

**NEWS**  
AROUND THE DISTRICT

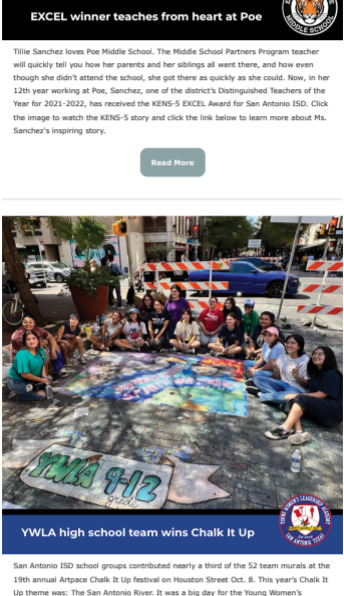


**CYBER P-TECH students share safety advice**



October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, and the CYBER P-TECH USA students at Sam Houston High School have a few words of wisdom for the San Antonio ISD Familia. Reading their advice and learn more about this program at Sam Houston that focuses on preparing students with the skills, credentials, and an industry-specific associate degree necessary for high-wage, high-demand careers in cybersecurity and information technology.

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**CENTRAL OFFICE CANDY DRIVE**

**DONATIONS CAN BE TURNED INTO THE OFFICE OF CHIEF REYES SUITE 1500**

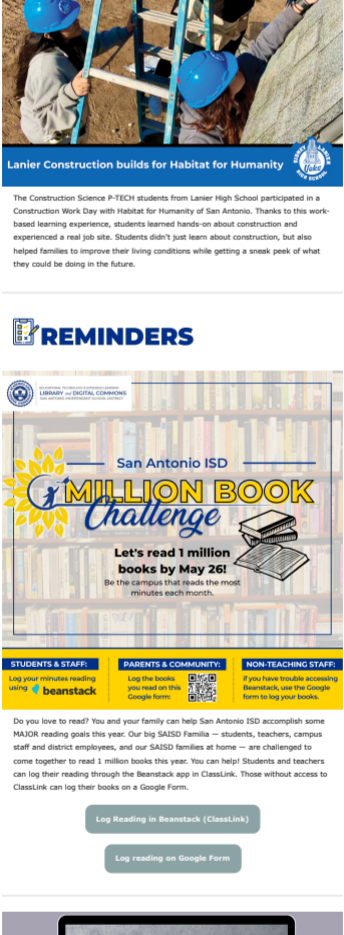
Only one week left! The SAISD Familia is invited to donate candy to the San Antonio ISD Police Department Candy Drive. The police department is collecting candy that officers will then distribute to students on Halloween. Drop off donations at the Quincy Central Office Building Suite 1500. Deadline is Oct. 27.



**Counselors, CTE staff participate in Shadow Day**



The Career and Technical Education department partnered with UTSA and Bartlett Cocke Construction to provide a Construction Industry Shadow Day this morning for district counselors, administrators and teachers at an active construction site. Representatives from six campuses and district staff attended. "I learned a lot of great information about all the different aspects of the construction business and how the different programs and pathways that we offer can help our students," Jennifer O'Grady, counselor at Phoenix Middle College, said. "I loved the message that they conveyed about being able to build a career whether you choose to go straight into the workforce, get technical training and certifications, or go to college. They have a job for everyone and every personality type."

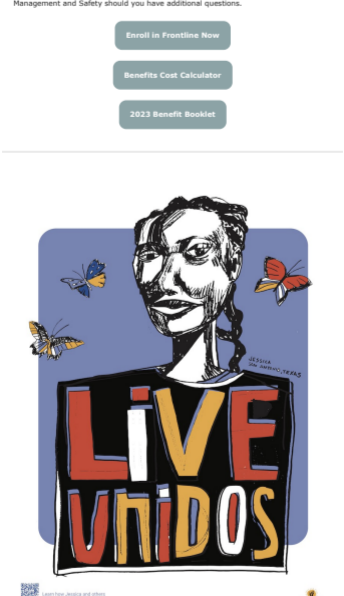


**YWLA high school team wins Chalk It Up**



San Antonio ISD school groups contributed nearly a third of the 52 team murals at the 19th annual San Antonio Chalk It Up festival on Houston Street Oct. 8. This year's Chalk It Up theme was: The San Antonio River. It was a big day for the Young Women's Leadership Academy, whose high school mural won the overall grand prize. Congratulations to Ms. Shariyah Martinez and her students, and to all of our student groups who participated in this beautiful public art festival.

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**Burbank Agriculture welcomes pigs to program**



A group of students in the Burbank High School agriculture program are now set to show pigs at the Bexar County Livestock Show after their dual credit professor Steve Chumbley at Palo Alto College arranged for some sponsors for show animals for the students.

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**Fourth grade educator honored for clinical teaching**



Michah Hunter, a fourth grade teacher at Woodlawn Academy, completed her clinical teaching at Franklin Elementary last year. Hunter was in a professional development session in August when she learned the Texas Directors of Field Experience named her the TDFE 2022 Clinical Teacher of the Year at the elementary level. Pictured here, left, with cooperating teacher Patricia Maldonado Lopez, Hunter formally received her award Oct. 9 at The Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education Conference in San Marcos.

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**Hawthorne students try out new reading material**



When Hawthorne fifth grade teacher Rachel Diaz-Pacheco saw her students were always reading books within the same genre by the same authors, she decided a book tasting was in order. She partnered with librarian Bonnye Cavazos to create a fun event to help her students discover good fit books to help them grow as readers.

