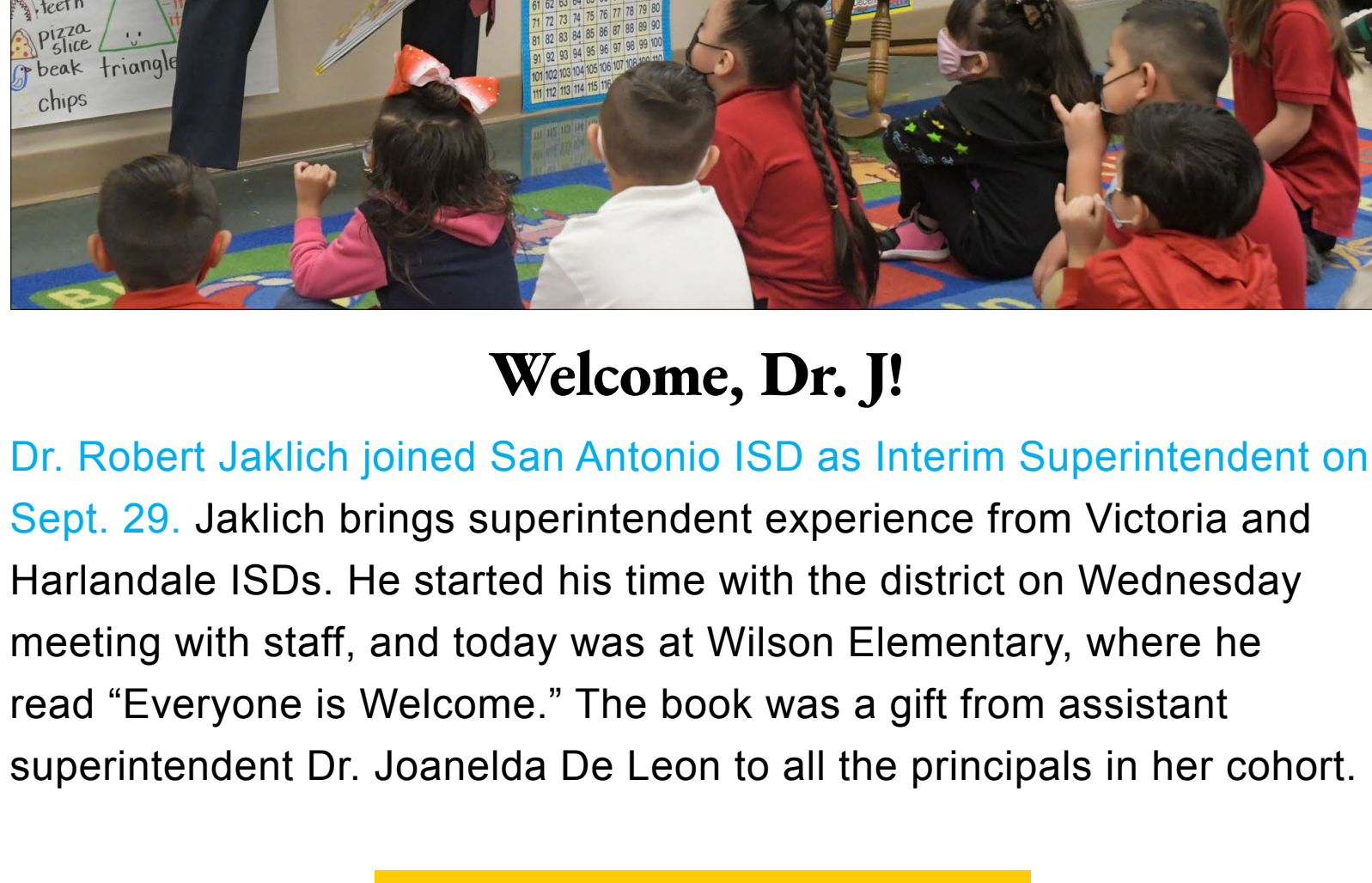




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The latest news and events from San Antonio Independent School District

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Welcome, Dr. J!

