training Academy Tour. The production, which included acting, singing and loads of interaction between students and actors, was produced by H-E-B for National Bullying Prevention Month. "Our goal is to encourage kids to Be a Buddy, Not A Bully, and to help them understand good characteristics like kindness, respect, being a friend and advocating for others," said Sonia Quirino Canales, H-E-B diversity & inclusion manager.



Finding campus points of contact a snap with **SAISD** Portal

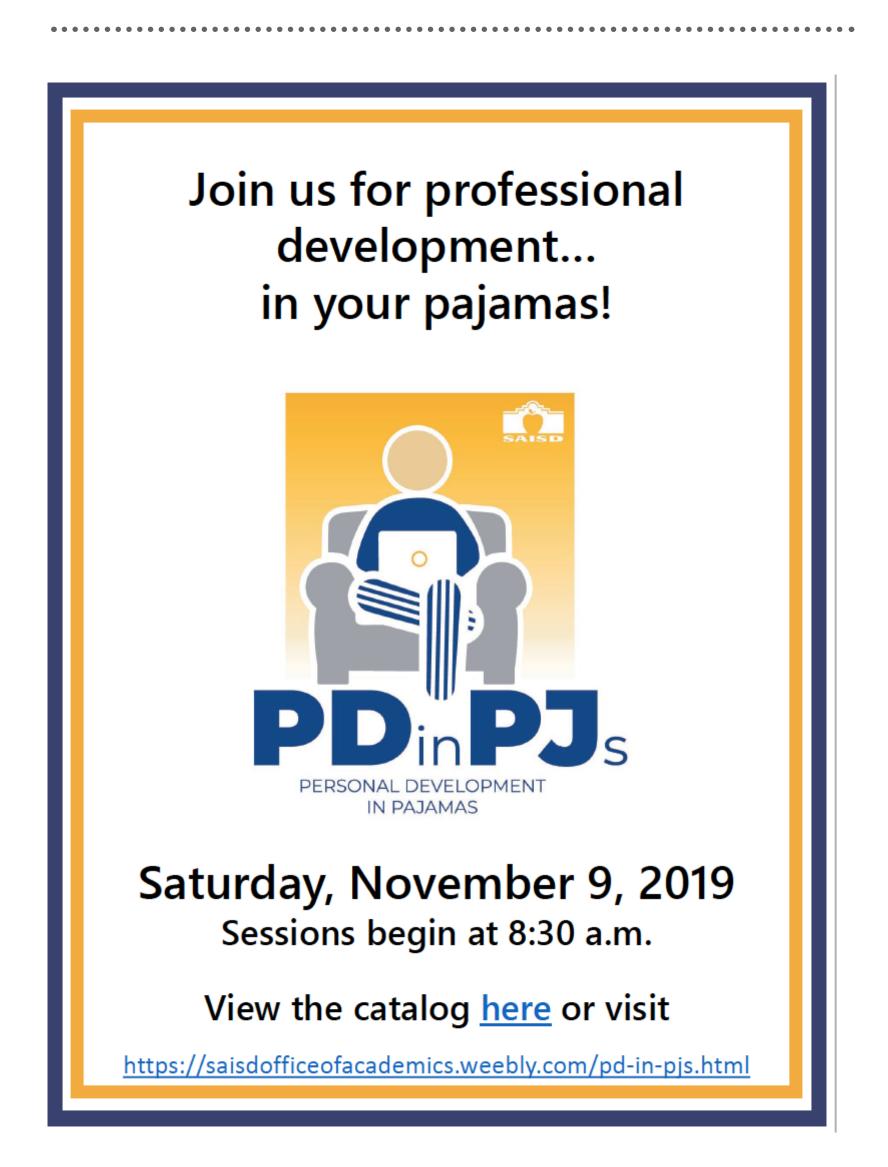
There's an easy way for employees to find a campus contact for the many different responsibilities, committees and teams at a school, thanks to the Point of Contact (POC) directory on the new SAISD Employee Portal. Want to know who leads the Brackenridge High School dance team? Find it on POC! Want to contact the campus webmaster at Fenwick Academy? The POC is there to help!

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Promoting Bond 2016 at tonight's Tommy Bowl Two of SAISD's Bond 2016 schools will be going head-to-head this evening in the Tommy Bowl at Alamo Stadium. Thomas Jefferson and Thomas Edison high school are receiving a combined total of \$81.7 million in Bond renovations The videos above will be shown on the scoreboard at the football game this evening to update community members on the progress of the District's \$450 million Bond program.





Seeing what SAISD has to offer

This past weekend, students and their guardians from across Bexar County were invited to take one of two free bus tours of four Choice schools. One tour group visited elementary schools, and the other tour group visited high schools. This Saturday, families are invited to visit four Choice middle schools. For more information, click here.

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