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**Herff, Kelly build altar for Hemisfair Muertos Fest**



Students at Herff Elementary School have been busy building their altar for Muertos Fest. All students from kindergarten to fifth grade have been working on projects in their classes for the altar from papel picado, to sculpted food offerings. A small group of about 10 fourth and fifth graders have been staying after school to work on the altar for a couple of weeks, and the school hosted a community workday last Saturday. The altar is a joint project with Kelly Elementary, as teacher Shannon Cregg teaches at both schools. "Our primary theme is the monarch butterfly—a symbol that is commonly used in Día de los Muertos to represent the spirits of the departed returning as Monarchs migrate to Mexico around Día de los Muertos each year," Cregg said. They have been supported by Lowe's with material donations and teamed up with a local artist, David Medina, to collaborate on the altar construction. The final altar will be on display Oct. 29 and 30 at Hemisfair. If your campus is also participating, [email the editor](#).



**Lanier Construction builds for Habitat for Humanity**




The Construction Science P-TECH students from Lanier High School participated in a Construction Work Day with Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio. Thanks to this work-based learning experience, students learned hands-on about construction and experienced a real job site. Students didn't just learn about construction, but also helped families to improve their living conditions while getting a sneak peek of what they could be doing in the future.

**REMINDERS**

LIBRARY & DIGITAL COMMONS  
FOR ALL OUR EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITIES

**San Antonio ISD**  
**MILLION BOOK Challenge**  
Let's read 1 million books by May 26!  
Be the campus that reads the most minutes each month.

**STUDENTS & STAFF:** Log your minutes reading using **beanstack**

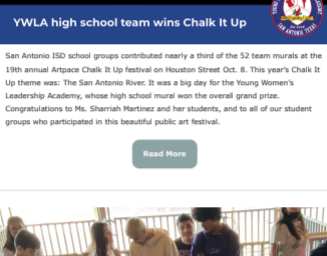
**PARENTS & COMMUNITY:** Log the books you read on this Google form: 

**NON-TEACHING STAFF:** If you have trouble accessing Beanstack, use the Google form to log your books.

Do you love to read? You and your family can help San Antonio ISD accomplish some MAJOR reading goals this year. Our big SAISD Familia — students, teachers, campus staff and district employees, and our SAISD families at home — are challenged to come together to read 1 million books this year. You can help! Students and teachers can log their reading through the Beanstack app in ClassLink. Those without access to ClassLink can log their books on a Google Form.

[Log Reading in Beanstack \(ClassLink\)](#)

[Log reading on Google Form](#)



**SPEAKER VICKI THOMAS**  
SAN ANTONIO COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG AWARENESS (SACADA)

October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. San Antonio ISD Student Academic and Support Services is partnering with San Antonio Council for Alcohol and Drug Abuse to provide a series of presentations to our community related to substance use prevention and the dangers of fentanyl. Titled "One Pill Can Kill," four different sessions will be held throughout October and November. Meetings will be available both in person and on Zoom.

[See Event Schedule](#)

**OPEN ENROLLMENT LAST CHANCE**

Benefits Open Enrollment for the 2023 year ends tomorrow Oct. 21 at 5 p.m. Enrollment is mandatory this year, which means employees must enroll in order to have benefits for the 2023 plan year. Benefits Enrollment is offered through Frontline-My Service Center. You will need to have dependent information ready such as dates of birth and social security numbers. Please call the Office of Employee Benefits, Risk Management and Safety should you have additional questions.

[Enroll in Frontline Now](#)

[Benefits Cost Calculator](#)

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**LIVE UNIDOS**

JESSICA MARRAS, TEXAS

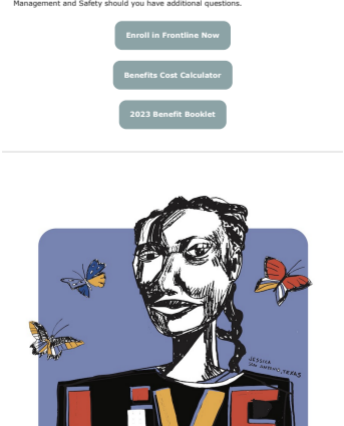
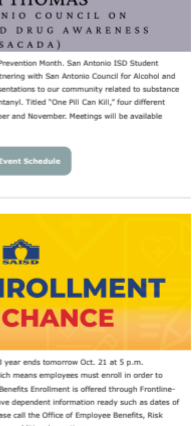
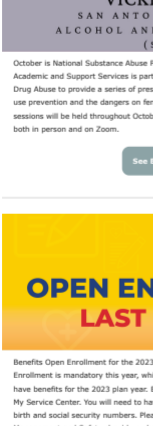
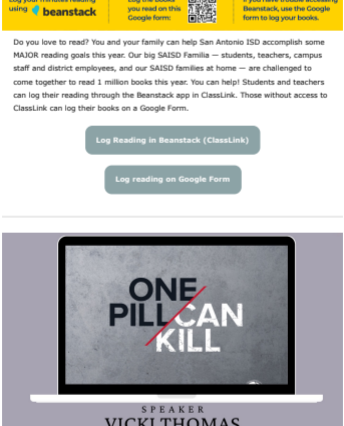
Deadline Extended to Nov. 7: Please consider joining the SAISD Familia in partnering with United Way to make a difference for those in need. Our community faces a wide range of challenges and United Way and its partner charities are diligently identifying and addressing our most critical needs.

[Pledge Now](#)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE**

**BOARD BYTES**

**CLOSING SHOTS**



Last Friday, dads and male role models of the first and second grade students were invited to Graebner Elementary for a "Pumpkin Math with Dads" event. Students joined their role models to assist in carving a pumpkin, using math skills with counting and measurement. There were about 30 dads and role models who attended the event.

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