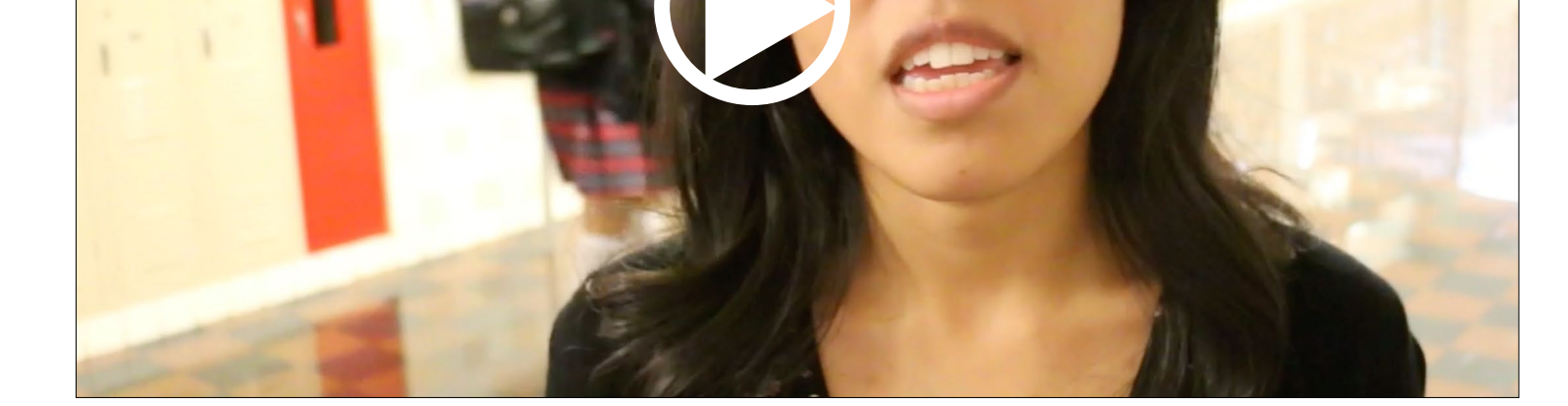
Dr. Robert Jaklich joined San Antonio ISD as Interim Superintendent on Sept. 29. Jaklich brings superintendent experience from Victoria and Harlandale ISDs. He started his time with the district on Wednesday meeting with staff, and today was at Wilson Elementary, where he read “Everyone is Welcome.” The book was a gift from assistant superintendent Dr. Joanelda De Leon to all the principals in her cohort.

SUPERINTENDENT’S LETTER

Head custodian inspires through hallway art

Oct. 2 is National Custodian Day, and we’d like to recognize all SAISD custodians for their tireless work ensuring our schools and offices are spotless, sanitized and in tip-top shape. Custodians are among our hardest workers and their diligence in keeping germs at bay contributes to a healthy environment for all of us. We’d also like to introduce you to one custodian who expertly wields more than one type of brush. Meet Longfellow’s head custodian, Santiago Gonzalez, who has a passion for art and uses it to build school pride and make academic connections. In his seven years working on the campus, he has created 11 murals in the school’s public spaces and more in individual classrooms.

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YWLA earns second Blue Ribbon distinction

In a ceremony on Sept. 22, the staff and students at Young Women’s Leadership Academy were surprised with the news they were named a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School — again. They first earned the title in 2015. Click the picture above to hear Ms. Arcelia Jaramillo Romero, dance teacher and YWLA alumna, talk about what makes YWLA a repeat award winner.



District invests in air purification systems

For increased air quality and student performance in the pandemic and beyond, the board approved a proposal to purchase more than 5,700 air purification systems for classrooms and cafeterias.

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District plans programs to keep community safe

Throughout the month of October, multiple departments — Information Technology, Academics and Education Technology, CTE and Fine Arts — are providing programming to help community members reduce their cybersecurity risks and protect themselves online for Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

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Hot Wells Middle School receives grant

In celebration of opening a new Burlington store in San Antonio, the retail chain awarded Hot Wells Middle School a \$5,000 grant to use on new technology and materials for each teacher’s classroom to boost student achievement. The grant was made possible through Burlington’s partnership with the national nonprofit organization, AdoptAClassroom.org.



Miss Burbank builds student communication skills

Burbank Chorus Director Pusan Simpson (far right) directs the dress rehearsal for the Miss Burbank Pageant, now in its second year. Simpson is a background in pageantry and has designed the fundraiser to showcase the contestants’ personalities and help develop their confidence and communication skills. The pageant is tonight, Sept. 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Burbank Auditorium. Check our social media channels for updates Oct. 1.

Compliance training due Oct. 8



United Way Campaign extended to Oct. 21

Making a pledge is easy! Use your full SAISD email address (including @saisd.net) as your User ID. Use your nine-digit employee ID as your password. If your employee ID begins with a ‘0,’ remember to add the first ‘0’ to a 1. To date, 8% of our employees are participating. Help us get to 100% – all contributions have impact, no matter the amount!

SET UP YOUR PLEDGE



J&J vaccine available at 2 vaccine clinics

Employees have the opportunity to get the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in advance of the Oct. 15 deadline at two special town hall/vaccine clinic events. Sam Houston High School will hold a Town Hall Oct. 4 and a clinic Oct. 5. Edison High School will hold a Town Hall Oct. 13 and a clinic Oct. 14.

COVID VACCINE CLINICS

UPLOAD YOUR COVID-19 CARD

Last chance for open enrollment

All employees are encouraged to review their benefits during the open enrollment period. Employees may make changes to coverage and dependents until Oct 3. There are no price increases for year 2022!



CHECK BENEFITS NOW

Closing shots of the week



Visual arts students across the district are working on designs for the Artpace It Up competition. This year’s contest is themed “Spirit of San Antonio,” and the virtual entries are due Oct. 1.



Winners of the city-wide competition will be announced Oct. 9. Pictured here are designs from Bowden Academy, and CAST Med, Edison, and Lanier high schools.

